

# HOMEWORK AND STUDY POLICY

Lowanna College: School Number 01-8821

## Rationale:

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

## Definition:

- Homework is work set by the classroom teacher to be completed by students out of class time.
- Study is work undertaken and managed by a student in their own time to revise and reinforce the knowledge and skills covered in class, or research new material.

## Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To support partnerships with parents by connecting families with the learning of their children.

## Implementation:

- Regular homework and study is an essential and valuable aspect of the learning process.
- Homework and study will form part of the learning program for every student at the College in years 7 to 12.
- The amount of time spent on homework will be set by the classroom teacher and in general accordance with Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines.
- Homework may consist of assignments, completion of exercises, reading, research and other activities as required.
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- Students who do not complete set homework tasks in the required time may be required to complete homework during recess, lunchtimes or other times as required by the subject/project teacher.
- At times where homework has not been set, students should ensure that appropriate amounts of home study time are undertaken.
- The amount of time spent on study will vary according to the skill, knowledge level and interest of each student.
- Study may consist of regular revision, writing of summary notes, committing information to memory, development of study assistant sheets and independent research.
- Students should seek a balance of educational, sporting and leisure pursuits. It is recommended that for all subjects undertaken at each year level, the following total average weekly hours be devoted to homework and/or study:
  - Years 7 to 9:
    - The time spent should include daily independent reading, and as a general guide, students in these year levels would require up to 1 hour of homework and/or study per weeknight, with up to 3 hours

on weekends during peak assessment periods.

- Years 10 to 12:
  - As a general guide, students in these year levels would require 1-3 hours of homework and/or study per weeknight, with up to 6 hours on weekends during peak VCE periods.

For many subjects the course content can only be completed if students spend time on homework and study. This applies particularly to the post compulsory years of study.

## **Evaluation:**

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

This policy was last ratified by College Council on May 16, 2016.