



Homework Policy

The purpose of homework is to revise the learning that occurs during lessons. It is also about building knowledge and skills that are acquired over the weeks and terms of the school year. Extra study time at home and completing set work is very positive and builds good study habits which result in taking greater responsibility for your own learning.

Homework and study comes in many forms. It may involve completing lesson or assignment work. It could also be completing a text book exercise, revision sheet, vocabulary sheet, summarizing work, completing a project or studying for a test. You could also be advised to sit for a class test or whole year exam during tutoring hours at school, or to catch up on work missed through illness or extra-curricular activities that have taken you out of the classroom.

In the case of Mathematics, all students have access to the web based *Mathletics* program which has been funded by PSP. Access is available at school and at home. Each student is allotted activities to be completed which supplement the curriculum being taught in class. This program provides students, both with the opportunity to gain valuable assistance by utilising 'support' zone and complete mini tasks to consolidate their knowledge

Home Work Diary

All students in Years 7 – 12 are expected to use their homework diary and take it to every lesson. The diary helps you organise your homework and assignment commitments. All students at Mount Austin High School are issued with a diary as part of our PSP literacy strategy.

Home Work Expectations

All students are required to do some form of homework and there is no such thing as 'no homework.' This means that even if you haven't been given any written homework there is always something to complete or revise.

One important responsibility for all students is to make sure workbooks are up-to-date and that facts and formulas are recorded sequentially for revision purposes.

In Years 10 – 12 you will be required to read ahead with set texts so that you will be prepared for class discussion. You may make note of facts or concepts that you will need to seek further clarification on with your teachers. This is in addition to compulsory assessment tasks that cover course requirements which will require you to keep to assessment schedules set by your teachers.

As well as a homework diary, students are encouraged to develop their own study timetable. This will help ensure that commitments outside of school such as part time work, sport or social occasions etc, will not interfere with your study program. There are a number of teachers at the school who can assist in the development and management of your study timetable.

8 steps to homework success:

- **Establish a routine** - set aside a particular time each day for study and revision and stick to it. Be disciplined and remember the hardest part is starting.
- **Create a study environment that works for you** – away from noise and distractions
- **Set a timetable** - a timetable enables you to cover all your subjects in an organised way.
- **Reward yourself for studying** – by meeting with friends, watching a favourite TV show etc
- **Have variety in your study program** - Study different subjects each day and do different types of work and revision in each study session.
- **Test yourself on what you have studied** - ask your parents or family members to quiz you on what you have learnt.
- **Don't panic at exam time** - If you have followed a study routine and have been revising your class work, there should be no need to worry.
- **Ask your teachers for guidance** - especially if you're having trouble - whether it's grasping a new concept or understanding something you learnt earlier in the year.

Tutorial Centre

The school has a tutorial centre open every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:15 – 4:15 where students can access, computers, staff, library books and other resources to help them with homework, assignments, study or revision.

Recommended Hours

- Years 7 & 8 approximately 4 - 6 hours per week.
- Years 9 & 10 approximately 6 – 10 hours per week.
- Years 11 & 12 approximately 10 – 15* hours per week.

** If you are intending to achieve a Band 6 in your subjects 15 hours per week would be the recommended minimum time required.*