



BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE

HOMEWORK POLICY 2025-2028



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Boronia K-12 College on (03) 9760 4900.

PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Boronia K-12 College's policy requirements relating to homework.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Boronia K-12 College.

RATIONALE

Boronia K-12 College has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- Providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- Providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge and prepare for future lessons
- Encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually and collectively
- Fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- Supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

DEFINITIONS

Homework is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

Home study is the tasks students work on independently to upskill, consolidate and deepen their understanding of key knowledge and skills.

Homework and home study may cross over but home study is work a student sets for themselves in consultation with their teacher.

POLICY

At Boronia K-12 College all homework set by teachers will:

- Be purposeful

- Be curriculum-aligned
- Be appropriate to students' skill level and age
- Be designed to help students develop as independent learners
- Provide opportunities for parents to support students in their learning

The types of **homework** and **home study** that teachers at Boronia K-12 College may include are:

Primary

- Spelling tasks
- Daily reading
- Sight Words practise (if applicable)
- Maths activity

Secondary

- Literacy tasks
- Numeracy tasks
- Pre-reading tasks for upcoming units
 - English novels read in advance
 - Reading texts ahead to develop prior knowledge
- Completing consolidation exercises for mathematics
- Practise tasks for practical subjects
 - Adding to design folios
 - Practising PE skills
 - Testing recipes at home
- Revising and preparing for tests, assignments, SACs and exams
- Completing class tasks and catching up after absences

The amount of **homework** and **home study** will vary according to student learning needs, year level, subject and point in learning sequence / unit.

To assist students in achieving balance between homework, home study, recreational activities and other commitments, the following pattern of homework / study is suggested:

Homework / Home Study Guidelines	
Foundation	10 minutes per day (Mon - Thurs)
Year 1,2	15 minutes per day (Mon - Thurs)
Year 3,4	20 - 25 minutes per day (Mon - Thurs)
Year 5,6	30 minutes per day (Mon - Thurs)
Year 7	3 hours per week
Year 8	4 hours per week
Year 9	5 hours per week
Year 10	1-2 hours per subject per week – approximately 8-12 hours per week
Year 11	2-3 hours per subject per week – approximately 10-15 hours per week
Year 12	3-4 hours per subject per week – approximately 15-20 hours per week NOTE: these hours would vary depending on pathway (VCE, VCE-VM, VPC)

SHARED EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders at Boronia K-12 College** are to:

- Advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at Boronia K-12 College** are to:

- Set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- Ensure homework tasks are purposeful – this means they are deliberately designed and planned to support student learning
- Be available to discuss homework and provide practical feedback
- Ensure the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours
- Offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning.

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- Being aware of the school's homework policy
- Discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- Accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- Seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- Organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities and part-time employment (for older students).

Responsibilities and expectations for **parents/carers** are:

- Ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- Talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- Discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home,

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Boronia K-12 College understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings

- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Discussed at student forums (assemblies, conferences)
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	2024 September
Consultation	Extensive in 2024
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	2028