



# Home Study (Homework)

## *A Guide for Students, Parents and Carers*

### 1. Purpose

Home Study is an essential part of the learning journey at our College. It is designed to help students grow both academically and personally. By engaging in Home Study, students:

- Strengthen Learning: Practice and build on what was taught in class.
- Build Independence: Develop personal responsibility and self-discipline.
- Create Connections: Help parents and carers stay involved in the student's learning journey.
- Develop Life Skills: Improve organization, resilience, and time-management.
- Prepare for the Future: Build the habits required for success in VCE, VCE VM, and beyond.
- Reflect Our Values: Demonstrate excellence and stewardship of their own talents.

### 2. Definition

Home Study refers to structured learning activities undertaken outside scheduled class time. It consists of:

- **Homework** – Specific tasks or assignments by teachers.
- **Study** – Independent revision, reading, and preparation that students do on their own to master their subjects.

Teachers are responsible for explicitly teaching students how to engage in effective independent study, particularly in Years 7–9 where these habits are being formed.

### 3. What to expect from Teachers

When teachers assign Home Study, they will ensure that it:

- Is purposeful and clearly linked to what students are learning in class.
- Has clear instructions and explains what “success” looks like.
- Is realistic in terms of time and workload.
- Considers student access to technology and resources.
- Is never just “busywork,” but has a clear learning goal.

## 4. Types of Home Study

Your child may be asked to complete different types of tasks:

### Practice Exercises

Used to consolidate and reinforce learning:

- Completion of classwork
- Skill-based exercises
- Reading and writing tasks
- Revision activities

### Preparatory Home Study

Used to prepare students for upcoming lessons:

- Background reading
- Research tasks
- Text preparation
- Revision for tests and assessments

### Extension Activities

Used to deepen learning:

- Inquiry-based tasks
- Project work
- Creative or analytical responses
- Self-directed research
- Engagement with current affairs

## 5. Time Allocation Guidelines

To ensure a healthy balance between school, family, and rest, we recommend the following weekly totals (including weekends):

<b>Year Level</b>	<b>Hours per Week</b>
Year 7	6–7 hours ≈ 60 minutes per night
Year 8	7–8 hours ≈ 70 minutes per night
Year 9	8–9 hours ≈ 80 minutes per night
Year 10	10–11 hours ≈ 90 minutes per night
Year 11	15–19 hours ≈ 2.5 hours per night
Year 12	20–24 hours ≈ 3 hours per night

**Note:** These times are averages. During peak assessment periods, senior students may need to dedicate more time to their studies.

## 6. Feedback and Monitoring

- **Checking Progress:** Teachers will monitor homework and provide feedback to help students improve.
- **Communication:** If a student is consistently struggling to complete work, teachers will contact parents/ carers to discuss how we can support the student through our Academic Intervention Process.
- **Quality Matters:** We value the effort and quality of the work over simple completion.

## 7. What Happens if Work is Not Submitted?

We have high expectations for our students to help them succeed.

- **Deadlines:** If work is late or incomplete, school assessment procedures will apply.
- **Proactive Communication:** If a student cannot meet a deadline due to illness or family circumstances, they are encouraged to speak with their teacher before the due date.
- **Support:** Repeated non-submission will result in a conversation between the school and home to identify any barriers to learning.

## 8. Technology and Wellbeing

- **Balance:** We recognize that our students have busy lives involving sports, arts, and family time. Home Study should be challenging but manageable.
- **Equity:** If a student does not have reliable internet or a device at home, the College will work with the family to ensure they are not disadvantaged.
- **Inclusion:** Adjustments are made for students with additional learning needs to ensure they can participate fully and feel successful.

## 9. How Parents and Carers Can Help

You can support your child's Home Study by:

1. **Providing a Space:** Helping them find a quiet, well-lit place to work.
2. **Encouraging Routine:** Helping them set a regular time for study each night.
3. **Staying Informed:** Checking their child's compass for upcoming tasks.
4. **Promoting Balance:** Ensuring they take breaks and get enough sleep.

## 10. Professional Accountability

The Deputy Principal (Learning) oversees the implementation of this policy. This document should be read in conjunction with:

- Assessment & Reporting Policy
- Child Safety & Wellbeing Policies
- Student Digital Technology Policies