



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