



10 TIPS FOR LEARNING @ HOME

The closing of schools around the globe in 2020 due to the 'Coronavirus' is new ground for everyone involved and not something we have ever seen on this scale before. The unknown really at this time is how long this may impact the learning of students. Many schools are gearing up, or have already implemented, the use of technology to assist students to continue their education at home.

Continued learning for all students is necessary but more so for those in the senior years at school (Years 10,11+12). Unless it is school holidays, students should be continuing with their learning just like they would if they were at school.

In order for students to continue their education, it will be important they:

1 Be self-disciplined

This will be in terms of ensuring they continue to attend school, as per the expectations the school provides. Naturally this will be via the use of technology and other resources. Students will need to make sure they put in the required time and effort in doing so. The more effort that is put in to ensure, they continue their learning and retaining the knowledge they need to, the easier they will find it during any formal testing or exam time later on.

2 Set themselves up in a space that is conducive to learning

Where possible students should be sitting at a desk or table to undertake their work. It should not be completed on their bed or lounging on the couch. They should also have all the necessary books, materials they need close by for easy access.

3 Stick to the same daily routine

It is advised, unless directed by the school, that students continue with their learning and participate as they would if they were attending school ie 9am-3pm (or whatever their usual school hours). Then on top of this they will still need to find time to complete any additional homework as assigned just like they would when at school.

4 Complete all set work

Students will still be required to complete course work as outlined by their teachers and to meet the necessary deadlines set.

5 Be a self-directed learner

Study and revision will continue to be important aspects of learning and time will still need to be dedicated towards these on top of any set work. Students need to keep on top of creating any summary notes and revision tools as they go. It will be vital that students are ready for any form of assessment that may be set for them whilst they are learning @ home and also when they go back to school.

6 Use their planning tools to assist with any work to be completed

Students don't try and remember it all in your head – use a tool like a diary or calendar to assist. Remember to include homework/assignments on the due dates and also find time in the diary for when you will complete the work. Deadlines can have a habit of creeping up and creating unnecessary stress if not managed effectively. You are likely to receive less reminders not being in the classroom too.

7 Continue to follow a plan

Students should continue to work out what work (homework) needs to be completed over night, and also other work could be started ie starting an assignment or preparing for a test.

8 Avoid distractions and procrastination

Students need to get rid of any temptations including leaving their phone in another room and to turning off any notifications on other devices to avoid being distracted. Remember the work will take longer if you keep getting distracted!

9 Continue to be a good self-advocate and implement feedback

Students should continue to ask questions and seek information when they don't understand something – they can still make a time or email a teacher to discuss.

Students need to also continue to take on board feedback from teachers after every piece of work or assessment to ensure they keep improving and learning. This can be done using online mediums instead of face to face in just the same way.

10 Keeping in touch with fellow students

Students should be encouraged to keep in touch with their fellow class mates and where possible engage in conversations or study groups to assist their learning and understanding. This can be done online just as effectively as it can in person.



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