



HOMEWORK POLICY

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St Rita's College is committed to encouraging all students to achieve their academic potential.

RATIONALE

St Rita's College believes that homework benefits all students. It is intended that teachers, students and parents work together to enhance the learning of all our students. Homework is intended to consolidate classroom learning work and to inform parents as to what their child is learning.

SCOPE

This policy applies to staff, students, parents and guardians of students at the College.

CONDITIONS

- Homework is given to all students at St Rita's College in all year levels.
- Homework may include revision of work taught and practised during school time, as well as research work for school assignments/projects.
- For those students who require additional support, the teacher will ensure that the homework meets their learning needs.
- Challenging homework can be given to students who need and enjoy a challenge - but this is not expected to be of a compulsory nature.
- If students are unable to complete all or part of set homework task, parents are requested to make contact with the teacher via email or note. The teacher will understand from the parent's signature that the child has made an attempt to complete the homework. An explanation from the parent would be appreciated.
- St Rita's Colleges recommends spaced practice. Small amounts of daily revision/practice, punctuated by 4 – 5 minute breaks (away from screens) are educationally more beneficial than one long homework session.
- The following are the recommended times for homework each night for the timetabled subjects that day:

Year Level	Time	Daily Homework Recommended
5 & 6	30 mins	30 minutes which must include 15 minutes of reading
7 & 8	1 – 1 ½ hrs	10 minutes/subject
9	2 hrs	20 minutes/subject + assignment time
10	2 - 2 ½ hrs	25 minutes/subject
11 & 12	3 hrs	30 minutes/subject + assignment time

The following Secondary Homework Flow Chart will assist parents in understanding how they can support their child with their homework.

HOMEWORK!

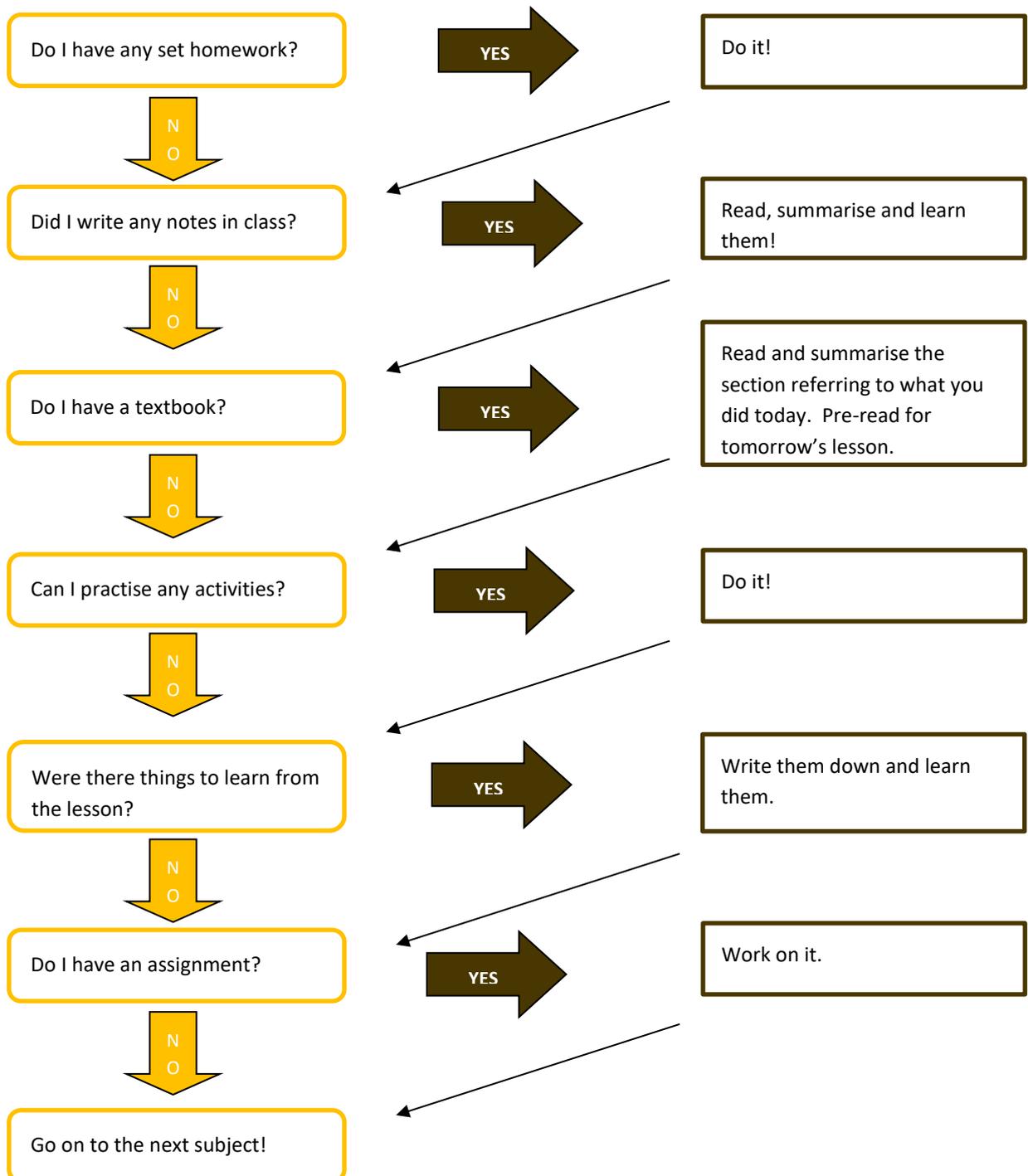
'What do I do when your child says that they do not have any homework?'

The answer is ...

There is no such thing as NO HOMEWORK!

Encourage your child to follow this self-questioning strategy to help her manage her workload.

If they follow the flow chart below, they will ALWAYS HAVE HOMEWORK!



Homework is an essential part of the learning process. It provides students with the opportunity to practise, reinforce or apply newly-acquired skills and knowledge and to learn the skills of independent study. It also fosters initiative, responsibility and self-discipline. Parents can support their daughters by ensuring that there is a work space available which is quiet and equipped; setting aside time every day for doing homework; providing guidance and support but not answers; assisting with setting priorities; and praising and rewarding effort and persistence.

St Rita's College strongly recommends that students do not have a mobile phone nearby when completing homework or study. These devices should be completely turned off and put away (put in another room is preferred). Any electronic functions that may be needed to help complete homework or study can be accessed via a laptop. In addition, social media sites and other potential distractions on the laptop should be blocked where possible.