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Duty Statement for the Homework Centre

Orange High School offers a Homework Centre for all students. It is an opportunity for students to seek assistance with homework, assessment tasks and basic literacy and numeracy skills. To improve the education outcomes of students both teachers and students must work toward a common goal.

Teachers are required to:

- Work with students to support them in completing assessment tasks. Teachers will guide students in their research and break down complex components of tasks. Where necessary teachers will provide further scaffolding of tasks. Teachers are required to provide support with their research, however they will not complete the task for students.
- Assisting students with homework. Teachers will model concepts covered in the classroom to demonstrate the rules/concepts to students. Teacher will support students to complete an activity with the student with the aim of students developing the skills required to complete the home learning activities independently.
- Assist with the development of basic literacy. In the case of students attending the homework centre without assessments and homework, teachers will provide students with the opportunity to work on basic literacy skills such as spelling, comprehension, reading, writing, grammar and punctuation. These activities will be targeted at the student's academic ability to improve their literacy skills.
- Assist with the development of basic numeracy. Students will be provided with numeracy activities that develop their understanding of numeracy, number patterns and algebra, measurement and spatial data. The activities will be suited to the ability of the student with the purpose to improve their numeracy skills.

For students to benefit from attending the homework centre they must:

- Identify specific goals they wish to achieve by the end of the session. Goals can be targeted to specific areas of assessment tasks and/or homework activities.
- Discuss areas of concerns with literacy and numeracy to allow mentor/teacher to develop activities to improve students' skills.
- Suggest areas of development for future sessions at the homework group. This will assist students to improve skills in the necessary areas and build on concepts each week. It will also allow teachers to tailor specific activities to suit their needs.
- Actively participate in all activities offered and make effective use of the time spent at the homework centre.