



ALEXANDRA COLLEGE

DUBLIN

Homework Policy

Our Educational Philosophy

We believe that:

- learning is questioning, exploring, understanding and sharing
- learning is a challenging and enjoyable lifelong process
- teaching should stimulate, encourage and excite the students
- students benefit from a safe environment in which they can stretch, experiment and discover their potential

We reflect consistently on how we educate and learn so that we facilitate and inspire engaged learners and citizens and so that we foster an atmosphere of respect, understanding, and encouragement between all who teach, work and learn in the College.

We aim to give each student the desire and skills to become an eager and engaged self-directed learner. Alexandra College offers a broad and academically excellent curriculum that challenges students to develop and realise their potential. Home learning is an important element of the process of becoming a self-directed learner and is an integral part of a student's education. It is essential that students create frequent and regular opportunities to develop and strengthen their competence as independent learners.

1. Students are expected to be fully prepared for their classes each day. This will require careful study at home or in evening study to ensure that written assignments, projects, research, reflection, reading, problem-solving and memory work set in class are completed thoroughly. Homework is set, directed and assessed by the class teacher.
2. Home learning should also include due time for study, review and consolidation of what has been covered that day and preparation of what is to be covered the following day.
3. After School Study for all students is available from Monday to Thursday from 4.15p.m. - 5.45p.m and from 6.15pm - 10.00pm. Weekend Study is also available. There is a charge for all after school and weekend study.
4. As a general rule, the following study timetable should be adhered to on at least five evenings a week.
 - a. Fifth and Sixth Year - 3 – 3.5 hours
 - b. Second and Third Year - 2.5 – 3 hours
 - c. First Year - 2 hours

5. Each student should have the College journal, which includes the Homework notebook, and have it in her possession throughout the school day.
6. When homework has not been done, an excuse note signed by a parent and addressed to the Form Tutor should be brought to school on the next day before first class.