



MISSION STATEMENT

Coláiste Abbain endeavours to provide quality education for all students in a caring, disciplined and respectful environment. We aim to prepare students for life and responsible citizenship and motivate them towards the achievement of their full potential.

Homework Policy

Rationale

Homework is an important element of the learning process:-

- It reinforces and expands classroom learning.
- It develops skills
- It instils in students the importance of self-directed independent study.
- It encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning.
- It lays the foundation for a process of lifelong learning.

This policy acknowledges that there are many types of homework. The type of homework should be appropriate to the needs of the student, subject and to the individual teaching and learning methodology.

Role of Student

- Write homework in school diary before the end of class.
- Student must have learning, reading and written homework completed as per teacher's instructions.
- Students must prepare books and other materials for the following day's classes.
- If a student is absent for whatever reason, it is expected that s/he will complete all homework that has been missed.
- The school journal must be brought to all classes and placed on the desk by students.
- The following study times are the minimum recommended for students:-

First Year	1 hour +
Second Year	1.5 hours +
Third year	2 hours +
Transition Year	Project/Portfolio based
Fifth Year	2.5 hours +
Sixth Year	3 hours +

Footnote: Homework includes work given in class by Subject Teacher and also a student's own revision work.

ROLE OF TEACHER

It is the role of the teacher to:-

- Give a clear written instruction of homework during the lesson.
- Keep an account of homework given to students.
- Check that homework is completed.
- Record homework not attempted.
- Correct and return homework.
- Record persistent lack of homework in student's diary.
- Liaise with Home School Liaison Officer and Care Team on a regular basis on matters relating to homework.

ROLE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

It is the role of parents/guardians to :-

- Demonstrate an interest in his/her son's/daughter's progress in school.
- Ensure that there is a comfortable and suitable place for their daughter/son to complete homework.
- Establish a homework routine to fit in with the child's lifestyle.
- Ensure that their children have the necessary books/materials to do their homework.
- Ensure that homework is completed and presented in a tidy and organised fashion.
- Sign the school journal each week.
- Maintain vigilance and monitor homework regularly throughout the school year
- Attend parent/teacher meetings.
- Discourage students from engaging in part-time work.

