

# **Killina Presentation Secondary School**

## **Homework Policy**

### **Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of Killina Presentation Secondary School:

- That each student be assigned homework daily.
- That homework should be undertaken to the best of each student's ability.
- That homework tasks should be set to the ability of the students.

### **Rationale:**

Homework is assigned in accordance with the mission statement of the school to develop a work ethic and self-discipline which will enable students to reach their full potential.

Homework is assigned for the following reasons:

- To help the student to become an effective learner.
- To enable the student to master life skills and concepts as recommended in the curriculum.
- To involve parents/guardians in their children's educational development.
- To provide important, regular feedback for teachers.

### **Homework Composition:**

Homework will generally be comprised of the following:

- (1) Written work
- (2) Reading and learning of material
- (3) Research
- (4) Revision of material already covered

### **Note:**

Reading, learning and revision of material is essential for and of equal importance to the written element of homework.

### **The Teacher:**

- The teacher will assign homework and the homework will be noted accurately by the student in his/her journal.
- The teacher will correct homework and provide meaningful feedback to students.
- The teacher will monitor the homework of each individual student.

**The Student:**

- Each student must have the Killina Presentation Secondary School Journal for recording homework and for the purpose of liaison between home and school.
- The student will note all homework assigned be it written, reading, learning, research or revision in their student journal.
- Homework should be completed to the best of the student’s ability.
- It is the responsibility of the student to ensure he/she is aware of work that needs to be completed when absent from class.

**Parent(s)/ Guardian (s):**

(1) Parent (s) / Guardian (s) will in so far as is practicable :

- Provide a suitable location, free from distraction, for the completion of homework.
- Regularly inspect the student journal.
- Ensure the student spends a reasonable amount of time at homework.
- Monitor the recording of homework in the student journal each night.

(2) Suggested time to be spent on homework:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Years- 1.5 hours
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Years- 1.5-2 hours
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Years- 2-3 hours
- 5<sup>th</sup> Years – 2.5-3 hours
- 6<sup>th</sup> Years – 3 – max 5 hours (3.5/4 hours)

**The School:**

- The school recommends that homework take priority over other activities that the student may be engaged in, with particular emphasise on examination years.
- The school will endeavour to impart effective learning/study skills and techniques to students by organising a study skills seminar for first, third and sixth year students, where each student will receive a concise handout on study skills.

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**NAME OF STUDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS:** \_\_\_\_\_

- **I have read the homework policy and agree to implement it.**

**Signed:**

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian (1)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian (2)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_