

Edmund Rice College



A Parent's/ Guardian's Guide To Homework

Edmund Rice College regard homework as an important and integral part of your child's education. We also however, believe that parental support and encouragement is as important to your child's development as anything. Below are a number of points for parents to consider when supporting a secondary school pupil at home;

- Please check your child's homework diary each week and sign it. They will receive one home work, per subject per fortnight.
- Make sure they are not rushing the work and that they clearly understand the tasks at hand.
- Make sure your children have a quiet time and space to complete work at home.
- Give them the resources needed, e.g. pens and paper, computer, English dictionary, bilingual dictionary or internet access.
- Help them to get into a regular routine.
- Make sure they are spending the right amount of time on homework (this could be from 45 minutes when they are younger and to about 2 hours when they are older).
- Ask if there is anything you can do to help them as they complete the work.
- Help them organize their time well.
- Give them support and encouragement.
- Remind them to ask the teacher for help, e.g. borrowing text books, keywords list, written examples etc.
- Encourage them to go to any homework or revision clubs run by the school.
- Enquire about their progress at parents' evenings.