POLICY NAME: Homework Policy
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WHAT IS HOMEWORK?

Student homework will generally consist of:
- Work set by the class teacher to be completed in a set time
- The student’s own study which will include revision of earlier work
- Assignment work

WHY HOMEWORK IS NECESSARY

The purposes of homework are:
- To ensure that the work taught in class is understood, learnt and practised
- To give practice in creative thinking
- To provide time for learning and memorising facts
- To provide time for revision of knowledge already gained
- To provide the opportunity for you to learn to work alone, to help yourself, to struggle alone with academic problems and to learn academic self discipline
- To reveal to you the weaknesses in your knowledge and understanding so that you may ask your teachers how to overcome such problems.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is an integral part of study, developing habits and skills of independent work, self-directed learning and application necessary for vocational and personal development through life. The school homework policy is provided to assist in this development. Set homework must be completed in the appropriate section of the student’s exercise book or folder to allow a ready check by parents and teachers.

It is important for students to realise that when no set work is given, they are expected to devote their study time to the revision of the day’s lessons, or to a general revision of the subject. Therefore, students always have homework and parents can assist by checking that home assignments and home study are completed each night of the school week. Failure to complete homework will adversely affect a student’s performance and results.

The following homework loads are provided as a guide:
In Years 8 & 9 homework and study to review the day’s lessons should be up to, but no more than 5 hours per week. In Years 10-12 the amount of time devoted to homework and independent study will vary according to the student’s learning needs and individual program of learning, determined through their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan. Students should use their Student Organiser to manage their time effectively. Self-discipline needs to be exercised to catch up on any lost time during the weekend. Students aspiring to tertiary education generally need to do 2-3 hours per night.

Parents who become concerned about homework should contact the individual teachers directly. Homework is rarely set in practical subjects such as Manual Arts.

HOMEWORK HINTS

Organisation is a key part of forming good working habits. Think about:
- The place of work
- The use of time.

THE WORK PLACE

NOISE: Move out of the range of TV and radio, unless you find this helpful.
LIGHT: A strong even white light from above and behind will help avoid unnecessary tiredness.
FURNITURE: A straight backed chair and a table of good height help posture.
PRIVACY: This prevents you being distracted by people moving about.
TIDINESS: A muddled room and table may indicate a muddled approach to study.
PLACE: Make a habit of using the same room, same table and same chair.