

WORRIED ABOUT RETURNING TO SCHOOL MUCH IN 2021?

Check out why you shouldn't dwell on what you haven't done or what you are worried about and look ahead to how we will support you when we return to school.
We have used student voice to address issues that matter to you.

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I AM SO FAR BEHIND I MAY AS WELL JUST GIVE UP NOW...

B

I HAVEN'T DONE ENOUGH WORK AND I WILL BE BEHIND IN EVERY CLASS.

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I'M WORRIED ABOUT ASSESSMENTS/ CREDITS/ UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE.

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I'M WORRIED ABOUT GETTING BACK INTO A ROUTINE.

HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH THAT

No! No! No! Never give up, exams have been pushed back, you can still get good work completed

When you get back to school the first thing you will do is meet with your tutor; trust that teacher to help you and motivate you. We will make a plan together!

Support for students from teachers will be provided to help you.

NCEA isn't a race and it is designed to recognise what you have achieved, not what you have missed or not achieved. You can just keep working towards your qualification no matter what Year Level you are in.

Teachers understand that priorities for students were very different during lockdown and they are understanding about work that hasn't been done.

Get well-rested and be ready to hit the ground running when we start back.

Start now, it is never too late.

Focus on what you have done.

Your tutor can support you with managing your time and act as support for you when talking with your teachers.

Quiet study space in library.

Track credits and get yourself organised.

Yes, it is likely that changes will be made to assessment timelines.

Our teachers are all aware of the need to be flexible around assessment. If you couldn't complete an assessment remotely you should be given an opportunity when back at school to do it.

Don't give up! You will surprise yourself with what credits come in with hard work right up to the end. Stay positive, keep working, and keep track of your credits.

NCEA is designed to allow students to complete different levels across different years, if this year doesn't work out as expected keep at it as with the right sort of motivation you will get there in the end.

Get yourself organised.

Talk to your teachers, your tutor, and your Year Advisor- they are there to help and want you to do well.

This will be a struggle.

Start now, start small. Bring your bedtime back and start getting up earlier. There is no easy way.

If you don't take this advice then 'suck it up, set your alarm and do the hard yards for the first week!'

Either way, get yourself out of bed and to school.

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I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY FRIENDS AND SOCIAL STUFF.

F

I'M WORRIED ABOUT GETTING SICK OR STUDENTS NOT FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AROUND HYGIENE.

G

IF I'M IMMUNE COMPROMISED - WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO STAY HOME AND CONTINUE WITH MY LEARNING ONLINE?

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WILL THE CAFÉ BE OPEN FOR BUYING FOOD?

HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH THAT

Yep, things could be a bit awkward at the start, but you could get in touch now to break the ice:

Make a plan to meet on the first day before school for a quick catch up (no hugs please).

Remember this isn't much different from coming back after the Xmas holidays so be positive about social stuff. It is almost always fine as soon as you hang out again.

Be kind, it always helps.

Yep, this is real! The school will take lots of measures to keep you safe; they include:

Sanitiser in classrooms

Teaching and reminding students of good hygiene practices

No big gatherings like assemblies

Extra cleaning everywhere including toilets

Restrictions on café

Following all Ministry of Ed guidelines

Students and staff are asked to stay home if they are ill, and our nurse will be available if you become ill during the day.

Yes, you will be able to access learning online if your health condition means returning at Level 2 is too risky.

You will need to be aware that this is really demanding for teachers who will be back teaching face to face between 8:30am and 3pm and so there may be less work available online.

If you continue to work online remember to continue communicating with your class teacher via chat or email.

Yes in some form.

We are likely to stagger the timing of lunch breaks for Juniors & Seniors to limit numbers in the café.

If you need food but are unable to purchase it then please visit the Year Advisors' off ice (Main Block) and someone there will be able to help you.

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WILL THE BUSES BE RUNNING? WHAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE THEY MAKING FOR KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE?

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I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY PRACTICAL SUBJECTS - WILL THERE BE SOME OTHER TIMES SET TO CATCH UP WITH WORK IN CLASSES LIKE ART?

K

OUR CLASS HAD A TRIP PLANNED THIS TERM - WILL THIS STILL GO AHEAD?

HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH THAT

Yes, they have gone back to their normal timetable.

They are cleaning buses regularly and there will be physical distancing requirements, so buses might be "full" when they reach your stop.

Please allow plenty of time to get to school.

Teachers of practical subjects have focused on theory work during lockdown to enable more time for practical work when we return to school.

In some subjects there may be after school or lunchtime options to catch up on practical work.

In some other practical subjects, they are looking at alternate standards that could be offered in place of ones that can't be completed.

We are monitoring this but it is likely that trips will be affected.

Where we possibly can trips will go ahead safely.