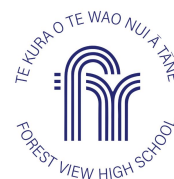


Information for FVHS Parents and whanau regarding student learning - 9th May 2020



Please find answers to some general questions we know some of you have been asking our staff. We hope these answers may be helpful for you and your family.

Will my student be able to catch up on learning and assessments they have missed during lockdown?

Absolutely! At Forest View High School, we have a very flexible timetable, which enables us to run specific catch up classes, study classes and other individual programs of learning. Whānau need not stress at a time like this about their children having missed out on learning opportunities. Every teacher will discuss with students, and adjust their learning and assessment plan with their classes, to suit the students' needs. If a student can't learn the way we are teaching, then we will teach them the way that they learn.

How will my child who is in Year 13 or in Year 12 and indicating they want to leave school at the end of the year be affected by learning from home?

While this is a stressful time for our senior students, particularly those leaving to embark on tertiary education, we have measures in place to ensure our school leavers are not impacted at the end of the year. Our Deans, Leadership Team, Careers Adviser and our Senior Leader of Year 11-13s will closely monitor achievement, and monitor student progress towards their goals for the year. Homework classes will be offered and attended by teachers of our senior students. Literacy and Numeracy standards can be offered during Arataki time on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday when and if required. Course additions can be made by some senior teachers, to include University Entrance Literacy credits, and other credits towards gaining University Entrance.

We are working closely with the latest advice from NZQA about the requirements for University Entrance and NCEA to ensure our students have every advantage possible.

I am worried my child doesn't want to engage with school anymore?

All children learn differently, and while online learning has suited some, it may have been a bad experience for others. If your student has had a bad experience, please don't stress or argue with them. Their mental and physical well being and yours is more important during this time. Once a sense of normality resumes, we will have support networks in place to try and integrate students back into school as seamlessly as possible.

My child has been so much happier learning from home and connecting with teachers when they need to rather than having to during normal class times?

While this certainly applies to some of our students, it has been a different experience for everyone. Under Level 2, online learning is still available, and if your child feels more comfortable with this type of learning, provisions can be made while still under Level 2. However, keep in mind that all students will need to re-integrate into the physical school environment at some point.

While we have had to change the way we have been teaching and students the way they have been learning quickly, there are many things we can take from this experience into the remainder of the year. This now provides the opportunity for us to relook at our “normal” to make sure we are better catering to the needs and learning styles of all of our students.

Why does my child have to return to the usual way of lessons when they seem to be succeeding and happier working from home?

There are a lot of important social and cultural benefits that schooling provides. We pride ourselves on celebrating successes of students and to provide opportunities to students they otherwise would not have. We are really happy to hear this has been a rewarding experience for your child.

When we return to school we will take time to ensure our students have time to talk through their experiences of lockdown. This will provide a good opportunity for staff to understand what is required of us from students to help them in all aspects of their schooling.

We may also need to relook at the way we learn to ensure this is appropriate for the remaining of the year. Our Leadership team is working on this now to ensure the needs of all of our students are met.

Some information about returning to school we will take into consideration:

https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/416047/efforts-needed-to-help-children-avoid-mental-health-consequences-of-lockdown?fbclid=IwAR2-PpBUwvghvJ_1qg-548erXeBbPv9EIVmoup44ZEvKXx2hBlconPsbPBk

Information from School Sport NZ:

<http://www.nzsssc.co.nz/newsarticle/90039?enewsid=21229>

Noho ora mai

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