



HOME STUDY POLICY

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2. Vision Statement

Guided by our Catholic Identity, St Brigid's College ensures high levels of learning and success for all.

3. Rationale

St Brigid's College commits to collaborating with families on the establishment of home study. The establishment of home study habits and practices can have a significant impact on the life-long learning of students and the relationship between school and home. St Brigid's College commits to quality over quantity in regards to tasks that are set for completion at home.

4. Policy Statement

Home study will enable students to establish a positive attitude towards work outside of formal school time. Home study will provide students the opportunity to revise or study on a regular basis to improve learning. It will enable them to establish organisational skills and planning strategies to meet various commitments. Students will be able to keep up with classroom content by practising skills learnt in class and completing unfinished work. Students may use home study to deepen their understanding and knowledge of any particular area within their study.

5. Guiding Principles

The enactment of home study is shared between students, teachers and parents/carers. Home Study consists of formal homework which are specific tasks set by teachers and informal study that is self-directed revision, research, reading of other tasks.

St Brigid's College has the following responsibilities towards home study:

- Ensuring home study is appropriate to student skill level and age and is purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
- Expectations are communicated with students
- Home study is monitored when set and feedback is provided.
- Students are provided with support if they have difficulty completing home study
- Consequences may be put in place if home study is regularly not completed.
- Providing recommendations for personal extension or on-going study and revision
- Recommending daily/weekly time spent on home study
- Teaching students the organisational skills required to plan and effectively use time at home
- Communicating with parents/carers of the expectation for home study when necessary through email, parent teacher interviews or other forms of communication.
- Within Professional Learning Teams, obtaining common agreement on appropriate home study activities shall be obtained to ensure consistency across subjects.

Families have the following responsibilities towards home study:

- Work together in setting schedules which allow for home study
- Provide a setting which allows work to be done effectively
- Monitor student work regularly
- Work with the student to take initiative and an independent approach to home study
- Use communication channels such as phone and email to communicate with teachers and the school

USE OF STUDENT DEVICES

Devices are a useful resource and many home study tasks may require its use. Students can use devices as an organisation aide making to-do lists, setting reminders, accessing emails or materials. Digital support material required for home study may also be available on the school Intranet or Google Classroom which is accessible to students from home via SIMON and to parents/carers via Parent Access Module (PAM).

6. Related Policies

Computer, internet and email acceptable use policy
ICT Policy

7. Document Review

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