

De La Salle College Waterford.

Homework Policy

Rationale:

Homework is an essential part of a student's educational experience. It furthers the work carried out during the school day. Home study and homework involve students personally in their own learning; through homework and home study, students develop self-discipline, perseverance and self-motivation.

Purposes of Homework:

- to continue and complete work done in class.
- to consolidate work done in class.
- to allow students to catch up on work missed through illness/absence.
- to encourage students to do regular revision.
- to encourage students to develop good study habits.

Types of Homework:

Homework set in different subjects may involve a variety of activities – written work, reading, research/investigation, learning, revision of classroom lessons.

Some subjects may require written homework every school night; others may set assignments to be completed in a specified time or at week ends. Students will have some work to revise and learn each school night.

Students need to organise and plan their study-homework. Help is available to all students to formulate a study plan.

Quality of Homework:

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure his/her homework is completed and presented on time, and to a satisfactory standard.

Teachers will check homework regularly. On some occasions, the homework set will challenge students and they should produce evidence of their efforts and perseverance.

Where a student fails to present homework or where the homework is unsatisfactory, the teacher will advise, encourage, admonish the student. If deemed appropriate the demerit system will apply for persistent failure to present or complete homework. The student is expected to produce the homework at a later date agreed with the teacher.

Where a student is absent from class(es) he is required to ascertain and complete the homework set in his absence

Home Diary:

- Each student is expected to have a homework diary.
- Students are expected to record in the diary each homework assignment given by the teacher and the date for its completion.
- Students should be clear on each homework assignment given to them. If in doubt ask the teacher before the end of the lesson.

Parental Involvement:

- Parents/guardians play an important role in the education of students. Their co-operation in homework is essential for the student.
- Parents/guardians should encourage good home study habits. Home study is best done in a quiet area and without personal stereos/radios etc.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor, encourage and support their children's homework, regularly to inspect homework diaries and homework books.
- Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that part-time jobs do not interfere with their children's expected daily/nightly study sessions.

Amount of Homework:

- All students are expected to do homework – written and or learning/revision-each school night, Monday to Friday (inclusive).
- As a guide the following times each evening are recommended.

1 st Years	2	Hours per evening
2 nd Years	2 ½	“ “
3 rd Years	3	“ “
4 th Years	To meet deadlines on time	
5 th Years	3 “	Hours per evening
6 th Years	3 ½-4	“ “

Weekends:

- Students are required to complete any homework set.
- Students should review and revise the week's work.
- Students should plan ahead for coming week's study.
- Students should have a revision plan for weekend.