

# Montmorency Secondary College

## HOMWORK

### POLICY

#### **Rationale:**

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

#### **Aims:**

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To consolidate and practice skills learnt in class.

#### **Implementation:**

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year and available on the school's web site.
- All students will be allocated homework diaries.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- The teacher will monitor completion and quality of homework tasks.
- Students may be offered assistance to complete homework tasks at 'Homework Club' and/or Maths/Science Homework Club, which run weekly after school for 1 hour
- The school's website will detail homework expectations.
- Where appropriate, rubrics will be made available to support more extensive homework tasks.
- It is commonplace for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework task

#### **Middle Years (Years 7 – 9)**

- Homework will generally be between 45 and 90 minutes per day, must be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload, and may be set during weekends and school vacations.
- Where no formal homework is set it is expected that students read.

*Homework will consist mainly of:*

- Independent reading on a daily basis,
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research.

#### **Later Years (Year 10 – Year 12)**

- Homework schedules will be discussed with each student individually, with opportunities being made for parents to discuss homework issues with the school.
- Students will be provided with formal opportunities to build organisation and planning skills.
- Homework will generally increase from 90 minutes to 3 hours per weeknight with up to 6 hours on weekends during peak VCE periods.
- The Resource Centre and Year 12 Study Centre are available for student use out of school hours.

*Homework will consist mainly of:*

- Reading, research, assignments, assessments tasks and independent projects.

#### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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