At Kormilda College, students are given homework that is meaningful, interesting, challenging and relevant to the curriculum. Study at home is an excellent opportunity to consolidate concepts and information introduced at school and to review material before tests and examination. It also provides training for students in planning and organising time, and establishes habits of study, concentration and self discipline which will serve students for the rest of their lives.

The nature and amount of homework will vary according to year levels, learning needs and subject requirements. Additionally, the College acknowledges the need for a balance between homework, family commitments and leisure time.

The College believes that positive parental involvement in homework can result in higher levels of achievement for students. Ensuring that students have a quiet space without any distractions to complete study at home is a positive way parents can provide support. Setting a regular time for homework each day is also beneficial.

**Homework:**
- Is an important part of school
- Allows for revising, extending and consolidating work done in class
- Provides an opportunity for students to work on summative assessments
- Provides training for students in planning and organising time
- Establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline which will serve students for the rest of their lives
- Provides an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning
- Develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources
- Reaffirms the role of parents/guardians as partners in education
- Provides parents/guardians with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their children
- Challenges and extends gifted and talented children.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:**
- Take an active interest in homework and check that homework has been set
- Encourage and support students to complete homework
- Ensure that there is time set aside for homework every day
- Provide, where possible, a dedicated place for homework
- Support their child to balance the time spent between homework and recreational activities
- Talk to teachers about any homework problems including the nature of the homework and their child’s approach to the homework
- Alert the school to any domestic or extracurricular activities which may need to be taken into consideration when homework is being set or corrected
- Ensure students access their eDiary for information about homework.
Teacher Responsibilities:

- Ensure that students are aware of what is expected and how their homework will be assessed
- Set varied, challenging and meaningful homework that reinforces and consolidates work done in class
- Set a suitable amount of relevant homework which is appropriate to the year level and ability of each student
- Give students enough time to complete homework, taking into account home obligations, extracurricular activities and homework set by other teachers
- Help students develop the organisational and time management skills needed for them to be responsible for their own learning
- Inform students of homework requirements via the eDiary
- Support students to develop effective revision and study skills
- Support students to develop good research and reporting skills, including referencing
- Mark homework promptly and appropriately, maintain accurate homework records and provide practical feedback to students and parents/guardians
- Regularly monitor progress on summative assessments before the due date
- Alert parents/guardians, and Year Level Team Leaders/Head of Senior Students, of any developing problems concerning their children’s homework and suggest strategies that they can use to assist their children with their homework.

Student Responsibilities:

- Be aware of the importance of homework
- Be aware of the College’s Homework Policy
- Complete all homework and submit it within the given time frame
- Allocate appropriate time out of class for homework, including study and preparation for tests and assessments
- Use their eDiary to be aware of homework details and due dates
- Access Learnline to get information about subject/course requirements, including homework and assessments
- Alert parents/guardians to homework expectations
- Seek assistance from teachers and parents/guardians when difficulties arise
- Ensure all homework is completed to a high standard
- Develop an effective individual study timetable/homework routine in quiet surroundings conducive to effective study
- Request an extension when there is prior knowledge of inability to complete or submit a summative assessment on time 48 hours before the due date (refer to Assessment Policy)

YEAR LEVEL HOMEWORK REQUIREMENTS

The regular setting of homework by teachers is College Policy. The nature, frequency and volume of homework set are left to the professional judgement of teachers in consultation with Year Level Team Leaders (Years 6 to 10) and the Head of Senior Students (Years 11 and 12). Every effort will be made to ensure students maintain a balance between homework, family commitments and leisure time.
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NOTE: These times provide a guide as to the amount of homework set and provide a weekly average. There will be times when students will be required to alter their hours of homework due to extra time required to prepare for tests, examinations and other assessments.

**STUDY SUPPORT**

To assist students with their homework and examination preparation, the College runs Homework Help, Maths Help and Examination Preparation Workshops throughout the year.

**Homework Help:**
Homework Help is held every Monday to Thursday during term time from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the Learning Centre. A number of teachers are available to assist students with their homework and ensure they remain focused and on task.

**Maths Help:**
Maths Help is held every Monday to Friday during term time from 12:30pm to 1:00pm, and every Saturday during term time from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Mathematics teachers are available during these sessions to assist students across all year levels with their mathematical studies.

**Examination Preparation Workshops:**
Examination Preparation Workshops are held in Term 2 for Years 10 to 12 and in Term 4 for Years 6 to 11. These workshops will cover examination techniques including memory improvement, note taking, keeping a revision journal/graphic organisers, writing to time, study skills (organisation and time management) and stress management techniques.