

## **Learning at Home - How will this work?**

### **Information for Parents/Caregivers**

As you may be aware, School Holidays are being brought forward so that they are completed within the 4 week period of the Level 4 Alert. Holidays will now occur from **Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April** inclusive. At the end of this time, from **Wednesday 15 April**, your son will be provided with distance learning opportunities from their teachers according to their normal school timetable.

Online learning will be provided for your son from **25 March until 27 March via Google Classroom and Gmail.**

**The Learning Conferences which were planned for Thursday 9 April (Boarders Learning Conferences) and Thursday 30 April are postponed until further notice.**

Please note the instruction to stay home (Alert Level 4) will continue beyond the new school holiday period.

As this stressful ever changing situation rapidly evolves, it is important that you come together as a whanau and determine how learning from home will work for you. We recommend that if you are not home with your child during the day, then you do check in to ensure they are completing the work.

This is a great opportunity for our boys to learn some good self-management skills. We accept that not all boys will want to work between 8.30am and 3.00pm and this is okay! Again it is really important that they keep learning going in whatever way works for you and them.

Our teachers will be online during the course of the school day during their timetabled classes between 8.30am - 3.00pm. This includes Tutor Time. Please be patient if they don't get back to you straight away as they are working with up to 25 students at a time whilst managing their own whanau and their needs. We aim to get a response to any questions within 24 hours.

The main platforms our staff will be using are Google Classroom and Gmail for sharing learning activities and Google Meet for video conferencing. Your teachers have let the students know which platforms they will be using to teach your student online.

Our teachers will be emailing you at the end of the week with a brief progress report of how your son is doing.

It is important that we keep life as simple as possible for our staff and students and we make the following suggestions to you to ensure that online learning is positive and achievable for all:

1. **Assist your son to develop a schedule for each day.** This should follow your son's normal teaching timetable. This should include food breaks, physical activity and human face to face contact either with family or via Google Hangouts.

2. **Remind your son that they must check their school email** - they will have updates from teachers, in the form of emails, Google Classroom and other platform notifications. We'll also tell you which staff are sick, so you won't be able to contact them.
3. **Look at your timetable** - Get up and get dressed - you don't have to be in uniform! During your normal lessons your teachers will be available to support your son with his work. Take regular breaks, drink water and eat good food.
4. **Set up a work space** - Find a space at home that you can set up as a good work environment for your son. Make sure that it is comfortable, well lit and ventilated and somewhere you can work without distractions.
5. **Have some fun** - Make sure they have some variety in their day. Make space for exercise, creativity and device-free time! There are loads of workouts, mindfulness and yoga to do on line from your lounge
6. **Find a support person** - many of us need someone to hold us accountable and help us to stay on track. This could be a friend or adult. It is important to set up good work habits and set your son up for managing screen time.
7. **Friend Time** - think about a way your son and his friends can catch up at interval and lunch time online. Encourage them to try an online video call with your morning tea.

#### **Children of Key Staff/At Risk Students**

We are working to provide a support system for those students who require one to one contact time with staff for their wellbeing and who receive a boarders lunch. This includes children of key staff who are still required to work. Please contact me if your son falls into this category and if you are concerned about any aspect of your son's health and/or wellbeing.

This is a good time to remember our school values of Faith, Courage, Humility, Unity and Support.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself on [hambidgej@stream.school.nz](mailto:hambidgej@stream.school.nz) or Mr Duffy on [duffy@stream.school.nz](mailto:duffy@stream.school.nz)

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## **Instructions for Students**

### **General Expectations**

1. Put your health and your family first.
2. You are expected to login to your google classrooms each day as per your timetable.
3. Check your emails at least once a day and reply if necessary.
4. We will use one consistent platform (Google Classrooms) for sharing learning activities
5. If you have a question about your learning, post it on Google Classroom and if your teacher cannot answer it, hopefully one of your classmates can
6. We will use one consistent platform for meet ups (Google Meet).
7. Continue with your assessment work as much as possible. Please don't stress about NCEA - we will be responsive to your needs as a learner.
8. Remember teachers will be with their families as well so know they will respond to your emails and give feedback as they can.

### **Subject Teachers**

- Teachers will upload tasks/lessons for the day by 10.30am. Make sure that you check the classes that you would have that day.
- Teachers will be providing good learning opportunities, engaging activities and work of value, so please try and complete all learning activities provided.
- Your teachers may nominate a time when they will be online and available to answer emails, questions etc.

### **Contact Information**

- First point of call → contact your tutor teacher via email.
- Concerned about your specialist subject → contact your subject teacher via email
- Concerned about your wellbeing → Contact Mrs Hambidge on [hambidgej@stream.school.nz](mailto:hambidgej@stream.school.nz)
- If you are already working with Mr Charles then please continue to do so remotely via email at [charlesg@stream.school.nz](mailto:charlesg@stream.school.nz)

Concerned about your Health contact Healthline:

- Coronavirus related 0800 358 5453
- General Health related 0800 611 116
- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-health-advice-general-public/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-questions-and-answers>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/looking-after-your-mental-health-while-self-isolating/?fbclid=IwAR053kIWYB0afMd3WAVNJ-GJs4nSc1igwszZP58fJSzx1AT3anAMkQ6GyYY>