

HOMWORK GUIDELINES

Galston High School is NOT a homework free zone. Galston High School supports homework and recognises the role homework and assignments play in the learning process. Teachers, students and parents/carers should be aware of their responsibilities in relation to homework as outlined in this policy. Homework and study are important parts of learning.

Study vs Homework

Homework is assigned by the teacher to reinforce the knowledge and skills that students learn in the classroom. These activities allow for extra practice, so that students can refine your skills and knowledge in a particular area.

Studying is independently revising the material learned in class. Many students think of studying as something that is done only to prepare for an exam; however, studying is best conducted regularly to make sure you understand all the concepts you are learning in class. You are expected to use your own **initiative and time management skills to plan ahead for this.** Use the information that is provided in this booklet and your calendar to plan time to complete additional study. Studying can include making flashcards, taking detailed notes, making outlines, and reading.

Students are encouraged to utilise the tools provided by Galston High School to help manage their time. At the end of **Assessment Manuals**, students have an overview of when all assessments are due; time is spent in **classes and in Pastoral Care on tools for effective study and how to manage time.** Your **School Diary** also has planning tools for homework and study

Types of homework activities

- Working on an assessment task
- Working on a homework task
- Mathspace activities
- Education Perfect activities (Yrs 7 - 10)
- Revising spelling
- Revising/reading over/summarising the day's notes
- Reading a novel
- EDROLO (Years 11-12)
- DuoLingo activities

Undertaking homework enables students to:

- Manage workload
- Overcome procrastination
- Develop resilience
- Set goals
- Manage stress

Students roles and responsibilities in relation to Homework

Students have a responsibility to complete homework as part of their course work and to apply themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school. Homework assists students to develop independent study and time management skills.

Teachers roles and responsibilities in relation to Homework

- Homework will be educationally beneficial and meet the realistic expectations of students, teachers, parents and caregivers.
- Homework will be a purposeful learning experience which consolidates and/ or enriches the curriculum.
- Teachers will set work for home study. This provides opportunities for consolidation, practice, reflection, revision, research, writing, investigating, reading and enrichment and extension activities.

- Teachers will give clear guidelines on what is expected in terms of purpose, time allocation, processes, product and marking criteria
- Teachers will keep records of work completed.
- Teachers will notify parents if homework/assignments are repeatedly unsatisfactory or not completed.

Homework for students in the Hub

Parents / care providers with students enrolled in the Hub, will be advised by their class teacher of homework requirements for students in Hub Lessons. Homework goals and expectations will also be negotiated at Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings.

Students from the Hub participating in mainstream classes will be required to meet the homework and assessment requirements of the mainstream class teachers.

Recommended time for homework

Galston High School homework guideline suggestion - Ten minutes for every school year per night:

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 | Year 12 |
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| 70 minutes | 80 minutes | 90 minutes | 100 minutes | 110 minutes | 120 minutes |

Homework Club

- Homework Club runs **every Wednesday from 3.30 to 4.30pm in the library.**
- Homework Club is a learning environment you can go to do quiet homework and / or study or get help from teachers to work on assignments.
- Homework Club is a great way to get into a regular pattern of homework / study in a focussed and supported environment.

Numeracy

Numeracy is important for individuals to **develop logical thinking and reasoning strategies** in their everyday activities. We need numeracy to **solve problems and make sense of numbers, time, patterns and shapes for activities like cooking, reading receipts, reading instructions and even playing sport.**

To assist with the development of Numeracy, in addition to class work and homework set by the class teacher, students are encouraged to use **Mathspace 30 minutes a week.** This is accessed via www.mathspace.co using the students' unique logon. Students should seek assistance from their class teacher if they forget their username or password.

30/30 Literacy@home

30/30 literacy@home is a strategy to improve your literacy skills through regular practice and contact with texts. 30/30 means **30 minutes of reading per day and 30 minutes of Education Perfect (English) per week.**

Suggestions for 30 minutes of reading each day:

- Read a fiction or non-fiction book from the library or from home
- Check out what books are available in the library through Oliver. Access Oliver through the Student Portal.
- Do not forget to add what you read to the Premiers Reading challenge



