

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

### **LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

Beyond the classroom learning is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practising, extending and consolidating work undertaken in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information sources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline. These qualities are essential for students to become independent and self-directed learners.

At Willoughby Girls High School each subject area has different expectations of what work students should complete at home. Work done at home links directly to what students are learning in classes and in many cases, this involves pre-reading or viewing of material in preparation for class, finishing off work not completed in class, ongoing assignment work, preparation for tests, examinations and in-class assessments.

Students need to practise skills regularly. In all subjects students benefit from revising and reviewing work covered in class each day. Students should also engage in at least 30 minutes reading for pleasure every night. This is a suitable bed time or pre-sleeping activity and students should read a book or ensure their electronic devices are on the night setting.

The amount and complexity of school work undertaken at home will progressively increase as students move from Year 7 through to Year 12. However, it is important that home study is balanced with other commitments such as family time, a hobby, creative or performing art, part-time employment, time spent with friends, physical exercise and rest.

All students are encouraged to plan well ahead for assignments, projects and assessment tasks, all of which are listed on the school's calendar. Planning ahead and regularly spending time working on long term tasks will avoid overload and stress at times when several tasks are due at the same time.