

When should homework be done?

The key here is to establish a routine of some kind, since all too often homework can be rushed and done at the last minute!

Students should:

- use the planner and study regularly
- study away from distractions
- commit some time each night to homework and leave time for other activities
- avoid leaving things to the last minute

It is important that parents/carers support their child with homework and revision.

To do this you can:

- check your child's planner every night
- support your child if s/he is having difficulty with homework/revision
- contact your child's Head of House if you have any concerns

Homework - Learning for Life

At Deans Community High School we recognise that parents/carers can and do make a real difference to children's education, and have a significant influence in ensuring that students get into the homework habit.

As a school we will work with you and ensure that meaningful homework forms a key part in supporting and challenging your children to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors within the school and in society at large.

We have created a live, interactive web community at Deans. The homework and study sections keep students and parents/carers up to date with information and resources.

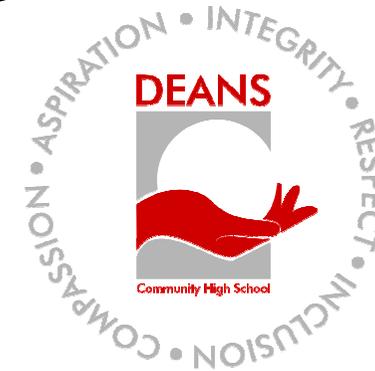
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At Deans Community High School, we believe that homework plays an important role in your child's learning, and is crucial in developing good study habits.

Partnership with Parents/Carers

Research has demonstrated that the single most important factor in a student's learning at school is the interest taken by parents/carers in their work.

As a school we firmly believe in working with parents to ensure that our students develop the capacity to become:

- **successful learners**
- **confident individuals**
- **responsible citizens**
- **effective contributors**

To support this partnership, the school has recently revamped student planners to enable your child to record their achievements, what they have learned and how well they have learned in classes.

These planners will not only enable students to keep a record of their learning for revision purposes, but will also enable you to monitor more closely your child's progress at school.

Homework

The student planner also allows for students to record specific homework issued by class teachers, the purpose of which will be:

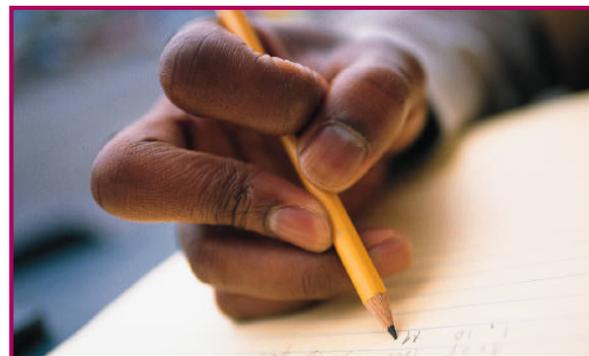
- **to prepare for the next lesson**
- **to extend or complete work done in class**
- **to encourage good study habits**
- **to practise skills learned in school**
- **to provide focus for tests and/or exams**
- **to develop independent learning skills**

Students should never say that they do not have any homework!

There are various types of homework which a student may be asked to complete such as:

- **written exercises**
- **research topic/project work**
- **reading**
- **finishing off work started in class**
- **extension tasks**
- **revision work**

Where there are no set tasks, it is the responsibility of students to use their planner and website to revise throughout the year and to read and think about the subjects they have studied that day, reflecting on what they have learned. Students should be encouraged to read for at least fifteen minutes per night. You are encouraged to check your child's planner regularly and to monitor both set tasks and revision work to ensure that your child develops good study skills.



How much homework should my child do?

This is always a difficult question to answer. As a rough guide, we suggest the following:

S1/S2	30-40 minutes per night
S3/S4	up to one hour per night
S5/S6	more than one hour per night

Students are expected to take responsibility for their own learning and remember they should read every night.