



## Homework

### What is Homework?

The main goal of homework at Mackay Christian College is the development of positive work and study habits. Homework provides training in the skills of time management, goal setting and problem solving. It also develops positive personal development in self discipline, persistence, responsibility, integrity, commitment, and delayed self gratification. Two secondary objectives are to provide teachers with revision work completed, or attempted and to provide parents with a window into work being covered and student progress.

*Colossians 3:23*

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord not for men.*

Homework is a vital part of a successful student's study program and is required of all students as part of the school curriculum. Students are to assume responsibility themselves for knowing what homework they have and also for completing it. Parents can assist with this by checking the Student Diaries where students are required to record what homework has been set.

### Types of Homework?

**SET HOMEWORK:** Work that is set from day to day and is to be done before the next lesson for that subject; or an assignment that must be completed before a set date.

**STUDY HOMEWORK:** Which is learning or revision work. It may involve reading or learning notes; making summaries or researching additional information. It is very important that you study regularly in a subject even if it is not set homework.

### How should I organise my Homework?

As a general guideline, students should be doing homework each night, and occasionally extra for assignments, in preparation of exams, etc. Success with homework and study depends on establishing a routine which includes a place to study, a set time to study, and a well-designed timetable.

### Place

1. Quiet and free from distractions such as TV, radio etc.
2. If possible set a specific area aside for homework.
3. Good light will help avoid unnecessary tiredness.

### Time

Students should spend approximately up to the following amount of time each day doing homework/home study.

Year 6: 45min

Year 7 & 8: 45min - 1 hour

Year 9 & 10: 1 - 1½ hours

Year 11 & 12: 1½ - 2 hours

The quality use of time is most important. The time spent should be productive. Make your time count by concentrating and using active, rather than passive, learning activities.

Parents should indicate in the Student Diary when a child makes a reasonable attempt but has not produced a completed assignment or task to demonstrate the effort expended.