



# Emmanuel Catholic College

## Homework Tips from the Principal

### Homework Tip #1 - Set up a Study Area

The study area needs to be set up in an area that is free from distraction. It needs to be well lit, quiet and have all necessary supplies close to hand. The family also needs to respect the student completing homework by not distracting them or having the TV or radio in the background.

### Homework Tip # 2 - Create a Homework Kit

Create a homework kit that has all the necessary supplies. A large pencil case that can house a variety of pens, ruler, eraser and any other materials that may be necessary to make a useful kit. Do not rely on the individual student to have any of the supplies, however, it is not practicable to have expensive items such as graphics calculators in the kit. A spare pack of file paper is also suggested. Ensure that the student is aware of where the homework kit is housed and that the supplies are replaced as required.

### Homework Tip # 3 - Create a Homework Schedule

Homework, like all activities, needs to be scheduled into a student's daily routine. At the beginning of each Term, sit down with your son/daughter and create a schedule that suits their individual needs. Ensure that the time allowance is consistent with what is suggested in the student's Diary.

### Homework Tip #4 - Encourage the Student to Work Independently

Homework, aside from complementing the learned work from school, teaches the student responsibility. Through homework, issues such as time management, completion of tasks and following directions are learned. These are important skills for students, of all ages, to develop.

### Homework Tip #5 - Motivate with Praise

Everyone, regardless of age, responds to praise. Keep a keen interest in the student's work and praise them regularly. Praise from family members and others who are respected by the student is a highly effective means of motivation.

God Bless,

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**Principal**