



# ASHS Learning from Home Term Three - August 2020

## Learning from Home Update 14/08/20

Kia ora whānau

As you will have heard in this afternoon's announcement we are remaining at **Level Three** for a period of **twelve days**. At Albany Senior High School we have been planning for this possible situation for some time. We want to assure our learners, staff and whānau that we are well placed to continue with delivering learning whilst our students remain at home. We recognise this second outbreak will have been a shock to many and that it will be a challenging period as we get used to being in lockdown once again. Firstly, it is okay to not be okay and secondly, we are all in this together and as a school community we will work together to get through this period with a sense of purpose and a whole lot of kindness!

As a school we are focusing on three areas: wellbeing, connectedness and doing NCEA from home! The last point (NCEA) is a bit of a shift from last time but we recognise that as a senior school our young people want to continue to work toward their academic goals. To this end, we will work with our school leaders and teachers to focus on meaningful learning and assessments that lend themselves to working from home. As a school we also have the opportunity to develop "derived grades" for those assessment opportunities that can't be completed this way. We will look to manage learning and assessment as effectively as we can and will keep you informed with any updates we receive from the Ministry of Education and NZQA (who manage NCEA) as they come to hand. And whilst we are focusing on continuing to complete assessments it is important to stress that whilst we value NCEA we value the wellbeing of our young people more!

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your (or your young person's) Tutor teacher to make a plan if learning from home is a challenge in any way.

### And remember...

Be kind.

Stay safe.

Stay home.

Wear a mask if going out!

We got this team!!

Nga mihi

*Claire*

**Claire Amos**

**Principal | Tumuaki**

**Albany Senior High School**

## Our General Expectations

- Put your health and your family first.
- Your week will be separated into three different blocks. Monday and Tuesday structured learning, Wednesday Impact Projects and Thursday and Friday self directed learning (teachers available for check ins).
- Check your emails at least once a day and reply if necessary.
- We will use one consistent platform (Google Classrooms) for sharing learning activities and one consistent platform for meet ups (Google Meet).
- **NEW** - It is essential that you continue with your NCEA assessments where possible.
- Remember teachers will be with their families as well so know they will respond to your emails and give feedback as they can.
- Your “attendance” and engagement will be monitored so please ensure you are taking an active role in your lessons. Join your Google Meets (Monday, Tuesday and Impact) and login to your Google Classrooms each day.

## Our Priorities

### Wellbeing

Over this period of lockdown it is vital that everyone’s well being is prioritised → Learners and Staff. You will be feeling a range of emotions and many of these emotions will be based on your previous experience in lockdown. How can you take care of your wellbeing over this second lockdown?

- Emotions - don’t suppress and ignore these. Name your emotions → acknowledge why you feel this way → validate these feelings and use the emotion to motivate how you respond.
- Be active! Exercise and get out of the house every day.
- Do things that boost your mental health (happiness) and avoid things that don’t.
- Get enough sleep.
- Prioritise work and make **achievable** to do lists/goals.
- Stay connected to your friends and family. Share your worries → Learners get in contact with your tutor teacher. Teachers get in contact with your SSL or DP.

### Connectedness

Remaining connected with your Tutor teacher is essential. Tutor teachers will be working with learners to ensure they are keeping focussed, tracking their progress and supporting individuals to find the best balance between wellbeing & school work.

To support learner’s focus and engagement, Specialist and Impact teachers will be passing on congratulations or concerns to Tutor teachers. Tutor teachers will be holding one-on-one meetings with all learners in their tutor class and they will also be the main connection between whānau and school. ‘Stocktakes & Self Assessments’ will continue remotely.

### NCEA Achievement & Assessment from Home

It is essential that learners continue with their NCEA assessments where possible.

Learners please check in with your specialist subject teachers, Impact Project Mentor and Tutor to confirm which assessments you will work on from home - note that some of these may be different than those planned for in school learning. For any assessment that cannot be completed remotely there may be opportunities for your teacher to collect evidence of your learning that will inform a “derived grade”.

**Note** - And whilst we are focusing on continuing to complete assessments it is important to stress that although we value NCEA we value the wellbeing of our young people more! Any student can work with their tutor teacher to plan or redevelop their academic pathways as needed. Any Level Three students concerned about meeting their tertiary requirements can contact Craig at [cdyason@ashs.school.nz](mailto:cdyason@ashs.school.nz)

### Monday & Tuesday

Students experience structured learning in Specialist Subjects as normal and focus on setting up learning for the week. Teachers design learning and assessment to support self-direction.

### Wednesday

Students participate in Impact Projects within their Impact Project Hubs whilst being supported to work in an increasingly self-directed manner.

### Thursday & Friday

Students are supported to work in an increasingly self-directed manner choosing where to work and what to prioritise. Teachers are available to support as needed.

## Our Weekly Learning Structure

### Specialist Subjects

- Monday and Tuesday Specialist Subjects will begin with an online Google Meet at 9.30am, 11.00am and 1.30pm. This will be when your teacher will set the goals and focus for the week and frame up your learning tasks.
- Teachers will upload tasks/lessons for the day by 9:00am. Make sure that you check the classes that you would have that day.
- Thursday and Friday Specialist Subject lessons will be more flexible but you will need to login to your Google classroom and continue with your assessments and learning
- Your teachers may nominate a time when they will be online and available to answer emails, questions etc.

### Tutorials

- There will be a scheduled meetup twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. PLEASE ATTEND your Tutorial session at 9.30am via Google Meet. Every second week you will have a one on one chat with your tutor to support your progress.
- Check your Tutorial Google Classroom for information at least twice per week.

### Impact Projects

- You will continue to complete your Impact Project remotely.
- Mentors will update Google Classroom by 9:00am every Wednesday. Meet your mentor and impact project class in a Google Meet at 9.30am (unless otherwise negotiated).
- Some projects will have clear road blocks within the lockdown world. In this case go back to the heart of what the project or Hub focus is - how could your initial ideas be adapted towards a new project or outcome?
- Impact Project NCEA Assessments will continue remotely.
- IP50 will not take place over lockdown

## 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 impact project → contact your impact project mentor via email.

Concerned about your wellbeing → contact student services via [rtaylor@ashs.school.nz](mailto:rtaylor@ashs.school.nz)

If you are already working with an ASHS counsellor please continue to do so remotely via the already established channels.

Concerned about your Health contact Healthline:

- Coronavirus related 0800 358 5453
- General Health related 0800 611 116