

Homework Policy Secondary Campus

Homework provides students with the opportunity to consolidate their classroom learning and to develop lifelong independent study skills. The setting of homework must take into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle.

Homework is:

- Work that enhances student learning and is clearly related to class work
- Purposeful and relevant to students needs
- Appropriate to the phase of learning (middle and senior)
- Appropriate to the capability of the student
- Develops the student's independence as a learner
- Work that allows for student commitment to recreational, employment, family and cultural activities.
- Revision and reflection of activities to consolidate learning
- Applying knowledge and skills in new contexts
- Pursuing knowledge individually and imaginatively
- Preparing for forthcoming classroom learning

Homework includes the extension, review and revision of classwork, independent reading, assignments and research. Study also includes preparation for future lessons. Each faculty and subject will have its own requirements for the type of homework that will be set. For further information, please consult with the class teacher or relevant Head of Department.

Homework Responsibilities – Teachers

Teachers help students establish a routine of regular, independent study by:

- ensuring their school's homework policy is implemented
- setting and monitoring homework on a regular basis
- clearly communicating the purpose, benefits and expectations of all homework.
- checking homework regularly and provide timely and useful feedback.
- using homework that is varied, challenging and directly related to class work and appropriate to students' learning needs.

Homework Responsibilities – Students

Student's need to take responsibility for their own learning by:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- maintaining a diary to record homework tasks in
- discussing with their parents or caregivers homework expectations
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage a variety of life pursuits including home obligations, participation in physical activity, sports, recreational, cultural activities and part-time employment.
- revise their homework and classwork regularly to enhance their understanding and learning

Amount of Homework

Years 7 - 9

Homework in Year 7, 8 and 9 could be up to but generally not more than **5 hours per week**. Emphasis on homework should be on Core subjects and given at least once per week.

Students should be setting aside a minimum of 10 hours per week for homework, assignments and independent study.

Years 10 – 12

It is anticipated that students will complete homework on a regular basis. Emphasis on homework should be on Authority (OP) subjects for Year 12 students and given at least once per week. Year 11 students studying on the New Senior system should create and stick to a regular study schedule to ensure they keep up with the rigours of the assessment requirements.

The amount of time devoted to homework and independent study will vary according to the student's learning needs and individual program of learning.

While teachers may provide students with additional work relevant to their learning, which the student may undertake at home, young people during this phase should generally be independent learners exercising their own judgement as to the out-of-hours time they devote to their studies. Of course, care should be taken to ensure a **balance** is maintained between the various demands of study, sporting, cultural, recreational and part-time employment activities.

Homework in Years 10 to 12 could be up to but generally not more than **10 hours per week**

Special Education Students

Redlynch State College is an inclusive school that recognises the need for students with a verified disability to have negotiated homework. Special Education teachers will liaise with parents/carers and staff to assess the appropriateness and the type of homework to be required of individual students.