



# NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

## HOMWORK POLICY

### Homework

Homework bridges the gap between learning at school and learning at home. It reinforces work done in class. It helps develop skills such as research and time management. Homework helps to establish the habits of study, concentration and self discipline.

The basic rules of homework are that it:

- Is appropriate for each student's age and ability
- Takes into account students' other commitments such as sport, part-time employment and home responsibilities
- Takes into account technology such as email and internet so that students without access are not disadvantaged.

There are three types of homework:

1. **Practice exercises** which help students to remember and practice newly acquired skills such as memorising mathematical tables, practising spelling words, writing essays, reading and viewing for pleasure and relaxation.
2. **Preparatory homework** which requires students to source and read background information to prepare them for future lessons on a specific subject.
3. **Assessments/Assignments** which encourage students to pursue knowledge individually and / or in groups. Assessments/Assignments may include writing a book review, researching local news or retrieving items from the internet, and critically analysing the evaluating essay questions.

In years 7 – 12, homework is set on a regular basis in most subjects. As students move into senior years, the homework and study demands will increase. However, students may be able to, at times, negotiate the amount, type and time frame of their homework.

Each student should set aside time each day for homework and if possible, have a dedicated space for homework and study.

### Homework Timetable Guide

Years 7 & 8	1 hour - 1 hour 30 minutes per night
Years 9 & 10	1 hour 30 minutes - 2 hours per night
Years 11 & 12	2 hours 30 minutes - 3 hours per night

**NOTE: Each student should read and take an interest in current events.**

The Board of Studies (BOS) recommends that Senior Students do two (2) hours of study per week for each subject they have undertaken. This is in addition to homework and assessment tasks