



Homework Policy



The School's policies which are made from time to time are made pursuant to the requirements set out in section 47 of the *Education Act* and of the BOSTES for registration of the school.

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RATIONALE

The homework policy at Al Hikma College has been designed specifically to cater for the majority of the school community's expectations. Parents of Al Hikma College students expect daily homework related to the six Key learning areas, as well as homework relating to Religious Studies and the Arabic language. There is a common community belief that regular homework will enhance the future academic outcomes of students.

The College strives to meet the expectations of parents, balanced with quality, benefits and manageability of set homework. The College also endeavours to remain cognisant of current research and knowledge.

POLICY STATEMENT

The College aims to enrich student learning through setting relevant, age appropriate and manageable homework tasks on a daily basis that meet community expectations and encourage parent involvement.

IMPLEMENTATION

Weekly homework **must** include daily practice for Literacy and Numeracy as well as tasks relating to the other four Key Learning Areas. It **must** relate to current class topics and be explained to students when handing out each Monday. Timely, meaningful feedback **must** be given to students, while parents should be given the opportunity provide comments / feedback.

Homework **must** be similarly presented throughout the College and meet the following criteria:

- Neat presentation
- Have a cover page with a weekly overview
- Divided into daily tasks
- Booklet form

Time allocated to homework

At Al Hikma College, weekly homework is allocated to all students K – 6, taking into consideration the individual ability of each student. Homework must be divided into manageable tasks for each day of the school week.

Approximate time allocations per stage:

Early Stage 1	60 minutes
Stage 1	90 minutes
Stage 2	2 hours
Stage 3	2 hours

Monitoring of Homework

Homework **must** be teacher marked with appropriate feedback given to assist students to improve if required. Teachers must to keep homework records in their class assessment book/register and follow up any issues promptly.

Parents

Parents of all students at Al Hikma College receive an overview of the topics for each Key Learning Area in order that they share in their children's learning. The overview also equips them with information that they are able to use when assisting their children with homework. Parents are advised to provide their children with a suitable space where they complete learning tasks on a daily basis.

Teachers

Teachers are required to:

- Implement the Homework Policy
- Communicate the purpose, benefits and expectations of homework to students and parents/caregivers ☒
- Acknowledge student effort in completing homework and provide timely and relevant feedback on achievement ☒
- Ensure resources and materials are easily accessible for students ☒
- Support students having difficulties with homework ☒
- Discuss with students and parents/caregivers any developing issues regarding a student's homework ☒
- Encourage and reward students' efforts
- Discuss homework practices with colleagues.

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This policy will be monitored against practice throughout 2015, evaluated and reviewed in 2016.