# 10 TIPS TO SLEEP BETTER



## SLEEP SCHEDULE

Go to bed and wake up at the **same time** everyday (even on the weekend). **Avoid long naps** during the day.



## AVOID BIG MEALS

Don't eat large/spicy meals before sleep. A small snack that contains '*Tryptophan*' may help, such as banana, nuts, oats or milk.



## TURN DEVICES OFF

You don't want any noises distracting you or waking you up. If you use your phone as an alarm, make sure it's in 'do not disturb' mode.



#### RFLAXING ROUTINE

Make sure to do something relaxing **before bed** such as a bath/shower, read, meditate, art, puzzles or relaxation techniques.



## **AVOID CAFFEINE**

Avoid consuming caffeine or stimulant food in the evening. This includes soft drinks, tea, energy drinks, coffee, chocolate...



# **AVOID SCREENS**

The production of 'melatonin' (the hormone that helps initiate sleep), can be delayed by light from interactive electrical gadgets.



## DAYLIGHT & EXERCISE

Exposing yourself to daylight every day helps to reset your 'circadian biological clock' (sleep-wake cycle). In addition, exercising during the day will promote good night's sleep.



## NOT FEELING SLEEPY?

If you are not asleep after half an hour, go to a different room and do something quiet and relaxing until you feel sleepy.



## 'COMFY' BEDROOM

Make sure your bedroom is dark, quiet and cool and that your mattress and pillow are comfortable enough.



#### WELLBEING

If sleep issues are consistent and having a significant impact in your life, consider seeking support from a GP or a mental health professional.