



Homework Policy

Rationale

At Southern Cross District High School it is our belief that homework can add value to the school curriculum when focussed on consolidating skills, concepts and understanding. However, the benefit of homework does not come from the pages of unrelated photocopied worksheets or unreasonable levels of parental assistance. At Southern Cross District High School it is expected that the homework/practise will relate directly to the learning and teaching programs appropriate to the developmental needs of the student. Teachers will ensure that the individual classroom homework procedures are communicated clearly to parents and students.

Students are responsible for:

- Making sure they understand clearly what has to be done, when it is due in, and any other details- if in doubt, ask the teacher
- Recording all homework accurately in their homework diary or reading record
- Organising their time so that each subject receives a fair share of the time available
- Contacting the form teacher if they experience difficulty managing their homework requirements
- When homework has not been issued students may use home study time to revise, summarise or extend the learning that has taken place at school. (Some study skills will be taught to the students)

Parents can support students by:

- Giving children the opportunity to play and relax after school
- Providing a suitable environment (a desk, adequate lighting and ventilation and if at all possible, a private area that is free from interruptions)
- Reducing distractions such as televisions and mobile phones
- Taking an interest in assignments, checking results and noting teacher comments
- Contacting the class teacher with any specific queries about homework
- Encouraging a homework and study routine and providing rewards such as verbal praise or television time, for the completion of study even when there is no set homework, since there is always extra reading or learning which can be done

How much homework and study should a student do?

The amount and complexity of homework and study vary according to the stage of study. Students need to balance homework and study with after school and weekend leisure activities.

Generally the following is recommended each day from Monday to Thursday:

PP-2: up to 20 mins

Yr 3-6: up to 30 mins

Yr 7/8: 1 hour

Yr 9/10: 1 1/2 hours

The exact amount of time will depend upon individual ability of the student and how the student is progressing.

Homework Club:

Secondary students are encouraged to make use of the Homework Club on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15 – 4.15pm. Students in Year 3 – Year 6 may also have the opportunity to attend Homework Club.



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(Please sign and return this section to your child's classroom teacher)

My child and I have read, understood and signed the Southern Cross District High School

Student Name

Parent/Caregiver Name

Form Teacher Name

Student Signature

Parent/caregiver Signature

Form Teacher Signature

Date

Date

Date