

HOMework POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff Diamond Valley College's expectations for homework and at-home learning.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and to staff responsible for setting homework.

POLICY

Diamond Valley College expects students to further develop and consolidate their independent learning skills by completing homework tasks. Homework has a positive effect on learning and is an important part of reinforcing the concepts that are introduced in class. It also plays a significant role in building work ethic, self-discipline and responsibility.

Homework is designed to develop and maintain the link between home and school by helping students to develop effective study habits.

Homework is an opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education. Homework complements and reinforces classroom learning and fosters lifelong study habits.

Teachers at Diamond Valley College are encouraged to exercise their discretion in assigning tasks that are appropriate for their students. Homework assigned across different learning areas will be coordinated by Year level Co-ordinators to avoid unreasonable workloads for students.

It is expected that teachers will ensure homework is:

- relevant
- consistent with DET guidelines
- consistently spread over the semester
- Entered on Compass
- Entered into planners by students
- Corrected and returned in a timely fashion
- Entered on Compass- when received and when corrected.

It is expected that students will :

- take responsibility to complete and submit their homework on time
- complete their homework to the best of their individual ability
- seek assistance from parent and / or teacher where required
- record homework in their planners

It is expected that parents/carers will support their children by:

- encourage a regular daily time for students to examine and complete homework

- discuss key questions or suggest resources to help with homework
 - help to balance the amount of time spent between homework and recreational activities
 - ask how homework and class work is progressing and acknowledge success
 - attend school events, productions or displays your child is involved in
 - talk to teachers to discuss problems with homework
- check whether homework has been set and encourage their child to keep a homework diary and check Compass entries. _____ **Support for students, parents and carers**

Non Submission of homework

If homework has not been submitted due to illness or absence then staff should give students an extension, which should be recorded

Note: An extension will not be given for overdue homework unless there has been a note from parents, preferably before the due date..

Regular Homework Checks

If a student's homework is not completed, teachers should communicate this to parents.

Catchup Sessions

If work has not been submitted 7 days after it is due, staff should timetable the student into a homework catch up session in order to satisfy the homework requirement.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- School Policy and Advisory Guide:
 - [Homework Guidelines](#)
 - [Homework Expectations](#)

Intranet Supporting Documents

- [Student Homework Information](#)

External Links

- [DET - www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/homework.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/homework.htm)
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REVIEW CYCLE

This Policy shall be reviewed by the School Council by August 2019 or prior if deemed necessary.