



Parent Tip Sheet 6. Homework

The Department, with the assistance of parents, teachers and students, has issued the following homework guidelines.

Years 5–9 homework:

- Should include daily independent reading
- Will range from 30–45 minutes a day at Year 5, to 45–90 minutes a day in Year 9.

Years 10–12 homework:

- From one-to-three hours per week night, with up to six hours on weekends during peak study periods.

Homework is an opportunity for you to participate in your child's education. Your child will generally have homework set and, as they move into more senior years, the homework and study demands will increase.

If you have any questions about homework or your child's progress, talk to your child's school.

You can help your child with homework by:

- Taking an active interest in their homework – discuss homework tasks
- Providing a dedicated place for homework and study if possible
- Ensuring that your child keeps a homework diary
- Reading texts set by teachers and discussing them with your child
- Encouraging your child to balance the time spent between homework and other activities
- Alerting the school to any domestic circumstances or extracurricular activities that may need to be considered when homework is being set or marked
- Interpreting and translating services (free of charge for parents from language backgrounds other than English).

It is important to maintain a balance between study and recreational activities to avoid placing too much pressure on your child.

