



MANJIMUP SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

Students who wish to achieve their best possible academic outcomes must plan their home study program carefully.

Why should we do homework?

- To consolidate work done in class. (Research clearly indicates that revision and reflection of work done during the school day increases retention of learning by converting it from the short term to the long term memory.)
- To give students the opportunity to extend their knowledge with self directed learning activities. e.g. investigations, assignments.
- To give students the opportunity to identify what they don't understand.
- To hone organisational skills.
- To establish work habits for success in Upper School and further study.
- To reinforce the concept that learning is life long and does not only take place at school.

Work at home includes the following.

1. Assignments set by the teachers which might include such things as:
 - essays
 - set reading
 - completion of class work
 - investigations
 - activities
2. The student's own study should include:
 - regular reviewing of notes, text books, exercises.
 - the making of summaries.
 - background reading.
 - preparation for tests and examinations.
 - organising notes and files.

The time which needs to be spent on homework varies but the following is given as a guideline for an average student to achieve satisfactory outcomes.

Year Week	Time Allocation	Per
8	1 hour	5.0 hours
9	1.5 hours	7.5 hours
10	2 hours	10 hours
11	2.5 hours	12.5 hours
12	3 hours	15 hours

Students

- Students need to allocate their homework time across all their areas of learning.
- If no set homework is given by the teacher, students should allocate that time to study for that subject.
- The physical and social development of a student is also important and the time for study must cater for these interests.
- Students are advised to draw up a timetable for their homework and to keep a record of what they are doing in their homework diary.

Parents

- Parents can assist by providing a comfortable, quiet area in which to study (good light, a desk and chair) and encourage students to allocate regular homework time.
- Parents who take an interest in student's homework help facilitate good study and learning patterns.
- Parents are invited to show interest in their children's efforts by checking their homework diary. If there are any concerns, they should be discussed with the learning area teacher or the Year Coordinator.

Teachers

- All staff are encouraged to give regular homework.
- Homework should be marked within one week of submission.
- Students should be given time during the lesson to record their homework accurately in their Homework Diary.
- If students do not complete homework, teachers should communicate this to parents.
- Homework demands should take into consideration commitments from other learning areas.