



# HOMework POLICY

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## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Horsham College.

## Purpose

To outline to our school community the Department's and Horsham College's policy requirements relating to homework.

## Scope

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Horsham College.

## Rationale

Horsham College has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge
- providing opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons
- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

## Definitions

Homework is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours. Study is set by students and the additional tasks which allows students to reinforce and extend understanding.

## Policy

At Horsham College all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher
- where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

### Homework & Study Guidelines

- Years 7-9: up to 2 hours per week
- Year 10: 4-5 hours per week
- Year 11: 7-10 hours per week
- Year 12: 10-15 hours per week

### Shared expectations and responsibilities

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers.

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders at Horsham College** are to:

- advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the Homework policy.

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at Horsham College** are to:

- set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- ensure homework tasks are purposeful
- assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities and part-time employment (for older students).

Responsibilities and expectations for **parents/carers** are:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

## **Support for students and parents/carers**

Horsham College understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

Students who may benefit from support completing their homework tasks are encouraged to attend After School English and Mathematic Help.

## **Communication**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on school website
- included in staff induction processes
- included in student diaries so that it is easily accessible to parents, carers and students
- hard copy available from school administration upon request

## **Review Cycle**

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule