



## HOMEWORK AND HOME STUDY POLICY

Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows students to practice, extend and consolidate work completed in class. It also provides students with opportunities to develop planning and time management skills and in using information resources. It also allows students to establish study habits and self-discipline. Mount Waverley Secondary College expects students to further develop and consolidate independent learning skills by completing homework tasks.

Homework develops and extends on the work completed during class time and provides opportunities to strengthen the partnership between the college and home. It also provides parents/carers with insights into what is being taught at school. Homework expectations are also included in the student planner distributed at the beginning of the year. If students do not complete their homework on a regular basis this will be followed up with parents.

Homework has a positive effect on learning and is an important part of reinforcing the concepts introduced during class, it also plays a significant role in building work ethic, self-discipline and responsibility.

At Mount Waverley Secondary 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.
- provide opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- provide opportunities for students to apply new knowledge
- provide opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons
- encourage students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- foster good lifelong learning and study habits

Teachers at the college set regular homework. Where possible, homework tasks will be coordinated across different subjects and faculties to ensure students are still able to balance their school and other external commitments.

- appropriate to the student's age and skill level
  - purposeful and relevant to the curriculum
  - assessed and checked by teachers with feedback for improvement when required
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Time spent on homework is dependent on the age of the child and the academic demands of the year level. While the amount of homework may vary over the course of the year it is generally expected that students should allow the following time to complete homework and home study. It is recommended that students complete the homework in a timely manner and to the best of their ability, the student planner will assist students in managing and prioritising tasks and study.

Years 7 & 8	1-2 hours per night
Year 9	2 hours per night
Year 10	2 – 2.5 hours per night
Year 11	2.5 – 3 hours per night
Year 12	3 – 4 hours per night

\* Students may also complete homework and home study at the weekend during some times of the year.

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

In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is imp-1314vf\*522.9678.35 0.47998 0.47998 ref\* EMC /P AM.

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