



Duncraig SHS - Senior School Success Made Simple!

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Success need not be complicated! Keep it simple – Use this simple tick box to work out your plan.

Section 1 – Must Do section. You should do all of this stuff all of the time. Can you tick them all off?

Item	Check box
<p>Life Study Planner This is the single most important thing you can do to be successful! Have a Life/ Study Plan and stick to it as best you can. Plan to work hard but plan to play hard as well! Academic life is about a balance between the hard work and commitment to study and the other things such as family, friends, sport and hobbies that keep our heads in a good space! Sticking to a plan will help you stay motivated (see useful links below)</p> <p>ATAR students – You need to be doing at least 2.5 – 3 hours – 5 times per week</p> <p>Non ATAR students – You need to be doing about 1 hour per night – 5 times per week</p> <p>Get the homework out of the way first – these are the practice sets, assignments, essays etc. When this is done – get the study done. Revision Course books are great</p> <p>Useful links How to set up a Life/ Study planner (see us in administration if you need a copy of the large wall planner) How to get and stay motivated Listen to our past students tell you about their life experiences and hints for a successful life – see the Archive for Breakfast Club Speakers podcasts</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Hand in every piece of assessment on time and to the best of your ability. Not a lot more to say really. If you are not doing them then you are not serious about success!</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Complete a PMI (or a Good, Bad & The Ugly) for every major test that you do. Take a few minutes to go through each major assessment task and analyse it – What went well? What did not go well and what are you going to do about it? Do not let bad history repeat itself.</p> <p>Useful links Download an electronic version of a PMI from the SSBB</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Test and Exam Preparation – Look at your assessment weightings for your courses and you will know in many cases tests and exams are worth the majority of your marks. You need to be good at them. Here is how</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work through a trial test if you have one (see WACE revision books) – correct the test very carefully and use this information to focus your study. • Trial Exam papers – the best way to improve your exams is to practice. Get copies of past papers where possible and work through them under exam conditions where possible (just do the sections in the recommended times) <p>Useful links SCSA – Past WACE Examinations (Stage 2/3)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Your teacher is your best resource Your teacher is often one of the most under-utilized resources in your academic life. They are content experts and they have also been students like you ! If you are struggling with a problem that cannot be solved quickly – then make time to sort it out with your teacher. Most teachers will be happy to see you during breaks or at homework club. Let them know that you appreciate their help – a little bit of thanks goes a long way!</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Check out the Senior School Bulletin Board (SSBB) You must refer to this website frequently to check out “all things Senior School”. Copies of letters, FlexiTime Schedules, Senior School Calendar, Exam timetables, Revision Courses it is all here! If you do not check this out regularly you will miss out on valuable information.</p> <p>Useful links Take me to the SSBB!</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Section 2 – Should do section – You should do most of this stuff – Most of the time! Can you check off most of these?

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<p>Homework Club Monday and Tuesday, 3.00 – 4.30 You can find a teacher from most Learning Areas at the homework club. Go to HW club for the right reasons – to get help and support. It is not a time to simply catch up with mates!</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Revision Courses (School Based) These are run once a year for Year 11 ATAR students- 2 hour sessions before the Semester 2 exams and twice a year for Year 12 ATAR students – 2 hours per course prior to the Semester 1 exams and weekend revision courses prior to the Semester 2 (Mock WACE) exams. Always advertised at the SSBB Useful links SSBB – check out under the Year 11 or 12 section</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Check out the Tertiary Reminders every month on the SSBB The Tertiary Reminders is published monthly to the SSBB. This document contains information from all the Universities, TAFE and other potential employers/ trainers such as the Police and ADF with regards to scholarship opportunities, career nights, information sessions and so much more. Useful links SSBB – check out under the Year 11 or 12 section</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 3 – Could do section – You could do this if you needed to! If the circumstances call for it – take action! Can you tick off some of these?

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<p>Check out the ELES (Enhanced Learning Educational Services)- Study Skills Handbook Check out this site for hints and tips on how to study effectively. See useful links. Username = forduncraigonly, password = 72results Useful links ELES Website</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Check out the Senior School Coordinator (Formerly Dean of Studies) page for all sorts of information relating to University, TAFE entry, Study hints, Scholarships etc. Can be found as a link of the SSBB Useful links Senior School Coordinators Page</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Looking for study and support ideas – Check out these links at the Senior School Coordinators page Study Tools Examinations Study Tools (General) – How to improve test results, stress management, study sites such as Studentbox (Curtin University) and so much more. Revision Courses for WACE Study Guides and Past Papers</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Looking for Traineeship, part time or other work opportunities? Check out the SSBB – Vocation Section</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have some more ideas or opinions. [Submit them here.](#)

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