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HOMEWORK POLICY OF OUR LADY'S SCHOOL

This policy is in keeping with the school's fundamental aim to foster in students a capability of analysing facts and ideas, to be discerning, to have the ability to articulate their views and to provide them with skills for lifelong learning.

Rationale:

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.

Goals:

- To enhance the academic achievements of students.
- To promote good study habits and effective study skills.
- To enable students to develop the capacity to organise their own work.
- To ensure an equitable distribution of study time for each subject.
- To reduce pressure on students of homework overload.
- To encourage parents/guardians to take an interest in and share responsibility for their children's work and progress.

Policy Content:

- Each student will be assigned homework in various subject areas each night.
- Homework set will be purposeful and meaningful to the work of the class.
- Students must record homework set by the teachers in their student journals.
- Parents/Guardians are asked to inspect the student journal on a regular basis.
- Teachers will correct homework and give feedback to students.
- A record of homework grades will be kept by each teacher.
- Parents/Guardians will be informed when students do not carry out set homework tasks.
- Study marks will be given for failure to produce homework.
- A seminar on study techniques will be organised annually by the school for senior students.
- Supervised study facilities will be available for 3rd, 5th and 6th Year students.
- A rough time guide will be suggested for each year group.
- A balance will be maintained between written/practical work and oral/learning work.
- Special consideration will be given to students with special educational needs.
- Parents/Guardians are asked to ensure, where possible, that students who do not avail of supervised study in school are afforded a suitable room at home, in which to study i.e. quiet, adequately ventilated/heated and equipped with a proper table and chair.
- Parents/Guardians should also ensure that any part-time jobs held by their daughter/s do not interfere with the full and proper completion of homework and revision.

Suggested hours per day for homework and revision:

1st Year	1 – 2 hours
2nd Year	1½ – 2 hours
3rd Year	2 – 3 hours
4th Year	Varies in accordance with amount of project work.
5th Year	3 hours
6th Year	3+ hours