



Whitsunday ANGLICAN SCHOOL

Middle School Homework Assistance and Senior School Tutorial Scheme (HATS) Semester 1, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students

From the **third** week of Term 1, Whitsunday Anglican School will run our Homework Assistance and Tutorial Scheme (HATS). The scheme is available to all Middle and Senior School students and will operate out of school hours.

In 2017, in the areas of English and Mathematics, the HATS scheme will focus on problem-solving in numeracy and basic literacy and extended writing and comprehension. Data collected from our Year 12 Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST), NAPLAN and ICAS results, combined with our internal testing shows that, generally, our students are very good at the re-working of familiar problems but their ability to problem-solve and write in an extended and independent manner needs improvement.

Specific one-on-one help with assignments will not be offered in HATS. Some subject areas will set up specific assignment forums where questions may be posted – teachers can then achieve equity among students by allowing these answers to be available to **all** students. All assignments are explained in class time and the assignment work then becomes the responsibility of the student. (Students in Science and Art subjects will have the opportunity to work on practical elements of their extended assignments during relevant HATS sessions).

Some subject areas will offer HATS on an as-needs basis. Teachers will advise students and parents of times and dates.

Homework assistance will be offered in the Middle School. Please note that all HATs for Middle School will occur in the Trim classrooms in the Middle School. All students not being collected by 3.25pm and not in an afterschool co-curricular activity or at After School Care will be directed to these rooms to start their homework. **As all teachers will be involved in meetings on Monday afternoon, HATS will not be offered on that day.**

HATS Timetable

The HATS timetable may be found at [WAS Website – HATS](#).

HATS Sign-On Process

1. Access the information on [WAS Website – HATS](#)
2. Electronic sign on will open on Friday 27th January 3.00pm and close Wednesday 1 February 12.00 pm [HATS Sign On](#)
3. HATS will start in Week 3 – Rolls will be generated from the sign on process.

(Boarders can complete their forms online under the guidance of Mr Keys or Mr Grant.)

Please be aware that attending HATs alone is unlikely to see results being turned around or improved in the short term. Application in class, and dedication to homework tasks throughout the week, combined with a dedication to independent learning and problem solving, are all strategies students will need to improve.

The responsibility for regular HATS attendance rests with the student.

Kind Regards,

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