

KELMSCOTT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Homework Policy

Kelmscott SHS takes the view that homework is a critical part of the learning program for all students, although the commitment and complexity can vary with the needs of students and their phase of development. Consequently the expectation for a Year 12 WACE student is different from that of a Year 9 student and in turn is different again from that of a Year 11 VET student.

'Homework' is a generic term; it describes any of the following:

- set homework
- continuing with project work
- finishing class work
- preparing ahead
- preparation of study notes
- memory work on notes
- self-testing for assessments
- reading and/or researching
- organisation of files and the
- practice of new skills

Homework may support levels of student achievement by extending the time available for students to consolidate skills and concepts learned at school. All educational research shows that such consolidation increases both long and short-term retention of facts, concepts and processes. Homework is an opportunity for teachers to monitor student progress and can also assist in keeping parents informed about a student's learning program and progress.

Kelmscott SHS students are expected to work approximately five nights per week and can never say they have nothing to do. Students in English, Humanities & Social Sciences, Mathematics and Science will usually expect homework three to four times per week from these subjects. However in some cases the work set may be of a project nature and extend over a number of nights. The expectation is that teachers of other subjects, which are not practically based, will also set homework on a regular basis.

Parents should contact their child's subject teacher if they have any concerns about homework. Regular checks of homework diaries also help to solve this problem. Noting that homework requirements will vary, the following may be used as a guide:

Recommended amount of study –per week	
Year 7	5 hours
Year 8	5-8 hours
Year 9	8-10 hours
Year 10	8-12 hours
Year 11 & 12 ATAR	3 - 4 hours per ATAR course
Year 11 & 12 General / Certificate	1 - 2 hours per non-ATAR course

Please note that there will always be critical times when some courses require significantly more than this.

All students are encouraged to establish a home study routine and timetable/program that suits their needs. By expecting regular homework students are made responsible for managing their particular study program so that the workload does not become unmanageable and impinge unreasonably on leisure/family time.

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