

Homework Policy

Policy Statement

At Westall Secondary College staff and students work together where the atmosphere is one of learning and development, mutual respect and co-operation. Enhancement of learning continues through the completion of homework as it provides the opportunity for students to:

- review and practise what has been taught in class during the day;
- explore subjects in greater depth than is allowed by class time;
- complete unfinished classroom tasks;
- carry out preparatory work for the next class;
- develop independence, self-discipline and responsibility;
- develop good study habits;

The homework program also enables parents/carers to involve themselves directly in the learning program.

Guidelines

1.1 **Parents/Carers** can assist students in their homework program by providing students with a quiet space to do homework:

- ensuring students keep a homework diary and checking that homework is completed
- encouraging a daily session to examine and complete homework
- discussing key questions or suggested resources to help with homework
- helping to balance the time spent between homework and recreational activities
- asking how homework and class work is progressing, and celebrating success
- talking to teachers about any homework problems
- checking if homework has been set
- being familiar with set texts
- discussing student responses to set texts

1.2 **Students** can take responsibility for their learning by:

- using their diary to record all homework tasks
- checking that all required resources are taken home
- setting an established time and place for homework and study
- avoiding distractions like television, phone, internet and headphone usage
- completing work to an acceptable standard and within the set timeline
- editing and proof reading all work
- asking for help when needed
- attending homework club

1.3 **Teachers** should set homework that :

- is appropriate to the student's needs
- is respectful of recreational, family and cultural activities
- has purpose, meaning and is relevant to the curriculum
- is varied and can include practice exercises,

Program

Teachers, Parents and Students will work together to ensure students develop and participate in an effective homework program

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completing classwork, extension exercises or preparatory work

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1.3.1 Teachers can help by:

- assisting students to develop home study routines
- developing students' organisational and time-management skills
- giving students enough time to complete the work
- making effective use of homework diaries
- checking work and providing feedback and support that may include consequences
- by directing them to the Homework Club

2.0 DEECD recommended time allocations:

Year 7, 8 and 9: 45-90 minutes per night (on average).

Years 10 to 12: 1-3 hours per week night (up to 6 hours on weekends during peak VCE periods.)

In addition all students should allot time for independent reading.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/guidelines.aspx>

Links

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3 year cycle or as required by developments in relevant legislation.

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