

HOMework POLICY

Rationale

Homework is a critical part to a student achieving success at Mount Lawley Senior High School. Homework is not just work set by the teacher at the end of a day's lesson; its scope is much wider and should form part of our students' comprehensive study program. Homework is a combination of skill consolidation, effective study planning, the practising of new skills, ensuring the completion of the day's success criteria, and the development of effective time management skills.

A commitment to homework and study is an essential part of a student's learning program if they are to succeed at school. Student progress is dependent on three-way communication and cooperation between students, teachers and parents. A home study program gives parents a greater opportunity to be part of their child's education.

Guidelines

Research demonstrates that, in the high school context, homework has many benefits. Homework develops sound independent study habits that will enhance learning skills and reinforce concepts covered in class. Whilst the actual amount of time spent on homework may vary depending on the type of subject being studied and the student's interest in that subject, it is recommended that most subjects are reviewed at home.

The following table is a guideline for the time allocated to homework:

Year of Study	Suggested time allocation for homework
7	45 minutes per night.
8	60 minutes per night.
9	75 minutes per night.
10	90 minutes per night
11	100 minutes per night.
12	120 minutes per night.

Homework Club

Mount Lawley Senior High School operates a Homework Club for all students in the Library twice a week. The club is staffed by teachers who can provide students with additional help. This activity is supported and funded by the P&C Association.

Diary

All students receive a Mount Lawley Senior High School diary paid for by the P&C Association. This is an important tool for organising homework and assessments and provides advice and support strategies for completing these. It also acts a means of communication with parents/carers and a reference point for important policy and student information.