

Homework Policy

In order to be a successful university-bound student at high school a student should devote a certain amount of time to homework on a regular basis.

The recommended minimum times are:

Year 7 and 8 - 1 hr per night, 5 nights a week

Year 9 - 1.5 hrs per night, 5 nights a week

Year 10 - 2 hrs per night, 5 nights a week

Year 11 - 2.5 hrs per night, 5 nights a week

Year 12 - 2.5 hrs per night, 5 nights a week

Purposes of Homework/Study

1. Allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class;
2. Provides training for students in planning and organising time;
3. Develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources
4. Establishing habits of study, concentration and self-discipline which will serve students for the rest of their lives;
5. Strengthens home-school links;
6. Reaffirms the role of parents and caregivers as partners in education;
7. Provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their children; and
8. Challenges and extends gifted and talented children; and
9. Preparation and revision for examinations

Expectations

Parents and Caregivers can help by:

1. taking an active interest in homework;
2. ensuring that there is time set aside for homework;
3. encouraging and supporting students to complete homework;
4. providing, where possible, a dedicated place and desk for homework and study;
5. encouraging their children to read and take an interest in current events;
6. encouraging students to focus on vocations;
7. assisting teachers to monitor homework by signing completed work if requested and being aware of the amount of homework set;

8. communicating with teachers any concerns about the nature of homework and their children's approach to the homework; and
9. alerting the school to any domestic or extracurricular activities which may need to be taken into consideration when homework is being set or corrected.

Teachers can help by:

1. ensuring students and parents or caregivers are aware of the school's homework policy;
2. providing quality homework activities related to class work;
3. setting a suitable amount of relevant homework which is appropriate to the ability of each student;
4. ensuring that students are aware of what is expected of them, and how their work will be assessed;
5. giving students sufficient time to complete their homework, taking into account, as far as possible, completing home obligations and extracurricular activities and homework set by others teachers;
6. marking homework promptly and appropriately, maintaining homework records and providing feedback to students and parents or caregivers; and
7. alerting parents or caregivers of any developing problems concerning their children's homework, and suggesting strategies that they can use to assist their children with their homework.

Students can help by:

1. Being aware of their school's homework policy;
2. Completing homework within the given time frame'
3. Alerting parents or caregivers to homework expectations;
4. Seeking assistance from teachers and parents or caregivers when difficulties arise'
5. Ensuring homework is of a high standard; and
6. Organising their time to ensure that sufficient time is given to qualify homework within set deadlines.