

Homework and Study Policy

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At Rossmoyne Senior High School we believe homework and study are important. Completion of regular homework and study provides opportunities for students to consolidate and extend their learning. Homework may consist of set exercises, reviewing and editing written work, reading and/or viewing texts. Homework allows students to:

- practise new skills
- increase retention of knowledge
- extend and improve class work
- explore new ideas
- complete missed or incomplete class-work
- develop time management skills

Study is any reviewing of course work other than homework or specific teacher directed activity. This may include writing study notes and summaries, mind maps, research, flowcharts, diagrams and other revision strategies.

The school is responsible for:

- developing and implementing a Homework and Study policy consistent with the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline and school plans;
- including in the policy general guidelines for parents and, where appropriate, as to how they can support and assist their children; and
- communicating the policy to students and parents.

Students are responsible for:

- making sure they understand clearly what has to be done, when it is due in, and any other details – if in doubt, ask the teacher
- recording all homework accurately in their Homework Diary or checking SEQTA for assigned homework
- finding out what was missed during any absence and catching up with that work
- being organised so that
 - each subject receives a fair share of the time available;
 - distractions are removed (e.g. avoiding social media check-ins); and
 - there is a suitable balance with free time. Ideally free time will involve physical activity (e.g. walking the dog, riding a bike) and provides an incentive once homework/study has been satisfactorily completed.
- contacting their Year Leader if they experience difficulty managing their homework requirements.

Parents can support students by:

- providing a suitable environment (if possible a desk, adequate lighting and ventilation and a private area that is free from interruptions)
- limiting access to social media and television during homework and study time
- regularly checking the child's homework diary and any homework listed in SEQTA
- taking an interest in assignments, checking results and noting teacher comments
- contacting the class teacher with any specific queries about homework
- encouraging a homework / study routine and providing rewards such as verbal praise or television time, for the completion of study even when there is no set homework, since there is always extra reading or learning which can be done.

HOW MUCH HOMEWORK AND STUDY SHOULD A STUDENT DO?

The amount and complexity of homework and study vary according to the Year level. Students should be aware that there may be times of pressure, as different teachers and subjects give varying amounts of homework. Students need to be able to balance homework and study with after-school and weekend leisure activities.

Generally, the following amount of time for homework is recommended from Monday to Friday:

Year 7	Approximately ½ – 1 hour per night	2.5 – 5 hours per week
Year 8	Approximately 1 hour per night	5 hours per week
Year 9	Approximately 1.5 hours per night	7.5 hours per week
Year 10	Approximately 2 hours per night	10 hours per week
Year 11	Approximately 2.5 hours per night	12.5 hours per week
Year 12	Approximately 3 hours per night	15 hours per week

The exact amount of time will depend on the individual ability of the student, the student's subject combination, how the student is progressing and the difficulty level of the course.