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# Homework Policy

## R a t i o n a l e

The John Tonkin College Homework Policy aims to provide guidance to teachers, students and parents/care providers around the provision and completion of homework. In developing this policy, several factors have been considered including what the research suggests about the impact of homework on student achievement, contextual influences that are conducive to the completion of homework and feedback from staff, parents/care providers and students. The homework policy will continue to be evaluated and reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that we are best meeting the needs of our college community.

## Y e a r 7 - 1 0 c l a s s e s

Students may be assigned homework on a regular basis, however it will be designed to be completed in 20-30 minutes per subject, per week. Homework may come in the form of regular revision sheets, research, reading activities or assignments. Sometimes, a student may need to complete unfinished work at home if they have been absent or not used class time effectively. Teachers will communicate homework requirements through Connect.

## Y e a r 1 1 a n d 1 2 c l a s s e s

It is an expectation that senior school students will have regular homework that may include revision of classwork, completion of unfinished work, research, assignments and reading/viewing activities. Students enrolled in ATAR subjects will have a significant homework load for each subject. Teachers will communicate homework requirements through Connect.

## Responsibilities

For homework to be effective and of benefit, the following responsibilities of staff, students and parents/care providers should be followed:

**Heads of Learning Areas** – support staff to develop meaningful and appropriate homework tasks. Expectations should be consistent across classes to avoid any questions of unfairness or inequity.

**Teachers** – develop and administer homework that directly relates to the curriculum being covered and aims to enhance student learning. Teachers should communicate all homework tasks and deadlines to parents/care providers through Connect. Teachers should also provide timely feedback to students after the completion of homework and contact parents/care providers with any concerns.

**Students** - complete homework set by the classroom teacher by the due date. If there is a need for an extension, this should be discussed prior to the due date with the teacher. Students should also check Connect regularly to keep up-to-date with any homework requirements.

**Parents/Care Providers** – support their child to complete homework by providing a suitable environment that is conducive to study. Check Connect regularly to stay informed about homework that has been set. Communicate with the classroom teacher if there are any issues related to completing homework.

*If you have any questions or queries regarding this policy, please contact Ben Werndly – Deputy Principal – on 95830400.*

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