Homework Policy

Rationale
Cardijn College values the importance of students developing their capacity to become independent learners. Recognising the role of homework in this aspect of learning, Cardijn College has adopted the following policy.

Policy Statement
Cardijn College defines homework as study time out of ordinary lesson time. Cardijn College believes that homework supports and extends classroom learning. In addition it develops positive study habits, develops responsibility for self-learning and strengthens home and school links. Homework also reaffirms the role of parents and caregivers as partners in education.

Responsibilities
The School Board will:
- develop, monitor and review the policy in accordance with the legal requirements and the Church’s teachings
- allocate resources to facilitate ongoing training and support for students and staff in the implementation of this policy.

The School Leaders will:
- be familiar with, understand and be committed to, implementing this policy
- provide appropriate professional development for all teachers in the best practice approach to homework
- monitor the quality and quantity of homework set by teachers across the year levels
- ensure a suitable balance of homework across all subjects appropriate to the year level
- support teachers in their interactions with students and families in relation to incomplete homework or failure to adhere to this policy
- provide the structure of a homework club conducted after school for middle and senior school students.

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Related Policies:
The School Teachers will:
- set homework in accordance with this policy
- follow the procedures of setting homework as required by individual subjects
- ensure that homework set follows best practice and the needs of the class and individual student
- ensure sufficient time to complete homework tasks
- clearly articulate homework requirements including deadlines
- advise parents if homework is incomplete or not attempted.

The Student will:
- ensure that all homework is entered into their planner
- complete homework set in accordance with the requirements of the subject
- seek assistance or clarification regarding homework requirements as applicable
- advise the teacher if homework is incomplete and the reason for not completing work.

The Parents will:
- support the school in the implementation of this policy
- support the student in monitoring the school’s requirement of homework set
- advise the teacher or school if there are extenuating circumstances for not completing homework
- liaise with the teacher or school regarding concern or issues about homework
- ensure that the student is not spending excessive amounts of time on homework and that there is a balance between homework and family/leisure time.