

Ratoath College Homework Policy

- The purpose of homework is to reinforce work done in class.
- Homework and study should be part of a routine established by students from the beginning of first year.
- It is school policy to give homework in every class. Homework given may be written or learning work and it must be entered into the Dialann at the end of each class. There is no such thing as 'no homework' and this must not be written in the Dialann. 'Study' or 'Revise' should be written instead.
- Students are accountable for all homework given, even if they are absent from school due to a school's match or event.
- All homework should be done on the evening that it is given. Ideally students should do their homework in a quiet, comfortable and warm environment. It is important that a regular time is set aside for homework.
- **First Years** should work for one and a half hours each evening.
- **Second Years** should work for 2 hours each evening.
- **Third Year** students should work for two and a half hours each evening.
- **4th years** must complete projects and assignments on time and as directed by the teachers.
- **5th years** should work for 3 hours each evening.
- **6th years** should work for three and a half hours each evening.
- When homework to a very high standard is done, a good note may be written in the Dialann by the teacher.
- If a student cannot do homework for a particular reason, a note must be written in the Dialann by the parent/guardian on that particular evening explaining the reason.
- If a student fails to do homework or the homework is incomplete or is not presented to the teacher in the class, a note will be written in the Dialann and the student may be given extra work to complete.
- If a student repeatedly fails to do homework, this will be dealt with as a discipline issue.
- All students may be requested to work during their holiday periods.