



2021 Guidelines for whanau of Rodney College students for Distance Learning Programme

Kia ora Rodney College whanau. As we move into our second lockdown in 2021, we hope that you are doing okay and that our students are prepared to continue their learning through our Distance Learning Programme which will begin again on Monday 1 March 2021.

Our teachers have been preparing for this situation and have lessons ready for the students to complete and are looking forward to “seeing” all students online.

A. What can you expect from our teachers and what do you need to do?

| What we can expect from Rodney College teachers | | What parents/caregivers need to do |
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| 1. | Our teachers have/will be putting work for students on Google Classroom and communicating with them via email also. Some teachers will be meeting students via Zoom or Google Meet. | Nothing, except encouraging their child to log onto Google Classroom, for each class, regularly, as well as checking their school emails (the Google Classroom codes for all classes were sent out during the last lockdown). Check where they are at with their 'take home' work if working offline. Encourage them to ask questions, manage their learning and check they are not falling behind in their work. Trust and support your child at this time. |
| 2. | Our teachers will keep track of students' work completion and give them some feedback. Teachers are aiming to connect via Google Classroom/Zoom/Google Meet once a week in one of their timetabled lesson times. | Parents can have 'bubble meetings' with their child to plan out their day or week, to ensure schoolwork is being completed. We encourage you all to make a plan that works for you as a family. |
| 3. | Your child's Academic Counsellor (AC Teacher) will contact parents/caregivers this week via phone or on-line to introduce themselves and check how things are going. | Answer the phone! Encourage your child to be very honest with their Academic Counsellor (AC Teacher) about how things are going for you in lockdown, what difficulties you have and what help you need. |
| 4. | General messages and updates via email | Students must check their school email regularly and read and action any messages and updates. |



B. Do you have a question? Here are some answers to frequently asked questions

| Question | Answer |
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| 1. What do I do if my child has forgotten their password? | Contact Mrs Middleton (alison.middleton@rodneycollege.school.nz) and ask her to tell you your password. |
| 2. How does my child access their email? | Open Gmail and enter their school Google email address and password. |
| 3. What do I do if my child can't find or get into their Google Classroom? | Check the Google Classroom codes that were sent to you during the last lockdown or email the respective teacher and ask them to invite your child into the Google Classroom. Or you can contact Contact Mrs Middleton (alison.middleton@rodneycollege.school.nz) |
| 4. Does my child have to be online at any given times? | No, our teachers will set work that can be done at a time that works for you, your child and your 'bubble'. There might be Google Meet/Zoom opportunities, but if they cannot be there at that time or your internet connection won't cope with streaming live, that's okay. |
| 5. Is school optional during lockdown? | No, it is important that your child gets involved with the Distance Learning Programme. Your child will be expected to do the work set for them. When they do the work is up to your child. |
| 6. What do I do if my child can't complete the work? | Communicate with their teachers, Dean and/or Academic Counsellor (AC Teacher). Email them and let them know what is happening for your child that they cannot complete the work. |
| 7. Other schools are making their students be online at specific times, why isn't Rodney College? | We know there is a significant amount of pressure on people within their bubbles. We want our students, and their whanau to do what is best for them at a time that suits them. |
| 8. How can I best support my child's learning? | Have a 'bubble meeting' and plan your day or week to incorporate some learning. When it is their learning time, leave them to it. |
| 10. I am worried about my child's mental health and wellbeing at this time. | Contact The Guidance Counsellor Chris Byars or one of the DPs via email, in the contacts below. They are experts in this field and have further contacts and advice that can help. |

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