

**THE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL
HOME STUDY/HOMEWORK POLICY**

This policy is aligned with the Department of Education and Early Childhood, Homework Guidelines, available at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/referenceguide/curric/3_23.htm

EXPECTATIONS

University High School's Home Study and Homework Policy is designed to support student learning and assist in educational programs. Home study is an important part of schooling, and helps to establish sound study and work habits and organisational skills that will assist with VCE and further studies. Home study can also add to a sense of achievement and satisfaction. Home Study is considered by University High School to be an integral part of a student's program.

APPLICATION AND CONTENT

Home study includes:

- Completing homework or assignments set by teachers.
- Finishing, rewriting or reviewing class work
- Summarising material studied in class
- Practising important skills
- Memorising important facts
- Using various media (television, newspapers) to enhance your understanding of a particular subject.
- Conducting research in libraries and on the internet
- Reading books or magazines related to class studies.
- Studying for exams or tests
- Participating in after hour's school activities.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Home study is a valuable part of the learning experience. It can be imaginative, enjoyable and useful, assisting in educational progress and giving a sense of achievement and satisfaction. To make your home study as valuable and effective as possible, the following are suggested:

- Record in your diary details and completion dates of all set homework.
- Check your diary before going home to ensure that you have all the necessary books and materials
- Develop your own study program. Set aside a regular time, making allowances for such things as family and work commitments, sport and leisure activities.
- Plan your home study program carefully so that all assignments are completed by the due date. In general, extensions will only be granted for genuine reasons, such as illness, not poor organisation.
- Try to do your home study in a quiet area with good light and few distractions.
- Remember your concentration and efficiency decrease over a long period. Vary your home study activities and allow a short break between each study segment.
- Don't allow homework to become a problem. Ask your teacher promptly if you are having difficulty or if too much is set for one night.
- Adopt a positive and reasonable attitude to your home study. Even though there may be no homework set, remember that revision, wider reading, some television and radio programs, reading of the newspaper and family discussions are valuable.

RECOMMENDED HOME STUDY TIME

Level	7	8	9	10	11	12
Daily (Minutes)	45	60	80	100	120	180