

CROMWELL COLLEGE HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

The purpose of homework as we see it;

- Review, Revision, Rehearsal and Repetition that is relevant and enhances learning
- Reinforce skills, understanding and knowledge
- Completing work started in class or other course work
- Transfer of skills learnt at school to tasks at home
- Test and examination revision and preparation.
- Developing independent and self-directed learning
- Setting good habits for senior school
- An opportunity to share school work with parents
- Reinforcing numeracy and literacy for younger students (Year 7-8)
- Manageable for staff and students

Specific expectations for Year 7 & 8

- “Maintenance” and review of mathematics/numeracy skills eg times tables and English/literacy skills eg reading and spelling
- Science, social studies, technologies – research skills, current events
- Optional challenges around the Key Competencies.
- On average 2 hours per week.

Specific expectations for Year 9 & 10

- Preparation for achieving ‘personal excellence’ in NCEA.
- Development of time management – complete tasks
- Practice at meeting deadlines
- Completing course work
- Longer term tasks eg managing a 1-2 week long assignment
- English/literacy skills eg reading
- Mathematics/numeracy rehearsal and revision of skills/knowledge
- For other subjects: science, social studies, technologies, arts - rehearsal, revision, review and task completion.
- On average 3-4 hours per week

Specific expectations for Year 11 – 13

- Reinforce effective work habits for achieving ‘personal excellence’ in NCEA
- Complete internal assessments where appropriate, NCEA
- Complete classroom work (catch up)
- Review, Revision, Rehearsal and Repetition.
- Encouraging the expectation for independent study. Using personal initiative to undertake self-directed work on the 4 R’s - Review, Revision, Rehearsal and Repetition. This is integral to students achieving personal excellence.
- On average 4-6 hours per week.

Thoughts for parents/students

- We believe as a school that ‘homework’ is important for our students to achieve to their potential. We are aiming for quality not quantity. Please support your child with space and time to do this where possible.
- We also acknowledge that home lives are busy and that not all parents will agree with our stance.
- Homework needs to be the child’s work. Staff will aim to provide work that is achievable at home independent of parents.
- If homework cannot be done then please communicate directly with the teacher about this.
- If there is no homework is set for a core subject then there is always reading or independent revision/review that can be done.
- More homework for senior students would be expected when exams/tests are set and much of this can be independent.