



Policy Number:	STUDENT 21
Policy Name:	Home Study Policy
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PREAMBLE

God is at the centre of our College...Mercy is the heartbeat of the Gospel. We encourage every student to grow in the fullness of life and realise their potential through the bread we break at school, the bread of relationships and the bread of conversation. Let us engage the heart and bring faith to life and life to faith (Thomas Groome).

LEGISLATION

This policy takes into account relevant legislative requirements within the state of Victoria, including the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in *Ministerial Order No. 870*. This policy applies to St Joseph's College staff, including employees, volunteers, contractors and clergy.

1. PURPOSE

1.1 St Joseph's College supports home study as an integral component of our Teaching and Learning Program. Home study involves not only the completion of set tasks, but also extension activities and regular revision of subject material.

2. VALUES INFORMING THE POLICY

- Independence
- Self-discipline
- Co-operation
- Excellence
- Compassion
- Justice

3. POLICY ASSUMPTIONS

- 3.1 Home study involves a wide variety of activity, including set homework, extension work and revision.
- 3.2 A commitment to regular home study is integral to our Teaching and Learning Program.
- 3.3 Home study helps students develop skills in planning and effectively managing their time.
- 3.4 Parents should be provided the opportunity to become involved in their child's education through home study.

- 3.5 The home is a learning environment as well as the school.
- 3.6 Home study needs to cater to the needs of students of different ages and across Learning Areas.
- 3.7 Each student's home study requirements should complement the pursuit of other interests.

4. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Students need to maintain a commitment to a regular home study program.
- 4.2 Students and parents should be made aware of the purpose and value of homework.
- 4.3 Students should use their College planners to record set homework.
- 4.4 Teachers will set and check homework as part of a co-ordinated approach to home study.
- 4.5 Home study guidelines:
 - Years 7 & 8 Students: 30 to 45 minutes per night
 - Years 9 & 10 Students: 45 to 90 minutes per night
 - VCE Students: 1 to 3 hours per night
- 4.6 Homeroom teachers should monitor the College planner to ensure it is being used.
- 4.7 Parents will be encouraged to check and sign College planners, and check via Parent Access Module any current Assessment Tasks that are due or overdue that may require additional work outside of the classroom in order to be completed in a timely manner.
- 4.8 Teachers will assist students in developing the necessary skills to develop effective study.