

Supporting Your Child in VCE

- Why is home study and good organisation so important?
 - Year 12 studies for most students last for 32 weeks (not 38-40 as you have previously experienced). Year 11 is only slightly longer.
 - Despite the shorter school year, the content increases
 - Most of the assessment tasks that they will undertake will be much more rigorous and have tighter deadlines than have been previously experienced

Study at Home

- Increasingly important
- They won't get through everything they need to cover in class time
- They will need to set aside time on a regular basis (at least 2 hours per subject per week) to make sure they get everything done
- This time includes more than work set by the teacher. They need to revise and read ahead



Study Area at Home

- A set study area is essential because it:
 - Gives a sense of order
 - Allows the display of important messages
 - Means books can be left out when taking a break



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Using study time wisely

- At home
 - be focused – remove distractions from the study space
 - be realistic – allow plenty of time for the completion of tasks, and ensure that breaks and time for recreation are included.
 - avoid creating time pressures when SACs and SATs are due or during exam periods – organise study schedule using a weekly/fortnightly planner

Exams

- Generally exams contribute 50% of the final scoring system – some subjects are less, some more
- End of year exams occur in all VCE studies, some VET courses but not in VCAL
- Practice exams will occur in the Term 3 holidays in 2013 – it is important that these are attended



Year 11&12 Givens!



- Students do not leave the Campus unless they have permission to do so. They must sign out via the office.
- Appointments do not occur during class times unless unavoidable. Such activities as driving lessons should be done outside of school hours!
- ALL absences must be explained via a phone call to the Office or with a note. Absences of more than 2 days require a medical certificate.
- Car parking will not be available to students next year.

Work / Life Balance

- Part time jobs – work no more than 12 hours per week or it will impact on results
- Leisure activities such as sport, are important to general well being
- Good health – eating, sleeping – are essential to maximising performance

