

# **COLAISTE MUIRE**

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

### **1. Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of Coláiste Mhuire:

- that each student be assigned homework daily;
- that homework should be undertaken to the best of each students ability;
- that homework tasks be appropriate in terms of time and ability level of students.

### **2. Rationale:**

(1) This Policy is based on sound educational theory and practice and is central to the fulfilment of the aspirations of the schools mission statement:

(2) Homework is prescribed for the following reasons:

- to enable the student to become an efficient learner;
- to enable the student to develop short term and long term memory skills;
- to enable the student to master such skills and concepts as are demanded by the curriculum and
- to enable the teacher to monitor and evaluate, on a regular basis, the progress being made by a student.

### **3. Homework Composition:**

Homework will generally be comprised of the following 3 elements:

- (1) Written work, which is to be submitted to the teacher for inspection.
- (2) Reading and study of material covered in class or in preparation of material about to be covered.
- (3) Revision of material already covered on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.

- Note that reading, study and revision of material is of equal importance to the written element.

### **4. The Teacher:**

- The Teacher will assign homework and the homework assigned will be noted accurately by the student in his journal.
- The Teacher will keep a record of the homework performance of each student and report those in need of attention to Year Head and or Parents as appropriate.
- The teacher will correct homework and provide meaningful feedback to students.

## **5. The Student:**

- The student will note all homework assigned whether reading, revision or written type homework.
- Homework should be done to the best of a students ability.
- Homework will be undertaken at home or at evening study.
- When a student has been absent from a class, he should acquire the assigned homework from another pupil and complete the work required.

## **6. Parent(s)/Guardian(s):**

(1) Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will as far as possible:

- provide a suitable location, free of distraction, for homework;
- regularly inspect the student journal and
- encourage student spends a reasonable time at homework

(2) Suggested homework minimum duration.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Years - 1 ½ hours per evening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Years - 2 hours per evening
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Years - 2 ½ hours per evening
- Senior students - 3 to 4 hours per evening

## **7. The School:**

- Being a student is a full time occupation involving class time of 28 hours and homework and study of 15 hours;
- Accordingly the school strongly recommends that casual part-time paid employment not be undertaken by students during the week;
- In addition the school also recommends that students of **THIRD YEAR** Junior Cert. and **FINAL YEAR** Leaving Cert. students should not take any employment and that a minimum of 4 hours study and revision be undertaken each weekend
- Finally, the school will endeavour to impart efficient learning/studying skills and techniques to students by organising an annual study seminar and by providing a concise handout on study skills to each student.

**(PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL)**

I have read the homework Policy and agree to implement it.

Signed: .....  
PARENT

Signed: .....  
PARENT

SIGNED: .....  
STUDENT

CLASS: .....

DATE: .....

