

# **HOMEWORK AND STUDY**

## **The Importance of Homework**

Strathmore Secondary College regards homework as a vital component of every student's education. Specifically, homework is used:

- to develop in students a responsibility for their school work;
- to facilitate the development of organisational skills and good work habits;
- to enable parent / carer - child communication;
- as a means of communication between the College and parents / carers, especially to enable parents / carers to see what is being taught;
- to complement and reinforce what is done in class;
- to develop research skills; and
- to foster independent learning.

## **Requirements / Expectations**

1. A student will good organisation of time and resources should average:  
Year 7: 1 - 1 ½ hours per night                      Year 8: 1 ½ hours per night  
Year 9: 1 ½ hours per night                              Year 10: 2 hours per night  
Year 11: 3 - 4 hours per night                          Year 12: 4 - 5 hours per night.
2. The College realises that students may have evening and / or weekend commitments and therefore appreciates the need for flexibility. Generally tasks for Year 7 will not be given and expected to be finished by the next school day. The major exception to this will be Mathematics in which students may be required to spend a small amount of time to complete exercises begun in class. Older students may be required to complete overnight tasks (eg. practice exams) but generally submission / completion dates will enable students to have a reasonable time to finish homework tasks.
3. The Study Planner is designed to facilitate the organisation of homework. It is not a personal diary and is not to be graffitied. It is an important adjunct to the work program.

## **Nature of Homework Tasks**

The nature of homework tasks will vary considerably from subject to subject. The following is a list of some of the tasks that students may be required to do at home:

- completion of class work
- writing up / recording practical work completed in class
- revision; preparing for tests
- research
- instrumental music practice ( 20 - 30 minutes three nights per week)
- practice in oral work (LOTE)
- drawing from observation (Art)
- collecting pictures, newspaper articles, magazines, objects etc for classroom activities.

Even if a student has not been given a formal homework task, he / she should devote some time to reading for general knowledge and pleasure.

## **The Role of Parents in Homework**

- take an active interest in class work and set homework
- ensure there is a study area free of distractions, especially TV, the radio and the telephone
- develop a regular study time
- check the Study Planner each week
- encourage your child to read newspapers and books for pleasure
- ask your child about what he / she has read

- discuss current media issues.