



**Saint Paul's Catholic High School**

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# HOMework POLICY



**Journeying together with Jesus Christ, we learn to love and love to learn.**

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## Homework Policy 2018-19

### Purpose

Homework is work that is set to be done outside of lesson time. It contains an element of independent study in that it is not usually supervised by the teacher. Homework will aim to enhance independent learning skills. It will extend learning opportunities achieved within school. Students will have the necessary organisational skills to complete homework well e.g. having a bag to carry exercise books and necessary resources.

### Aims

- Homework will consolidate and extend class work or help to prepare students for new learning activities. It will be meaningful.
- Homework will allow students to show progress and understanding.
- Homework will allow students to access learning resources not available in the classroom.
- Homework will develop independent learning skills.
- Homework will create channels for home school dialogue

All students receive a homework timetable at the start of each academic year and homework will be given in all subjects in accordance with the timetable. This timetable is also published on the school's web site.

All home work will be set using our electronic programmes e.g. SMHW or Class-charts. Parents are encouraged to monitor the completion of homework's using their specific login details.

Students will be expected to complete two pieces of homework per night on average and sometimes three at the weekend.

The guidelines for time to be spent on homework are as follows

Year 7 and 8            20 to 30 minutes per homework  
(40 minutes per night and 1 hour at the weekend)

Years 9,10 and 11    30 minutes to 1 hour per homework  
(1.5/2 hours per night and 2-2.5 hours at the weekend)

The type of homework set varies according to the skills being developed and the nature of the subject. Examples could be problem solving, project work, research, creative writing or skills based work. We consider the home/school partnership to be central to successful homework and parents are encouraged to support their children in providing a suitable place and atmosphere in which to work.

Students should expect to complete their homework by the deadline given. If they miss this deadline they may be detained to complete the homework under supervision. If several homework deadlines are missed, parents may be contacted and a behaviour point may be recorded on the student's academic record.

Homework should be clearly labelled as "Homework" in the exercise book or file. Students can expect members Senior Leadership Team to scrutinise exercise books as part of the process

of School Self Evaluation. This will include checking to see that homework is clearly evident, completed and of a sufficiently high standard.

There are homework clubs available in the morning before school. Please contact the appropriate progress leader for further information.

**Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

The school will review this policy and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.