



Learning@Home

Guidelines for Students

Learning@Home is a new and exciting way of learning and it will give you the chance to work at your own pace and do many things differently. It isn't like being at school – you don't have to be online at 8.40am and strictly follow the school timetable or have interval and lunch at the school times (although your teachers may put some timeframes around doing some activities, to help them manage their time with all their classes). You don't have to wear your uniform and you can have your phone with you if you want!

But, there are some proven ways of learning that will help you make the most of this opportunity:

1. Be organised. Have a place/area/table/desk that you will be working from and stick to that. Make sure you have everything you need handy.
2. Have a routine. Try to start the day's learning at the same time if you can, and work in blocks of time, then have a break. Make sure you make time for food and exercise and for catching up with friends online. We don't expect you to work solidly from 8.40am to 3.15pm, but if that works for you, that's OK. You can be flexible with when you learning, but 3-4 hours of learning in the day will be fine for most students – seniors should count on putting in more time, depending on your subjects.
3. We know that many families may have more than one person wanting to use the computer/device – perhaps you can work out a schedule so everyone is happy.
4. Remember that your teachers are only an email away, and they have been told that keeping in touch with you is really important.

General Guidelines

1. Log on to Google Classrooms every day. Check your emails at least once per day.
2. Check what tasks/activities your teacher may have put into Classroom.
3. Decide what you will work on that day – it could be that you focus on one subject, or you might spend some time on a number of subjects. How you do the learning is up to you and it may be different every day. If it gets confusing and you don't know what to do, email your teacher or your Ako teacher.
4. Emails and Classroom comments are how you will mostly communicate with your teachers when you have a question, when you want to make a comment, or when you tell them how much you're enjoying what you are doing! Your teachers may not answer you straight away, but they will tell you when they will be available each day to answer your emails. You can send them as many questions about your learning as you need to – through email or Classroom – at any time.
5. Your teachers will respond to your questions by emailing you, giving comments and feedback in the Google Classroom – they may even arrange a video meeting with you and other members of your class!

6. Remember that your teachers need to be with their families as well at this time, so know they will respond to you and give feedback when they can.

Your Learning Activities

- Your teachers will upload activities/tasks for you – it could be different ones every day, in which case they will be available by 10.30am, or you may already have a range of activities and tasks available that will last through the week. Each subject will be different.
- Teachers have put a lot of time and thought into providing good learning opportunities and activities for you, so please try and complete the tasks as set.
- If you run out of things to do(!), let your teacher know. They will be happy to work with you to find other learning activities.

Your Ako Teacher

- Your Ako Teacher will also be in touch with you, to see how you are going and keep you in touch with anything important.

Learning@Home is important, but your health and your family are more important. Spend time with your family, get outside into the fresh air, have time off the internet. Help out around the house, try something different.

This will be a really interesting time for you and your teachers and they are looking forward to teaching and learning in a different way. Remember, if you have a question, ask them. We hope you enjoy this experience!

OTHER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Term Dates

The dates for the end of Term 1 and holidays have changed:

- Term 1 will finish on Friday 27 March
- The holidays will start on Monday 30 March and end on Tuesday 14 April.
- Term 2 will start on Wednesday 15 April

If you want to continue to work on your learning over the holidays, that's absolutely OK – and OK not to as well. Be mindful of how much time you spend on your learning – although that will differ from student to student with seniors possibly continuing to work a little more. You can ask your teacher questions, but be aware that it may take them a little longer to get back to you.