

CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOL



**HOME STUDY
TOOL KIT**

HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

Homework should be viewed by students and parents as a normal part of the evening routine and as something that is consistent with lifelong learning.

As a guide, the following should be considered the average time spent on homework each night. Students may require more time than this, particularly during assessment periods.

Year 7 and 8 (Stage 4):	30-60 minutes/night
Year 9 and 10 (Stage 5):	60-90 minutes/night
Year 11 and 12 (Stage 6):	90-180 minutes/night

Homework must be organised to balance out other commitments such as sport and leisure. Homework and home study should be done on the basis of 'a little and often' rather than as large amounts done infrequently.

Homework tasks are posted on eDiary and it is an expectation that students are checking their eDiary each afternoon and complete any set tasks by the due date. In addition to this, students should be using this time to complete upcoming assessments, consolidate their knowledge from class, and regularly revise and note take.

Homework involves:

- Checking eDiary every afternoon
- Completing set homework tasks on eDiary
- Completing work not finished in lesson time
- Completing assessments/assignments
- Preparation for exams – note taking and summaries
- Regular consolidation, practise and revision in all subject areas
- Reflection on each days' work
- Wide reading

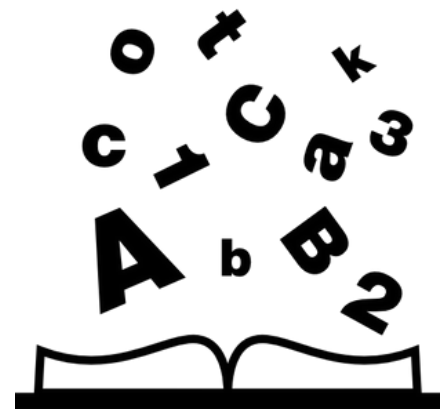
This Home Study Toolkit has been developed to assist students and parents in developing effective home study strategies. The toolkit includes a range of resources and templates that can be utilised at home to encourage organisation and positive home study practices.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO HELP?

It is only through active partnerships between school and home that students can reach their full potential. Therefore, parents are encouraged to take an active interest in the amount of homework set and when it is due. You are also urged to assist with, but not complete, homework.

Parental involvement can include:

- ▶ Ensuring your child checks their eDiary daily
- ▶ Helping your child create a daily study plan and encouraging them to stick to recommended homework times
- ▶ Creating an appropriate study area. This should be in a quiet place, but one in which your child can be supervised
- ▶ Helping your child work out what is required of them for each homework task
- ▶ Checking that your child's schoolbag is prepared with all the necessary equipment for the day ahead



ARE YOU USING YOUR EDIARY?

<https://cronullahs.app4.ws>

Your eDiary allows you to view homework assigned by teachers, school events, announcements or enter notes and other reminders.

For detailed instructions on how to use the eDiary watch the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSHKp4DWjZ0>

But here are some tips to help:

1. Sign into eDiary with your Google account, using your school email. See the Computing support staff ASAP if you are unable to sign into eDiary.
2. Click on the 'Diary' page which will contain a few tabs to your 'homework', 'assignments', 'calendar' and 'journal'.
3. Click on the 'Homework' tab to view all set homework tasks. Students are encouraged to use the 'start' button and 'complete' button to keep track of their progress. This will move homework from the 'current' section to the 'completed' section of a student's eDiary.
4. Students also have the capacity to set their own homework. This can be used to keep track of home study and assessment tasks.

How to Upload to Moodle:

Teachers may request that assessment tasks or set class tasks be uploaded to Moodle. For detailed instructions on how to upload files to Moodle, watch the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSHKp4DWjZ0>



SUPPORTING HOME STUDY AT CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOL

Homework is part of the school experience, but it need not be a struggle. Good homework and study skills are a valuable asset at any age. At Cronulla High School, we have several support strategies to help make sure that students' home study is as effective (and painless!) as possible.

Our support strategies include:

7-10 Study Skills Program – Every student in Years 7-10 undertakes explicit and bespoke lessons designed to equip them with essential organisational and study skills. Students are exposed to one custom session per term from Year 7 to Year 10, undertaking a 16-session course in their junior years of schooling. All Study Skills presentations and accompanying resources can be found on Cronulla High School's Moodle page.

Homework Club – Having trouble with that assignment? Need help finishing homework? Just want to get into a good routine? All students are welcome at the Homework Club in the library every Wednesday morning from 8:00am to 8:40am, and Wednesday afternoon from 3.15pm to 4.15pm (Year 7-10) and 4:15pm to 5:00pm (Year 11-12).

HAAC (High Achievers At Cronulla) – Students in Years 12 that aspire to achieve their HSC goals are encouraged to join this group for like-minded aspirational students. HAAC exposes students to specialised study skills seminars and workshops run by the school's Head Teacher Secondary Studies and other presenters. Seminar topics include goal setting, note taking, applying feedback, utilising school holidays, and preparing for Half-Yearly and Trial Examinations.

Year 12 Teacher Mentor Program – Every Year 12 student is assigned a teacher mentor who is available to assist students in organising their time and resources to achieve their best in their HSC studies.

HSC Support Mentor - Year 12 students are provided with an additional support resource two days per week in the library, providing students with both individual, small group and cohort guidance regarding their approach to their HSC studies and assessments.

eDiary – Your child's eDiary is an essential component of their school life and allows students to stay up to date with their homework.

School Calendar – Students and parents are encouraged to regularly check the school calendar to see the due date for upcoming assessment tasks and other school commitments.

Moodle - Our school's online learning platform includes subject resources, access to assessment notifications and assessment upload slots.

