



PROCEDURE: Homework

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STATEMENT OF INTENT:

At Northlakes High School, student's learning needs are catered for through relevant accessible and meaningful learning opportunities. Homework is regarded as part of this experience.

APPLICABILITY:

All Students at Northlakes High School.

DoE POLICY/PROCEDURE REFERENCE:

- Homework Policy Guidelines 2012

DEFINITIONS:

For the purposes of the department's Homework Policy, homework is defined as any task assigned by school teachers intended for students to carry out during non-school hours designed to meet specific learning goals.

RATIONALE:

This Policy is intended to ensure that homework is:

- Appropriate for each student's age and ability
- Relevant to each student's needs
- Purposeful and designed to meet specific learning goals
- Varied and challenging, but achievable
- Built on knowledge, skills and understanding developed in class
- Clearly stated and requirements made explicit during class time
- Supported by teacher strategies for students having difficulties with homework.

Homework tasks should be assigned by teachers with a specific, explicit learning purpose. On completion, teachers should acknowledge student effort and provide feedback related to student learning.

PROCEDURES: Homework will be different for different year groups.

Homework for Years 7-8

In Years 7-8, homework may be set across the curriculum. Homework may include regular tasks, assignments that require investigation and preparation for examinations. Generally, students will be expected to do about an hour a day on various tasks, including assignments, researching, reading or completing Cornell notes.

Homework for Years 9-10

In Years 9-10, homework may be set on a regular basis across the curriculum. Homework might include practice that complements work learnt in class, assignments, as well as preparing for assessment tasks and studying for exams. Students will generally have more homework in Years 9-10, requiring students to develop strong study habits and the ability to work independently.

Homework for Years 11-12

In Years 11-12 homework will be expected to be completed independently. Homework will be set in all subjects, and students will be required to prepare for assessment tasks, study for exams, complete Cornell notes. Times will vary according to learning needs and individual programs of learning.

Teachers

- Implement the school's homework policy
- Communicate the purpose, benefits and expectations of homework to students and parents/caregivers
- Acknowledge student effort in completing homework and provide timely and relevant feedback on achievement
- Ensure resources and materials are easily accessible for students
- Support students having difficulties with homework
- Discuss with students and parents/caregivers any developing issues regarding a student's homework
- Discuss homework practices with colleagues.