



# Homework Policy

"Donald High School is a Child Safe School"

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## Purpose of homework

The setting of formal and informal homework is seen to be important in developing the following:

- time management skills
- organisational skills
- the consolidation of knowledge and skills learnt in class
- independent learning
- the ability to prioritise tasks

## General Guidelines

1. A reasonable amount of formal homework will be set for all students.  
Years 7-8 – 3 hours per week.  
Years 9-10 – 4 hours per week.  
Year 11 – 8 hours per week (unless doing a Year 12 subject)
2. A reasonable period of time will be allowed for completing it.
3. Parents are requested to check homework is done at home and to give reasonable help when necessary.
4. Homework needs to be the independent work of the student. Copying of other students' work will be heavily penalised.
5. Teacher will check, acknowledge and record completed homework.
6. The Student Diary will be used by parents and teachers to record information about homework.
7. Teacher will expect students to finish off work or to catch up missed work from time to time.
8. Teachers will give an indication of the approximate time a homework task will take.
9. Parents and students may request additional homework or study activities in any subject and teachers will arrange it.
10. If homework is not done by the due date without an adequate reason then the work will be done in detention classes (individual teachers may deduct marks for late work).
11. No homework will be set during term holidays and public holidays for students in Years 7 -10.