
Home Learning Policy

BASIC BELIEFS

It is expected that teachers at Yarrawonga Secondary College will set home learning and that this work will be completed by students in a set time frame. Home learning includes work to be completed overnight or in the short term, revision of class notes and pre-reading for new work.

AIMS

- To demonstrate to students that home learning is a valuable aspect of the learning process and especially important in developing sound study habits.
- To reinforce concepts and skills developed in the classroom.
- To help complete courses of study and allow students to catch up on work.
- To help develop background knowledge for topics of study.
- To reinforce that home learning is essential in preparation for tests and exams.
- To reinforce that regular home learning habits develop the following desirable qualities: self-motivation, self-discipline, time management, priorities.

GUIDELINES FOR ACTION

- Work in a particular subject - set especially for homework - will have priority over assignments and other work set over a longer period of time.
- Work may be set to be done at home to complete tasks started in class.
- Home study of class material may be set in preparation for a test.
- Reading of novels and library books may be set.
- Students may be asked to use home time to organise notes, handouts and other material.
- Realistic and clearly understood completion dates should be set for all home learning tasks.
- Home learning should not be set without a purpose and require resources available to all students.
- Tasks should be collected on the set date and be corrected or acknowledged in a way that shows that the school regards such work as worthwhile.
- Students will be made aware that substantial home learning is an essential part of the Learning process.

The following times per night/per week are recommended: (including weekends)

Year	7	8	9	10	11	12
Session Length	1 hour	1 hour	1.5 hours	1.5 hours	2.0 hours	2.5 – 3.0 hours
Per Week	3 – 5 hrs	4 – 6 hrs	5 – 7 hrs	8 – 10 hrs	10 – 15 hrs	15 – 18 hrs

The College planner should be used for recording home learning. Parents should check the planner regularly and ensure the time allotted is used effectively.

The provision of a quiet working area is important. Parents should feel free to contact subject teachers via the YLC if there are any problems with home learning or school work in general. It is important that all key stakeholders link into proactive and positive structures so students can be best supported in this strategy.

STUDENTS WILL ALWAYS HAVE SOME HOME LEARNING THAT IS ABLE TO BE COMPLETED.