



## MAGDALENE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*"Because I have seen the Lord"*

# Home Studies Policy

## Rationale

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Home study at Magdalene Catholic High School is an integral part of the development and education of the whole person. Its purpose is to motivate students to become active participants in their own learning.

Home study provides an opportunity for consolidation, revision and extension of course work. Home study develops sound study and organisational skills. It serves to reinforce knowledge, assists in developing research, organisational and problem solving skills, and encourages an attitude of responsibility and self-reliance.

Thus, home study enhances academic progress and self-confidence. Home study, well done, also allows students to gain satisfaction from their efforts, thus promoting an enjoyment of learning and a raising of self esteem.

## Guidelines

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1. All students from Years 7 – 12 are expected to complete home study on a regular basis.
2. Home studies should have a purpose and be "do-able".
3. All homework should be entered in the student diary.
4. Teachers are expected to check homework for both completion and quality.
5. Failure to complete homework should be entered in the student diary and noted in IRIS in the first instance.
6. Repeated failure to complete homework should be referred to the KLA Co-ordinator who will send a formal homework letter to parents.
7. Students are to catch up on incomplete homework at a time designated by the teacher.
8. Teachers should keep a record of homework completion for reporting purposes.
9. Homework is not to be given over end of year holiday break.
10. Suggested times for homework are:

Years 7 & 8	1 to 1.5 hrs per week night	(10-12 mins per lesson each day)
Years 9 & 10	1.5 to 2 hrs per week night	(14-18 mins per lesson each day)
Years 11 & 12	2 to 3 hrs per week night	(18-30 mins per lesson each day)

## **Basis of Discretion**

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- The amount and difficulty of homework should be adjusted to suit the ability of the student. Homework may be inappropriate for some students, particularly those in Special Education Programs.
- The home situation of some students may need to be taken into account when correcting homework and deciding upon a course of action where homework is incomplete.

## **Supporting Documents**

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Faculty homework procedures should be documented in each faculty's handbook.

Student Diary

Year 10, 11 & 12 Assessment Handbook

## **Evaluation**

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This Policy will be reviewed in 2015.