

Moyne Community School Homework Policy

Scope of policy

This policy applies to all staff, students and parents in Moyne Community School. All school partners: management, teachers, parents and students have a role in the homework policy but the final responsibility for satisfactory completion of homework rests with the learner. Homework is an essential element of the school day and in the learning processes of students. It provides students with an opportunity to reinforce information acquired, to practice skills learned, to prepare for state and house exams and contributes to the development of sound study skills.

Rationale

This policy encourages a sense of responsibility for homework amongst all school partners. The final responsibility for satisfactory completion of homework rests with the learner. Regular homework is a valuable aspect of the learning process and contributes to the development of sound study skills. It consolidates and supplements the work done in class and promotes independent learning and creativity.

Links to Mission Statement

In accordance with the school mission statement, we see homework as part of a holistic education enabling students to reach their full potential
'Moyne Community School offers holistic education, upholding the Christian values and traditions of the communities from which the school evolved. We are committed to enabling students and staff to develop their full potential within the school's formal and informal curriculum, in a friendly, safe and caring environment.'

Aims of this policy

- * To promote the development by students of good study habits and effective study skills
- * To enable students to develop a capacity to organise their own work
- * To enhance the academic achievement of students
- * To encourage parents to take an interest in and to share responsibility for their children's work and progress
- * To encourage parent/guardian to inspect and sign homework journals each week

Objectives

- * To ensure that students record all homework in their homework journal. This is to include written, learning and practical tasks
- * To ensure that homework is completed to the satisfaction of the teacher.
- * To facilitate the checking of the recording and completion of homework by parents and teachers.
- * To promote the appropriate use of the journals, they may be inspected at the discretion of the Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Head or roll call teacher.
- * To ensure that students use correction of homework as an opportunity to learn from their mistakes. This may involve the student noting the mistakes he/ she has made or re-writing parts of the exercise or doing further exercises in a related area.
- * To ensure that when a teacher corrects work on the board or orally for the whole class, individual students make the necessary corrections in their own copies.
- * To ensure that students spend an appropriate amount of time on their homework.
- * As a general guideline it is recommended that ;

1st year students spend up to one and a half hours per night

2nd year students two hours per night

3rd year students two and a half hours per night

4th year students two and a half to three hours per night

5th year students should aim to incorporate exam revision into their study timetable and should spend a minimum of three hours per night at study.

Procedures to be followed

- * Homework set will be purposeful and meaningful to the work of the class or to some future work.
- * Extended exercises may form part of an on-going assessment of each student.
- * Students must present homework on the date specified by the teacher.
- * Students absent due to school related activities (e.g. matches or any other extra-curricular activities.) must ensure that homework set in their absence is completed.
- * A student absent for a period of time is expected to make every effort to complete work missed while absent.
- * A student absent for an extended period should contact fellow students for a record of homework set during this period.

Implementation Procedures

Present to staff at a staff meeting

Present to Parents Council and Student Council for consultation

Modify if necessary

Present to Board of Management for final approval.

Roles and Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the class teacher to set and correct appropriate homework for all of his/ her classes.

It is the responsibility of each student to record all homework given in the homework Journal and to complete the homework to the standard required by the teacher and on time.

It is the responsibility of the parent/ guardian to check the Homework Journal regularly, to ensure that homework is being completed satisfactorily and to provide a suitable study environment.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Management to support the teachers and parents in the implementation of this policy.

Review of the Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually by the staff and the Student Council. It should also be reviewed by the Parents' Association and ratified by the BOM

Success Criteria

- * Work accurately recorded and presented in a manner commensurate with learner's ability
- * The goals are being attained
- * All school partners are satisfied with the effectiveness of this policy.