PURPOSE

Homework and study support higher levels of student achievement by extending the time available for students to consolidate skills, concepts and information learned at school. It also extends the time available for the exploration of new ideas.

At North Albany Senior High School we recognise that both homework and study are an integral part of the learning process. Homework should relate to the needs of students. For some learning programs homework is not always appropriate.

Homework and study do have many purposes. They:

a) Promote self discipline, and skills in time management, planning and organisation.

b) Promote independence and responsibility for learning.

c) Encourage resourcefulness and foster perseverance.

d) Reinforce work covered at school.

e) Allow for the completion of class work.

WHAT IS HOMEWORK AND STUDY?

Homework and study includes:

a) Completion of class work, assignments and tasks

b) Daily review of work completed. One of the most effective ways to learn new work and to understand new concepts is to go over the work covered each day in class. The more often students review their work the more likely they are to remember it and understand it.

In many subjects it is necessary to learn definitions and practice applying ideas and concepts to different situations. For example, a note book to summarise important rules in maths is very useful.

c) Preparation for tests.

d) Daily practice (eg music students).

e) Preparation for next day. It is important that students come to school prepared. They need to check their timetable and make sure that they have the correct files, equipment and gear (e.g. clothes for Phys. Ed.) for the next day.

PARENTS

Parents play an important part in the monitoring of homework and study. Homework and the need for study and revision will increase as students move through the secondary years especially into Senior School.

Parents are encouraged to:

a) Check homework diaries

b) Encourage a commitment to do homework and study.

c) Contact the Year Coordinator or individual teacher if there is a concern about homework and study.

d) Provide appropriate homework/study facilities at home. This may include:

✓ A study desk or table where the student can sit uninterrupted while doing homework.

✓ A place where books, files etc can be stored (such as a cupboard, shelf, table).

✓ Good lighting and an environment free from distractions.
Homework and Study are learning activities designed to consolidate what has been taught and learnt at school.

Good routines for homework and study will help students with time management skills and assist students to take responsibility for their own learning.

All students should have a homework diary.

A diary will help students plan to ensure that work deadlines are met.

In 2016 students in Year 7 and Year 8 will be provided with a NASHS School Diary.

For those students who prefer to use an electronic diary (eg Ipod), there are a number of homework applications available.