



HEATLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

HOMework POLICY

At Heatley Secondary College, there is no such thing as “NO HOMEWORK”

Homework helps students establish a routine of regular, independent study, as well as opportunity to consolidate their classroom learning.

While it is important that students develop good study habits and the ability to plan and use their time efficiently, it is equally important that they have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation, cultural and employment where appropriate.

Student Responsibilities

Homework and study are part of a student's daily routine. Students are expected to:

- Use their planner, in conjunction with their assessment calendar, to organise daily, weekly and monthly task completion
- Bring their planner to school every day and record each lesson's homework
- Check their planner either the night before or the following morning and use it to pack the equipment and books that will be needed for the day's lessons
- Have their planner signed weekly by a parent or caregiver

Parents/Caregivers can support their student by

- Providing an appropriate location, preferably away from TV and other distractions
- Encouraging them to organise their time and take responsibility for their learning
- Helping them to balance the amount of time spent completing homework, watching television, playing sport and engaging in other recreational activities
- Contacting the relevant teacher to discuss any concerns

Guidelines

While all students will be given homework, the amount of time devoted to homework and independent study will vary according to year level, course of study and learning needs. Variables will include:

- The nature of the subject
- The balance of assignment work to practical work required in the subject
- The individual student's aptitude for the subject

REMEMBER: IT IS THE QUALITY OF THE TIME THAT COUNTS

Homework may include

- Consolidation exercises and practice for mastery
- Revision of current class work
- Preparation for new classroom learning (reading of set text, novel, etc)
- Assignment completion, preparation for oral presentations
- Research, including internet research
- Working on Education Perfect (see below)

Education Perfect is an online learning tool that Heatley Secondary College is integrating into its curriculum. Students will need access to a laptop, iPad or smart phone to access the program. Teachers will assign Education Perfect tasks, or students can access the program independently.

Homework and Tutorial Support

Homework and tutorial support is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for students to access computers or get support with homework or upcoming assessment.