

At Palmview State Secondary College, we are **Purposeful in our Pursuit of Personal Best**. Homework plays a key role in this pursuit, as it assists our students to:

- practice, prepare for, and consolidate learning activities;
- achieve their personal best;
- develop self-discipline, organisational and time-management skills;
- foster self-directed learning;
- retain new learning. Without practising or retrieving new learning within the first 24 hours, much of it can be lost.

Considerations in setting homework for students:

- determining suitable amounts of work which are varied and at an appropriate level, considering the age, stage of school and capabilities of the student;
- the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family and home responsibilities, extracurricular activities, sport, culture, and part-time employment;
- the guidelines for homework outlined under [Section 427\(2\)\(f\) of the Education Act](#).

Homework is any school-related work completed at home and comprises, but is not limited to:

- teacher set tasks, clearly related to the unit of work
- assignments worked on at home, at student pace, by the due date
- reading designated texts, including fiction and non-fiction books or articles
- reviewing, highlighting, and summarising aspects of daily lessons
- preparing for upcoming lessons, including practical tasks
- revising drafts
- study of specific concepts

Time guidelines for homework:

- In the Junior Secondary phase of learning, students are given more responsibility for their own learning;
 - Homework in Years 7 to 9 could be up to, but generally no more than, five hours per week.
- In the Senior Secondary phase of learning, student autonomy in completing set homework and self-guided review and revision of learning is expected:
 - Homework in Years 10 to 12 could range between 1 to 3 hours per night, depending on pathway and student self-directed decisions.

Student Responsibilities:

- Record homework electronically on the platform used by the teacher for the subject;
- Complete homework and bring it back to class;
- Accept responsibility and make time for homework completion.

Teacher Responsibilities:

- Set homework that is relevant, meaningful and appropriate to the ability of the student;
- Have a process to consistently monitor homework on a regular basis and apply consequences for students not completing homework which are clear, appropriate and consistently applied;
- Provide feedback and use completed homework as a tool for further learning;
- Contact the student's parent/guardian if the non-completion of homework is a regular occurrence.

Parent Responsibilities:

- Provide a homework/study area for their student away from noise and activity;
- Check with their child their recorded homework;
- Contact the teacher/college if you have any concerns about their child's homework;
- Monitor student's extra-curricular activities and social agenda to ensure the student is able to balance all commitments.