



Marsden Remote Learning

Students working at home – Parent information

At Marsden we are well placed to support our students to continue with their learning programmes from home. Teachers will be updating students and checking in with them regularly. This will occur as **Synchronous Learning** (SL – live on Google Meet) and **Asynchronous Learning** (AL – through the subject folders on their Google drive or in mystudentdashboard.com).

Establishing a routine

It is in students' best interest to follow routine. Getting up, dressed and breakfasted ready to start the school day at 8.30am is a great way of establishing routine. It is a good idea for students to organise the working day according to the school timetable, ensuring there is some personal time scheduled between classes. Appropriate clothing (such as would be worn for mufti days) is appropriate for SL. Maintaining regular habits will help students use their time effectively. We encourage them to find a quiet place to work, which may be shared with others. Headphones might be useful when students are in live lessons. Please give your daughter the space to get on with her learning independently, just as she does at school. There is no necessity to closely monitor her unless she is truly off task for an extended period of time.

Using the Google Drive and MyStudentDashboard

In their subject folders on Google drive there are resources, lessons, and, in some cases, instructional teacher videos. These will be updated regularly. There should always be work available and a running document for each subject that outlines 'where we are at' will help students know what is going on.

To facilitate **Synchronous Learning**, a timetable has been created. Face to face learning is scheduled once or twice a week per subject and gives students the chance to check in with their classmates and teacher, ask questions, discuss and engage with their learning. Students will be invited to join a meeting by going into Google Meet on their devices. This style of learning will account for a small part of the school day and for the rest of the time, students should access instructions, tasks and learning via their Google drive or in mystudentdashboard.com. Ask your daughter

to share her timetable with you. Work will be varied and students certainly won't be required to be online all day. We encourage movement and activity as part of the learning day.

There is a **daily** roll check at 10.30am with the form teacher/tutor. In addition to this, full form time and tutor meetings are scheduled once a week. This gives tutors and form teachers the chance to check in on the general wellbeing of students and the way in which they are managing their remote learning. In addition there are daily activities to maintain physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing which will be available in the Marsden Hapara workspace via mystudentdashboard.com

It is important that all students check their school emails several times a day. They can contact class teachers and deans via email if they are experiencing any difficulties.

Staying in touch

Please email absences@marsden.school.nz if your daughter is sick. The school nurse is available for non-Covid-19 health matters 8.30am–3.30pm (Mon–Fri) on 021 442 070. For Covid-19 matters please ring the Healthline. You can email our Clinical Psychologist kerry.schiff@marsden.school.nz (Mon–Wed) or Counsellor sophie.bank@marsden.school.nz (Thurs–Fri). They are available for Google Meet sessions with your daughter if required. Chaplain Sarah King, school Deans, form teachers and tutors are available through the usual email contacts.

Marsden teachers will be working regular hours, setting and marking work, communicating with students to ensure that learning is ongoing. In the event of teacher sickness, work will still be available.

We aim for a 24 hour turnaround during weekdays to follow up on parent inquiries.

You and your daughter are invited to post the things you are doing or just a message of support on [Marsden Kind](https://www.marsden.school.nz). If your daughter has a great story about her learning or the activities you are doing at home please also email them with a photo/video to inge.doig@marsden.school.nz and juliette.rickman@marsden.school.nz We really want to share what and how the Marsden family is doing.

Kia kaha.