



# Holy Cross

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## Homework Policy

*'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full' (John: 10:10)*

# **Homework Policy**

## **1. Guidelines**

- There is no expectation to set a required number of homework activities. When homework is set, it should be meaningful, challenging and of a high quality.
- The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all teachers.

## **2. Aim**

To ensure that homework consistently contributes to high quality learning and progress.

## **3. Objectives**

- To ensure that homework contributes to the development of learning, good study habits and self-discipline.
- To develop the partnership in learning between pupil, parent and teacher.

## **4. Rationale**

- Homework is set for the following reasons:
  - To enable pupils to develop skills of self-discipline and independence.
  - To reinforce, revisit or extend the learning that has taken place in class.
  - To provide pupils of all abilities with new and exciting challenges.
  - To involve parents in their child's learning.
  - To help teachers to make a judgement on pupils' level of attainment.

## **5. Expectations**

- Pupils are expected to:
  - Check School Synergy daily.
  - Complete all homework to the best of their ability.
  - Present their work to a high standard.
  - Keep to the deadlines set by their teachers.
  - Ask for help before the deadline if they are experiencing difficulty in person or via School Synergy.
- Parents are expected to:
  - Support their child with their homework.
  - Try and provide a quiet place where their child can work or encourage them to use the school library or homework intervention.
  - Routinely use the School Synergy Parental App to monitor the homework being set.
  - Encourage their child to meet homework deadlines.
  - Make it clear to their child that they value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help them to progress.
  - Encourage their child and praise them when homework is completed.
- Teachers are expected to:
  - Give sufficient time, of at least 48 hours, for homework to be completed.

- Ensure that homework is set as required according to the curriculum area.
- Ensure that instructions are clear.
- Ensure that pupils receive clear guidelines on how to be successful.
- Ensure that all homework is appropriately challenging.
- Ensure that all homework is accessible and appropriate adjustments are made.
- Monitor the completion of homework and the quality of work produced.
- Record the completion of homework on School Synergy within a day of the due date.
- Take action when homework is not done or is of poor quality.
- Refer repeated failure to complete homework to the Head of Department who may issue a sanction.
- Middle leaders are expected to:
  - Ensure that homework for their subject(s) is set when required in-line with the curriculum area.
  - Monitor the setting and quality of homework via School Synergy and take action when necessary.
- The Leadership Team are expected to:
  - Ensure that the whole school homework policy is fully implemented.
  - Monitor the setting of homework and the appropriateness of homework tasks, providing feedback to middle leaders.
  - Evaluate the impact of this policy on the quality of learning and progress.

**A Review of the Homework Policy will take place in May 2026**