



WERRIBEE SECONDARY COLLEGE

Wyndham's International High School

POLICY:**HOMESTUDY (2017)**

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Homestudy is an important part of independent learning for students and provides a foundation for further study; it is used as a way to reinforce and augment the learning undertaken in classes. Homestudy positively influences student attitudes towards learning, attentiveness in the classroom, perceptions of the 'quality of school life' and overall achievement.

Homestudy may be specifically prescribed by teachers or undertaken by the student as part of their on-going work at the College. Where possible, prescribed Homestudy should be timed to allow students to manage Homestudy amongst their other responsibilities and interests; students should be encouraged to develop and use a Homestudy Schedule.

Appropriate **types of Homestudy** may include:

- completing unfinished work from class
- reading of set novels
- revision of the work of the day
- establishing and maintaining study notes for subject's tests/exams.
- project or assignment work
- preparation for the next day's lessons
- study for tests
- additional work to address areas of concern
- in addition, at least 20 minutes wide reading per night for Year 7 and 8 students.

It should be noted that revision of class work should form a major component of Homestudy.

The Electronic Planner and College PORTAL are vital tools in monitoring aspects of student achievement, including Homestudy. As a guide, the average **amount of Homestudy** expected to be undertaken by students varies as follows:

Year 71¼ hours per night (6¼ hours per week)
Year 81½ hours per night (7½ hours per week)
Year 91¾ hours per night (8¼ hours per week)
Year 102 hours per night (10 hours per week)
Year 112½ hours per night (usually about 12½ hours per week)
Year 123 hours per night (usually about 15 hours per week)

It is expected that students will have an appropriate working space / opportunity to complete their Homestudy at home.

The College will support Homestudy e.g. a library which is open outside of class time, study areas in the yard, homework clubs, peer tutoring and broadband connectivity.

For specific supports provided to students see the Fact Sheet: Supporting Families.