



## Homework Policy

Homework that is meaningful, purposeful, and relevant is an important part of the learning framework used to prepare students for living in a complex, multicultural, and networked society. It provides students with opportunities to apply, consolidate and revise their learning so that they are better prepared for new learning, able to deepen their understanding of content, and improve their accuracy and fluency by practicing a process or skill.

The undertaking of regular and scheduled homework supports the development of a sense of personal responsibility with a commitment to independent learning. It is also important that young people have sufficient time in their week for family, friends, recreation, community, cultural activities and possibly employment. The ability to set goals and organise personal time develops effective habits which in turn enhance learning engagement and a curiosity for lifelong learning.

Information regarding homework at PBC is communicated with parents and caregivers on the PBC website, during parent information sessions and through individual teacher communication.

### Junior Secondary

In the Junior Secondary phase of schooling, students are given more responsibility for their learning than they may have experienced in primary school. The intention of homework in this phase of learning is to develop and improve the ability of students to select and use appropriate strategies to achieve learning goals and to reflect on their personal progress and management of learning time.

The PBC timetable has three lessons per subject area each week and four lessons each day and students are required to engage in independent learning to complement work undertaken in lessons. Homework may be required to be completed daily or over a weekly or fortnightly period for each subject and is monitored by the teacher.

- Year 7/8 - Homework is up to, but generally not more than, 3-4 hours per week or 15/20 minutes per subject on a given day.
- Year 9 - Homework is up to but generally not more than 5 hours per week.

### Senior Secondary

#### Year 10

This is the final year of Australian Curriculum subjects and it provides the foundations for specialisation in Years 11 and 12. Homework is up to but generally not more than 10 hours per week and as a guide, students should allocate half an hour for each of the subjects they have studied that day, depending on their course of study.

#### Year 11 and 12

In the Senior phase of schooling, homework and study form part of every student's daily routine. The amount of time devoted to homework and study will vary according to the student's individual program of learning, determined through their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan.

- General Subjects – students should allow 2 ½ hours a week of homework for each subject studied.
- Applied and VET Subjects – teachers will discuss with students the amount of time needed to complete homework and practice skills, as it will vary within each subject. It may be up to 2 hours per subject.
- Traineeships/Trade College – students must catch up on up to four 70-minute lessons that will be missed on the day they attend their traineeship or Trade College. This should be factored into planning for homework each week by the student.