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Albany Senior High School ascribes to the belief that homework and study are important. Completion of regular homework and study provides opportunities for students to consolidate and extend their learning. Homework may consist of set exercises, reviewing and editing written work, reading and/or viewing texts.

Homework allows students to:

- practise new skills
- increase retention of knowledge
- extend and improve class work
- explore new ideas
- complete missed or incomplete class-work
- develop time management skills

Study is any reviewing of course work other than homework or specific teacher directed activity. This may include writing study notes and summaries, mind maps, research, flowcharts, diagrams and other revision strategies.

Students are responsible for:

- making sure they understand clearly what has to be done, when it is due in, and any other details – if in doubt they should ask the teacher
- recording all homework accurately in their Homework Diary
- finding out what was missed during any absence and catching up with that work
- organising their time so that each subject receives a fair share of the time available
- contacting their teacher or the Year Coordinator if they experience difficulty managing their homework requirements.

Parents can support students by:

- providing a suitable environment (a desk, adequate lighting and ventilation and if at all possible, a private area that is free from interruptions)
- discouraging homework and study in the vicinity of the television
- regularly checking the child's homework diary
- taking an interest in assignments, checking results and noting teacher comments
- contacting the class teacher with any specific queries about homework
- encouraging a homework and study routine and providing rewards such as verbal praise or television time, for the completion of study even when there is no set homework, since there is always extra reading or learning which can be done.

How much homework and study should a student do?

The amount and complexity of homework and study vary according to the stage of study. Students need to be able to balance homework and study with after-school and weekend leisure activities.

Generally the following is recommended from Monday to Friday:

Year 7 Approximately 45 minutes per night 3.75 hours per week

Year 8	Approximately 1 hour per night	5 hours per week
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Year 9 Approximately 1.5 hours per night 7.5 hours per

Year 10	Approximately 2 hours per night	10 hours per week
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Year 11 Approximately 2.5 hours per night 12.5 hours per week

Year 12	Approximately 3 hours per night	15 hours per week
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The exact amount of time will depend on the individual ability of the student, the student's subject combination, how the student is progressing and the difficulty level of the course.