



**CHURCHLANDS**  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## HOMWORK POLICY

### 1. POLICY STATEMENT

To provide guidelines and expectations for Churchlands Senior High School (Churchlands SHS) students to undertake homework from Year 7 through to Year 12.

### 2. POLICY SCOPE

Homework is considered a significant part of the learning program for all students, although the commitment and complexity can vary with the needs of students and their phase of development. All educational research shows that such consolidation increases both long and short-term retention of facts, concepts and processes.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

“**Homework**” is a generic term; it describes any of the following:

- set homework,
- continuing with project work,
- finishing class work,
- preparing ahead,
- preparation of study notes,
- memory work on notes,
- self-testing for assessments,
- reading and/or researching,
- organisation of files, and
- the practice of new skills.

### 4. PROCEDURES

Churchlands SHS students are expected to work approximately five nights per week and can never say they have nothing to do. Students in English, Humanities & Social Sciences, Mathematics, Science and Languages will usually expect homework up to four times per week from these subjects. However, in some cases the work set may be of a project nature and extend over a number of nights. The expectation is that teachers of other subjects, which are not practically based, will also set homework on a regular basis.

## 4.1 Expectations

The expectation for a Year 12 WACE student is different from that of a Year 8 student and in turn is different again from that of a Year 11 VET student; the following may be used as a guide:

Year 7	4 – 6 hours per week.
Year 8	5 – 8 hours per week.
Year 9	8 – 10 hours per week.
Year 10	8 – 12 hours per week.
Year 11/12 ATAR	3 – 4 hours per ATAR course per week.
Year 11/12 non-ATAR	1 – 2 hours per week (per non-practical course).

**Please note:** that there will always be critical times when some courses require significantly more than this and at other times less.

All students are encouraged to establish a home study routine and timetable/program that suits their needs. By expecting regular homework students are made responsible for managing their particular study program so that the workload does not become unmanageable and impinge unreasonably on leisure/family time.

There is a planning sheet at the start of each term in the diary to assist and also a Study Planner template towards the back of the diary.

## 4.2 Head of Learning Area's Responsibility

- 4.2.1 Establish guidelines for relevant staff that ensures consistency of homework across all common classes.
- 4.2.2 Determine faculty based policies, consistent with the School Homework Policy, by which their staff are expected to conform.

## 4.3 Subject Teacher's Responsibility

- 4.3.1 Follow faculty guidelines in ensuring consistent and regular homework is set to meet the school's homework policy.
- 4.3.2 Follow up with those students who do not regularly do homework and communicate with parents via SEQTA.
- 4.3.3 Keep a record of homework set.
- 4.3.4 Check that set homework is completed satisfactorily and is marked. There is a variety of ways this can be achieved, depending on subjects and phase of development of students. Such methods as teacher marking, self-marking or marking by other students are all considered appropriate.
- 4.3.5 Respond to parent concerns.

#### 4.4 Parent Guideline

- 4.4.1 Assist their child by providing an appropriate home study area free from distractions of noise and movement.
- 4.4.2 Liaise with class teachers when there are concerns about the amount and/or quality of homework.
- 4.4.3 Reinforce the need for students to develop a routine study timetable and help them adhere to it.
- 4.4.4 Contact House Coordinator with general concerns.

#### 5. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Department of Education – Homework K-12 Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting February 2014.

#### 6. RESPONSIBLE STAFF MEMBER

<b>Policy Manager</b>	Principal
<b>Responsible Staff</b>	Head of Learning Areas
<b>Approval Authority</b>	School Board
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#### 7. REVISION HISTORY

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