

Helpful Hints for Students

Year 11 - 2019



Homework/Study commitments

Before you decide on which type of course to study, you need to consider the type of commitment you are able to give outside of College hours. Students studying ATAR courses of study need to do a minimum of 3 hours study per course per week, each and every week. That means if you are studying 5 ATAR courses, you need to do a minimum of 15 hours of homework and/or study per week.

Students studying General or Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses need to do a minimum of 1.5 hours per course per week, each and every week. That is 6 General courses require 9 hours of homework and/or study per week. Homework not only consists of the work given to you by the teacher, but also involves a self-directed component. This may include organising your notes, revision, research, exam study, practical study or additional tasks or questions.

Handing in your work on time

It is vital in Year 11 and 12 that all assessment work is handed in on time, for all courses. Failure to do so jeopardises your grades, and does not allow you to achieve to your potential.

Attendance commitment

Your attendance and participation in class is the key to achievement of success. Studies show that students who attend school regularly are more likely to succeed at school. Aim for 100% attendance as any failure to complete assessments or submit late without acceptable cause as per CVC Upper School Assessment Policy, may result in academic penalties that will affect your achievement. Work commitments and holidays are not acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Eligibility to enrol in courses

The minimum entrance requirements for students to select courses are provided in the course descriptions in the Year 11 2020 Course Information Handbook. These are stated to help you choose appropriate courses to gain maximum success in your studies, provided you work hard. Your course choices should be able to deliver you the broadest range of choices for further education and training and for meeting employer expectations.

Final tip when choosing your courses

You are making a COMMITMENT for two years. It is advisable to follow a Year 11 course through to the end of Year 12.

- Read the detailed course descriptions contained in the 2020 Course Handbook.
- Consider your interests and abilities and your career aspirations.
- Check that you have achieved the minimum entrance requirements.