



# DRAFT HOMEWORK POLICY

## NANANGO STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning.

The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle.

This includes sufficient time for family, home jobs, sport, culture, recreation, and part time employment where appropriate.

### Homework has three parts to it:

- **Set Homework** - work that is **given during a lesson**, usually based on current learning, and expected to be completed by the specified time
- **Revision** - the active re-engagement with what you have learned during each lesson. This can involve a number of strategies or approaches including reviewing what you have learnt from previous lessons.
- **Assessment Preparation** - this includes completing assignments, study from exams and being planned and prepared for upcoming assessment tasks to ensure effective time management.

### Amount of Time

The amount of homework set depends upon the type of subject and the year level.

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9

In order to be successful students will need to commit to 5 hours of homework each week. **In addition to this the school strongly encourages students to read nightly for at least 30 minutes.**

Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 will have the amount of time devoted to homework and independent study vary according to their learning needs and individual program of learning, determined through their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan. In order to be successful:

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| ✓ Year 10 | 10 hours per week       | e.g. 2 hours / night  |
| ✓ Year 11 | 12½ hours per week      | e.g. 2½ hours / night |
| ✓ Year 12 | 12½ - 15 hours per week | e.g. 3 hours / night  |

### Homework Diary

All students are given a Homework Diary in which to record homework. This is to be used for school purposes only and must not be defaced. Should it be lost or defaced, it must be replaced by the student. Homework should be entered into the appropriate section each lesson. In addition, due dates for assignments should be shown in the Student Diary.

### Student Responsibilities

- Take your Student Diary to every lesson
- Use your Student Diary at school and home to record, prioritise and organise homework
- Complete homework within set time frames
- Organise your time to manage outside school commitments
- Ensure your part time work commitments fall within the legal guidelines of **12 hours per week**
- Seek assistance when necessary
- Respond to feedback provided by teachers.

### Teacher Responsibilities

- Will expect that students bring their Student Diary to each lesson where appropriate
- Will assign time each lesson for setting, communication and student recording of homework tasks
- Encouraged to record the completion / non completion of homework to inform reporting and feedback to parents
- Will be available to assist students (break times, email etc.) with homework
- Will use homework tasks for the basis of review and discussion e.g. during 'Warm Up' activities
- Will apply formal marking of homework as appropriate
- Encouraged to acknowledge compliance with positive reinforcement

### Parents and Caregivers Responsibilities

Parents and Caregivers can help their children by:

- reinforcing the importance of homework
- regularly checking their homework diary and assessment planner
- providing an appropriate environment for their children to successfully focus on homework
- helping them to balance the amount of time spent completing homework, screen time, part time work, and engaging in other recreational and family activities
- ensuring the student's part time work commitments fall within the legal guidelines of 12 hours per week
- encouraging them to complete tasks by discussing key questions or directing them to resources and supporting recreational reading
- contacting the relevant teacher to discuss homework or assessment tasks if necessary