Homework Policy

Homework is seen by PAL International School as an opportunity
- To consolidate or extend learning undertaken during class time.
- To research long-term assignments.
- To prepare for examinations and tests.

A regular homework regime is seen as beneficial to learning in much the same way as regular exercise is seen to be beneficial to the maintenance of good health. For homework to be beneficial, tasks need to be worthwhile and achievable.

Year 7 and 8 are expected to do approximately 6 hours of homework per week. Year 9 is expected to do 9 hours of homework per week. No one subject should give more than 20 minutes of homework on any given day for the following day. By Year 10, students should be doing approximately twelve hours of homework per week, and teachers may set overnight homework of up to 40 minutes. Year 11 and 12 are expected to complete approximately 25 – 30 hours of homework per seven day week.

Weekly homework and long-term assignments are given in all subjects.

Where possible, homework should be set for the week to allow students to plan their time accordingly. Students must record the homework set by individual teachers in their tablets.

All Assessments need to be booked by teachers with the administration in advance.

All assessment tasks must be accompanied with a notice of assessment outlining:
- Briefing students on the outcomes being tested.
- Outlining how marks will be awarded.
- Outlining expectations of the time the students should set aside for each part of the exam.
- Marking criteria
- Outlining the weighting of the task.
- Detailing whether the assigned task is to be completed individually, in pairs or in groups.
- The weighting of the task

At the start of each course students will be informed of the components of their course mark and relative weightings.

Work submitted late WITHOUT A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OR OTHER DOCUMENTED CAUSE SATISFACTORY TO THE PRINCIPAL will incur the following penalties:
- Late assignments lose 10% of the total mark for each day late.
- The task must be completed to meet Course requirements.

**NOTE:** Difficulties with technology will NOT be accepted as valid reasons for lateness or non-completion of tasks.
Students must complete and submit their own work. Plagiarism will be explained to students. Students must acknowledge the use of other people’s work (this includes proposed ideas /ideas articulated by experts, academics and/or critics. Plagiarism will result in a zero mark and parents will be contacted. Work composed at home should be word processed, where possible.

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