Homework Policy

Purpose
There are a variety of ways that regular homework improves learning outcomes for high school students.

- Firstly, homework allows students to revise and practise new concepts and skills at an individual pace.
- Secondly, it encourages students to develop useful post school skills such as goal setting, time management and self-discipline.
- Thirdly, as students progress to senior school many subjects demand additional (non classroom time) time on revision and assignment completion in order to be successful.

Expectations
To maximise learning outcomes from homework teachers must be clear about assessment expectations and provide prompt regular feedback. Parents can also help significantly by supporting their child with a suitable space and consistent expectations around regular time commitment to study.

Signing diaries weekly and contact with teachers if necessary also helps students complete homework successfully. Regular homework will be expected and monitored at Roma Mitchell Secondary College.

Middle School
Teachers in Year 8 and 9 will plan a homework schedule for their students. The type of homework set will vary but could include revision for tests, reading fiction or non fiction texts, research and assignment work, written tasks, preparation for oral work, community involvement and contributing to their personal learning plan.

Teachers will give students verbal or written feedback on homework done and will communicate with parents promptly if there is a problem.

Year 8 and 9 students should never have more than 90 minutes of homework per night. Homework set, should be easy for students to complete without direct teacher or parent help.

Students will record homework in their diary and teachers will check that this is done.

Parents will be encouraged to communicate with individual teachers or the Head of Middle School if they are concerned about their child’s homework.

Senior School
Homework expectations in the senior school will increase at year 10 and by year 12 students will be expected to be completing three hours of work (outside class time) per day. Those students on a University or TAFE pathway will need to be doing more study at home in order to gain University or TAFE entry.

From year 10 teachers in all subjects will set and assess homework. Increasingly students will be expected to use homework time to complete major assignments.

Teachers will continue to make assessment criteria clear and provide regular explicit feedback to students throughout all stages of assignment work. They will continue to communicate with parents if students are falling behind with required work.