

Homework Policy



Rationale

Glen Waverley Secondary College believes homework/study to be an integral part of the learning process. Homework/study helps students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Homework/study is an opportunity for parents to work in partnership with teachers to participate in their child's education.

Aims

Students will be encouraged to appreciate that homework/study:

- Reinforces daily schoolwork;
- Extends learning beyond the classroom;
- Provides extension work for students;
- Facilitates good study skills and assists students in becoming autonomous learners;
- Is an opportunity for them to reflect on their classroom learning and to determine what they know/don't know.

The total amount of work set should be in accordance with the following guidelines. The times are based on an average of five sessions per week:

- Years 7 and 8 45 - 60 minutes per day
- Years 9 and 10 60 - 90 minutes per day
- Year 11 1.5 - 2.5 hours per day
- Year 12 3 hours per day

In VCE, students may be required to complete up to two additional sessions of homework on weekends during peak periods.

Implementation

Student's Responsibility

- To take the planner to each class and to record homework in the planner.
- To submit work set by the due date.
- To develop a regular pattern of homework.

- To undertake regular study/revision of their work to assist their learning.
- To communicate with the teacher prior to the due date when a lack of understanding prevents them from completing tasks.

Teachers' Responsibility:

- To give clear, precise instructions and understands that purpose and relevance of the set work.
- To ensure that homework is recorded in the planner.
- To use the planner as a means of communicating with parents about homework.
- To set a reasonable amount of work according to constraints of time, age and year level.
- To set varied, challenging and meaningful tasks related to class work that are appropriate to student's learning needs.
- To give students enough time to complete homework.
- To assess/check homework and provide timely and formative feedback and support via Compass Learning Tasks.
- To assist students in developing effective study and revision techniques.

Parent's Responsibility:

- To provide an environment conducive to effective home study.
- To help their child balance the amount of time spent completing homework with engagement in leisure or recreational activities.
- To observe and acknowledge their success and in asking how their home and class work is progressing.
- To encourage their child to set aside a regular daily session to study/revise and complete homework by the due date.
- To encourage their child to exercise thoroughness and care in the completion of work.
- To encourage their child to seek assistance from the teacher where lack of understanding exists.
- To communicate with the College where there is a concern.

Review

- This Statement will be reviewed every three years.
- This Statement was re-ratified in February 2018.
- Next review in February 2021.