

Avonside Girls' High School / Te Kura Kōhine o Ōtākaro

Hybrid Learning

A guide for students and whānau

- Avonside Girls' High School is providing Hybrid learning for ākonga, during term time. This is a combination of traditional classroom based learning, and learning from home. This means that students who are isolating at home can continue their learning.
- **All the teaching and learning will happen in Office 365.** Students access this in the normal way via, start.avonside.school.nz
Students will use their username and password to access Teams. They will have a team for each subject. Students and whanau should contact their Ako teacher if they need help with their username or resetting their password.
- **Students should check their school email every morning, during term time.** This is where students will check messages from their teacher and where they can check in with their learning each day. There may also be important updates from the school.
- **As much as possible, students should aim to keep working to their timetable.** We understand that everyone's circumstances are different and are aware that this might not be possible. Teachers will be available to answer questions and provide feedback during timetabled hours as much as possible for each subject and will use this time to communicate via email and TEAMS with students – however students can access this information at any time. Some classes will offer livestreaming for their lessons. Other classes will upload recordings and resources that students can go through at their own pace. Whānau can access student timetables on the parent portal. Please contact your young person's Ako teacher if you need a new copy of your username and password.
- **NCEA Assessment.** The focus is to continue the learning. This isn't the time to worry about high stakes assessment. NZQA is working with schools to develop effective plans for NCEA assessment and qualifications for students affected by COVID-19. They have stated that their focus is fairness for all students.
- **School Support.** The available contacts to support your daughter's well-being during term time are their Ako teacher and their Kaitiaki.



- **Guidance Support.** Our guidance team is available if further support is required. Please contact the team member that is currently connected with your young person. If you do not know who this person is then contact our Head of Guidance, Nardine Schroder nschroder@avonside.school.nz

Whānau can best support their learning by checking in with them and helping them to plan their day of learning. Encourage them to build in a range of activities, including time off screens.

In general:

- If you need help with learning or your routine, contact your teacher or Ako teacher.
- Try to keep a schedule including regular breaks.
- Keep realistic expectations of your learning.
- Contact with home will be through email, so please let the school know if whānau have recently changed email address.

Helpful Links:

Ministry of Education resources – these websites will also provide programming details of educational programmes available on TV1, TV2, Freeview and Sky Channel 502

<https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/learning-resources>

<https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/ki-te-ao-marama/>

How parents can support home learning – The Education Hub based in New Zealand

<https://theeducationhub.org.nz/category/home-learning/home-learning-resources-for-parents/>

Resource centre for New Zealand parents supporting home learning during the pandemic

<https://education-reimagined.org/distance-learning-resource-center/#parents>

Learning at home during a pandemic

<https://study.com/academy/popular/learning-at-home-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic.html>

Independent learning strategies to support students learning at home

<https://study.com/academy/popular/independent-learning-strategies-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>



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