

Information for Students - 14 April 2020

Our focus is our school value **whanaungatanga tika: maintaining connections with students, staff, and learning.**

This week, our priority is making sure that you are connecting with your learning and your teachers.

How much school work should I be doing?

We know that it is difficult for some of you to manage looking after others, sharing devices and the internet, and having time for exercise and play. So, **you are expected to do 12-15 hours of school work each week.** Your teachers will suggest other things you can be doing if you want to learn more about a subject.

Do I have to do school work on my normal timetable?

Yes and no.

Each teacher will make time for **synchronous learning.** This is learning that is happening at the same time. This may look like a Zoom chat, a Google Hangout or Meet, a Schoology Discussion, or just a time when your teacher will answer your emails. Synchronous learning will happen during one of your usual timetabled periods, and will show as an Event in your Schoology Calendar. If you can't make this time, please let your teacher know and make arrangements for another time.

The rest of the time you are able to manage your own learning. Your teachers will give you guidelines for when work should be completed so you are ready to move onto the next task.

How will I know what I have to do?

Schoology is the first place you should check each day. It will have messages from your Form Teacher, your Dean, and other staff and students. It will also be where your subject teachers post the work for the day.

Your caregivers have been given access to Schoology, so they will be able to see what work has been assigned.

Even if you use another platform like Education Perfect or Google Classroom, you must still check Schoology first.

Is there anything I have to do?

Your Form Teacher or Class Rep will post something to your Form Class Group on Schoology every day. Please check in by adding a comment or a 'Like' to the post. This is your way of saying that you're reading any messages and you're doing ok.

If you don't check in, your Form Teacher will be calling home to see that you're alright.

What about my assessments?

If you were in the middle of an assessment

Your teacher will let you know if you should be continuing on, or if you should leave it and go onto a new topic.

If you have an assessment due before we are back onsite

Your teachers have been told that there should be no assessments due while we are offsite. They will let you know what to do with your learning. You do not need to ask for an extension.

Will I still be able to get my NCEA this year?

Yes. The school is getting lots of information from NZQA about different ways of doing assessments if we are offsite for a long time. The types of assessments and the number of credits that are offered may change depending on what happens over the next few weeks.

What are some tips for learning at home?

- Try and have some structure to your day. Decide what times you can focus on schoolwork, for instance between 1-4pm each day may suit you, or you may want to do an hour in the morning, an hour in the afternoon, and an hour in the evening. Remember to check when you have **synchronous learning** scheduled. Your family may decide to have everyone working at the same time, or you may choose separate times.
- Try and set up a workstation somewhere. It could be at the kitchen table where you can ask for help and help others, or it could be in a quiet place somewhere. Make it different from where you relax (not in bed or on the couch!)
- Make sure you get outside and do some exercise, and drink lots of water.

- Not all learning needs to be on screen. You can still use pen and paper, workbooks, etc. You may need to take a photo to share your learning with your teacher.

What do I do if I need help?

Your form teacher is the first person to contact if you need help. This could be if you are finding it difficult to keep up with work, if you're unwell, or if you have a question about school. Your form teacher will put their email address on the Schoology Form Class Group.

Your deans are also here to help.

Yr9 - rprasad@lynfield.ac.nz

Yr10 - sreynolds@lynfield.ac.nz

Yr11 - shameed@lynfield.ac.nz

Yr12 - sbraithwaite@lynfield.ac.nz

Yr13 - rchristie@lynfield.ac.nz

The counsellors, Careers Adviser, and the nurse are available.

Mrs Kevaney dkevaney@lynfield.school.nz

Mr Tonks btunks@lynfield.school.nz

Mrs Keir wkeir@lynfield.school.nz

Ms Hiatt nurse@lynfield.school.nz

Has my timetable changed?

9BW, 9CR, 9PN, 9CH, 9BN, and 9CN

If you are in one of the above learning classes then you will have an option subject change for this term. Digital Technologies, Robotics and Business subject rotations have changed for this term. Your new option will be in the courses section of schoology and learning will be posted for you from Wednesday. Your timetable will reflect this and you can see this by signing in to the portal <https://lynfield.mystudent.school.nz/>.

Everyone else will have the same timetable as Term 1.