

Muirfield High School

Homework Guidelines



1. Policy Outline

The Muirfield High School Homework Guidelines provide clear expectations and procedures for homework, supporting students, parents and teachers. These guidelines have been developed in accordance with the NSW Department of Education's [Curriculum policy standards](#), ensuring compliance with departmental requirements.

2. Purpose

Homework at Muirfield High School is a purposeful extension of classroom learning, designed to reinforce curriculum outcomes and develop essential lifelong skills including time management, organisation, self-discipline, and effective work habits. Homework routines foster students' abilities to prioritise tasks, meet deadlines, reflect on progress, persist with challenging work, and develop resilience. These guidelines promote equitable, inclusive, and manageable homework for all students, recognising diverse learning needs and circumstances.

3. Consultation

In 2026, Muirfield High School engaged its wider community, parents, carers, teachers and students, to determine an appropriate and consistent approach suited to the school context. The process involved:

- Distributing surveys to parents, carers, teachers, and students to gather feedback on current practices, preferences, and expectations.
- Reviewing feedback with the school's executive team.
- Developing draft guidelines, endorsed by the executive team and Principal.
- Presenting drafts to the P&C for feedback and endorsement for implementation in Semester 1, 2026.
- Student voice and agency where students were actively involved in decision making through forums and focus groups

During the consultation process, student voice highlighted a clear distinction between the amount of homework students believe they should be completing and the actual volume they are completing in practice. Furthermore, students acknowledged that while they often feel they should be dedicating more time to homework, their current habits and routines do not always align with these expectations.

4. Homework guidelines statement

Muirfield High School will provide planned and purposeful homework as part of a well-structured learning program for all students. Homework reinforces and extends the learning that takes place in the classroom. Teachers may ask students to complete unfinished or missed classwork at home, as appropriate, to help them stay up to date with their learning and maintain continuity in their progress.

Times for each stage are indicative. Quality and consistency of study are more important than exact hours. Amount of time devoted to homework and study is dependent on students' pattern of study, assessment and major work commitments. It is also dependent on the school assessment schedule and corresponding due dates.

5. Student Expectations

Stage 4

Homework in Stage 4 aims to build independence, develop study skills and consolidate classroom learning.

Homework may include:

- Finishing off classwork and catching up on missed work
- Revision in preparation for in class assessments
- Investigation and online tasks
- Project based tasks

Recommendations: Approximately 5+ hours per week.

Stage 5

Homework in Stage 5 ensures continuity of learning at home and continuation of learning and promotion of self-directed learning.

Homework may include:

- Finishing off classwork and catching up on missed work
- Revision in preparation for in class assessments
- Extended response writing
- Investigation and online tasks
- Project based tasks

Recommendations: Approximately 10+ hours per week

Stage 6

Homework in Stage 6 is designed to enhance learning, encourage independent study, and prepare students for the rigour of the HSC and further study or work. It promotes essential skills such as responsibility, time management, self-discipline, and independent learning, supporting student success in both their final school years and future pathways.

Homework may include:

- Finishing off classwork and catching up on missed work
- Revision in preparation for in class assessments
- Extended response writing
- Investigation (Independent research and reading)
- Project based tasks
- Completion of past papers
- Creation of summary notes
- Major works

Recommendations: Approximately 16+ hours per week

Role and Responsibilities

- Students are encouraged to take responsibility for recording, organising and completing tasks within given timeframes.
- Teachers will communicate expectations of homework to students in class and/or via online platforms (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Google Classroom, etc.).
- Teachers may provide feedback for homework verbally to the class and/or individually where required.
- If homework becomes challenging or unmanageable, the student needs to take responsibility for their learning and seek assistance or adjustments from their classroom teacher.
- Families can support by providing a quiet space and encouraging consistent routines.
- Families are encouraged to support their child in accessing online platforms, organise their time and take responsibility for their learning by ensuring tasks are completed within given timeframes.

6. Homework and Wellbeing

Homework at Muirfield High School is designed to support both academic progress and student wellbeing. The school recognises the importance of balancing study with rest, extracurricular activities, and family time. Purposeful and manageable homework helps reduce stress, supports students in maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and enables them to thrive academically and personally. Homework load is monitored to avoid excessive stress, and communication between students, parents, and teachers is encouraged when concerns arise.

7. Monitoring, evaluation and review

The homework guidelines will be implemented from Semester 2, 2026.

A formal review and evaluation of the guidelines will be conducted in 2029, unless otherwise communicated by the principal.

Action	Date or Person
Guidelines last reviewed	May 2026
	P & C, Parent and carer survey, student survey, school executive, staff and students
Approved by	Jennifer Reeves – Principal
Next scheduled review	2029