

Independent Study Periods Policy

The following policy applies to students who have independent study periods in their timetable. Under no circumstances should students consider independent study periods "free time". The majority of students at Mildura Senior College **do not** have independent study periods.

- ✓ Students should use their study periods productively to complete homework, catch up on work and to revise/plan for upcoming SACs and exams.
- ✓ The College library is a work area, **not a social venue**. Students who are not studying or who distract those who are studying will be asked to work in an alternative location.
- ✓ Students should not use study periods to wander around the College, access lockers/loiter in locker areas or disrupt classes.
- ✓ The local shops are out of bounds during study sessions. Other defined out of bounds areas cannot be accessed during study sessions - these are 14th Street, Havilah Crescent, Eulinga Drive and the new subdivisions therein, the church grounds, Deakin Avenue centre plantation, and the 14th Street/Deakin Avenue bus stops.
- ✓ Students who have a study session during Lessons 1 and 2 can arrive during this time providing they sign in upon arrival. Students who have a study session after lunch/last session can leave the College during this time providing they follow sign out procedures.
- ✓ Students must attend all classes if their teacher is absent, since a substitute teacher will be allocated to the class.
- ✓ Wednesday mornings are an opportunity for all students to complete study. The Library is open for independent study and classrooms are open so students can get individual assistance from their teachers. It is compulsory for students to attend any school events such as SACs, revision classes, practice exams, guest speakers and excursions that occur on Wednesday mornings.

Consequences:

Students who choose to use their study periods inappropriately can expect one or more of the following consequences to apply:

- Loss of privileges
- A negative behaviour report
- Parent/Guardian contact/interview
- Catch up time or suspension.