THINKING BACK AND THINKING FORWARD

A Self-Reflection Tool

Although your teachers will assign homework set tasks on eDiary, at times, you may think you have 'nothing' to do. However, this is not the case! There is always something you can do at home to improve your learning.

If you are going to achieve your best at school, it is important that you are engaging in reflection each evening. This helps you to remember what you have learned and ensures you are properly prepared for the day ahead as well as anything in the near future, including upcoming examinations.

Through undergoing daily reflection, you are not only making sure you are organised for school, but are also practising essential skills needed for the future. Use the templates provided on the following pages to assist you in establishing positive home study habits.

You should begin your homework session by going through this set of questions:

- * What did I learn in each lesson today?
 - * Is there any homework I need to complete?
 - * What is due in the next two weeks and what do I need to do to be prepared?
 - * What lessons do I have tomorrow?
 - * What do I need to bring for those lessons? (Workbook, laptop, pens, textbooks, PE gear, equipment for practical lessons etc)
 - * Do I need to hand in notes/ money for excursions, camps etc?
 - * Do I need to get anything signed by my parents?
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THINKING BACK AND THINKING FORWARD REFLECTION

*Reflect on today's learning by completing the following template. Make sure to check eDiary and review any assessment notifications you may have received.

Time	1. Reflection	Period	Subject	Knowledge and Skills
		1		
		2		
		3		
		4		
		5		
		6		
	2. Homework			
	3. Assignments			
	4. Study			
	5. Reading	Title	Pages Read	

Organising Your Study Space

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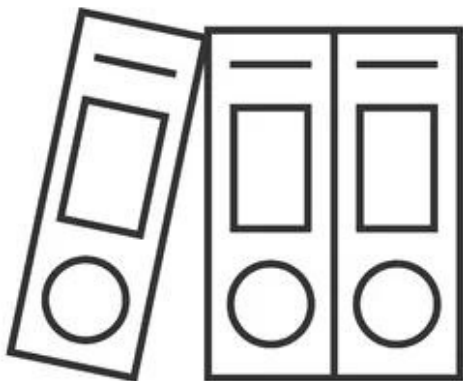
	YES	CAN IMPROVE
Do you have your own quiet home study space that shuts out noise from the household?		
Do you have a desk or table, all to yourself?		
Does your study space have adequate lighting?		
Is the chair you sit on comfortable and have good back support?		
Do you have a noticeboard/mirror to stick notes, messages or assessment notifications onto?		
Do you have a study timetable in your study space?		
Do you have a term planner/calendar in your study space so that you can see and plan for due dates and deadlines?		
Is your home study space well organised and tidy?		
Do you have the relevant equipment necessary for home study - ie: laptop, stationary etc.		



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PENS	PENCILS	RULER	HIGHLIGHTERS	COLOURED PENCILS
FOLDERS FOR EACH SUBJECT	GLUE	SCISSORS	ERASER	WHITEOUT
POST-IT-NOTES	SHARPENER	RUBBISH BIN	LAPTOP	CALCULATOR
NOTICEBOARD	STUDY TIMETABLE	TERM PLANNER	CLOCK/WATCH	LINED PAPER
PRINTER	USB	STAPLER	PAPER CLIPS	WATER BOTTLE



School Term Planner

Cronulla High School Term Planner							TERM _____		
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN		
1A									
2B									
3A									
4B									
5A									
6B									
7A									
8B									
9A									
10B									

Paid Work & Extra Curricular Activities

- Make note of the days and times you do paid work and/ or are involved in extracurricular activities. This is essential in organising your afternoons to ensure you are completing your set homework and assessments.

Monday A	Tuesday A	Wednesday A	Thursday A	Friday A	Saturday A	Sunday A
Monday B	Tuesday B	Wednesday B	Thursday B	Friday B	Saturday B	Sunday B

Weekly Study Planner- Keeping Track

- Place all of your extra-curricular activities, school responsibilities, work, homework & study on a weekly planner to keep track. Make sure to include rest time.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30 – 4:00pm					
4:00 – 4:30pm					
4:30 – 5:00pm					
5:00 – 5:30pm					
5:30 – 6:00pm					
6:00 – 6:30pm					
6:30 – 7:00pm					
7:00 – 7:30pm					
7:30 – 8:00pm					
8:00 – 8:30pm					
8:30 – 9:00pm					
9:00 – 9:30pm					

	Saturday	Sunday
8-9am		
9-10am		
10-11am		
11-12pm		
12-1pm		
1-2pm		
2-3pm		
3-4pm		
4-5pm		
5-6pm		
6-7pm		
7-8pm		
8-9pm		

School Holidays Weekly Study Planner- Keeping Track

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9-10 am							

Comprehensive Goals Sheet & Score Card

- Keep track of your assessment goals and achievements.

Subject	Assessment 1 (Mark & Weight)		Assessment 2 (Mark & Weight)		Assessment 3 (Mark & Weight)		Assessment 4 (Mark & Weight)	
	Goal	Actual Mark	Goal	Actual Mark	Goal	Actual Mark	Goal	Actual Mark

Daily Lesson Reflection

- Reflect on what you learnt each day to consolidate what you have learnt and address any areas for improvement.

Period	Subject & Topic	Knowledge/Skills Covered	Things I need to practise/learn	Question I need to ask
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Weekly Home Study Monitoring

- Keep track of the amount and types of home study you are completing. This is a great way to plan your week and hold yourself accountable to what you set out to do.

Day	Time Allocation	Tasks	Checklist	Parent Signature
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday/ Sunday				