



## New Town High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Where possible, students will continue to learn from home, supported by parents and carers with teachers leading the learning. This will continue until we are advised to return to normal school procedures.

Our school will be open for those students who cannot be supervised or supported to learn at home.

Curriculum delivery during this time will be provided to students online and through paper work-packages for those without online access. The online learning platform supported by the Department of Education is 'Canvas' and will serve as the central hub for accessing all online learning communicated by the school. Information on how to access Canvas is provided below.

Our teachers will be in regular contact with those students learning from home using the messaging and conferencing tools in Canvas. In some cases, our teachers will phone parents and students to maintain contact.

To support learning at home, there will be learning activities provided to your child from most of their subject areas, you will need to determine which ones to prioritise first as we recognise that the school environment cannot be replaced at home and there needs to be some flexibility and adaptability to learning in this new way. For younger and older children, expectations of learning may be different. It may also be different for families depending on the time and resources parents have available to them.

We would recommend that you establish a learning from home routine that involves approximately three hours of learning per day. This is a stressful time for all of us and while getting into a routine at home with school based learning activities may provide normality and a way to stay connected for some, it is important to acknowledge that cooking, helping around the house, being creative and relaxing need time allocation too. One style of learning does not suit all.

Your wellbeing will influence your children's wellbeing and in this first instance, this is the "lesson" we need your help "teaching" right now however that looks for you.

To those working with hard copy work packages, we do not require families to return hard copy materials to the school. It is preferred that assignments be returned to teachers by sending a photo image via email, or on Canvas, directly to your child's teacher.

Students who attend school will meet in year level home groups at 8:45 am each day and follow their normal timetable of lessons. In cases where their teacher is not at school, they will report to the library where they will be supervised to undertake online learning for that particular subject. We have a number of teachers whose circumstances are such that they will work from home, delivering online learning and developing hard copy learning resources. Students who attend school must remain at school all day.

Year 9/10 co-ed classes will be delivered at the students base school i.e. boys at NTHS and girls at OHS or online at home.

We have included some advice from our student support professionals at the school, regarding ideas to support your child's wellbeing.

We have also included information from our Department leaders about school for Term Two.

There is information about our home learning delivery methods on our website <https://newtownhigh.tas.edu.au> under the 'students' tab.

If you have any further queries regarding particular curriculum areas, please contact the relevant curriculum leader below, or your son's teacher/s:

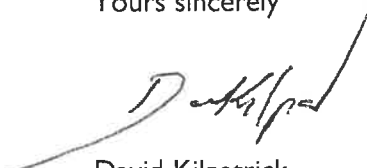
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#### **Some Notes for Accessing Canvas:**

- Canvas operates using the **Google Chrome** internet browser (Microsoft Internet Explorer does not support Canvas). Google chrome can be downloaded via the following link: <https://www.google.com/chrome/> and is already installed on many desktops and laptops and all android phones.
- Canvas can be accessed via the following web address: <https://canvas.education.tas.gov.au/> or, alternatively, via the shortcut provided on the New Town High School Intranet page.
- There is also a **CANVAS** app available on both the App Store and Google Play. If downloading via a computer – App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/canvas-student/id480883488> and Google Play: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instructure.candroid&hl=en\\_AU](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instructure.candroid&hl=en_AU)
- **Students can log in to Canvas using “education\” and username e.g. education\john.citizen.00 and their normal school password**
- **Students will need to also use the following link to connect to their school email [login.microsoftonline.com](http://login.microsoftonline.com)**
- Once logged in to Canvas, students will be able to access the Canvas pages for all of their classes.
- Teachers, will be able to monitor student progress, mark and provide feedback on all work that is attempted and submitted through CANVAS. Alternatively, students can email their work through to the relevant teacher.

Please contact any of those responsible for your child's education at New Town High School if you have any questions or concerns about the expectations for their learning at home.

Yours sincerely



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