



Distance Learning Course Options 2016

We are able to offer students a number of courses which extend the choice of subjects that are offered in school. Our key providers are Volcanics, Te Kura (The Correspondence School) and the Gateway programme. Students who enrol in these options will be required to

- Provide a laptop pc laptop computer in order to complete work
- Buy their own textbooks
- Contribute towards course costs for Tertiary courses run through Volcanics
- Complete at least 20 credits in their chosen career pathway if enrolled in a Gateway course
- Sign an agreement with the school outlining key responsibilities and equipment requirements.

Gateway

The Gateway programme provides broader educational options and strengthens pathways for secondary school students into further education and training or employment. Students undertake a period of time (usually 1 day per week) at a place of employment e.g. a café, bank, information centre, farm where they learn practical skills within a working business. Students also have to complete at least 20 credits which clearly relate to their placement, for example a student may wish to work with small children, they have a placement at a day-care centre and complete unit standards about working with small children. Students leave the placement with practical work skills, credits which count towards their current NCEA level.

Entry Criteria

Gateway placements are limited to 6 for 2016. If students wish to be considered for this course they are required to meet the following standards:

- A good record of attendance at school (over 85%)
- An excellent record of conduct and behaviour within school (very few, if any, pastoral records).
- A commitment to completing their Gateway standards.
- Ability to catch up on school work if their placement occurs when Maths, English, Science lessons are being taught in school.
- A pc based laptop computer.
- An ability to attend their placement independently from the school. Not all placements are within Coromandel town and may require transport.

Once the entry criteria have been met, students will be interviewed regarding placement opportunities. Please note that for some industries the health and safety requirements of the provider may include that they can only take students over a certain age.

Volcanics

Volcanics is able to provide students with access to teachers from other schools nationally through eLearning. There are multiple benefits to enrolling in an eLearning Community course. Students are able to take courses that are not currently offered at their school and "timetable" clashes can be resolved.

Year 10 students are welcome to enrol in NCEA Level One courses as an extension opportunity. We also have access to a number of courses provided by tertiary institutions which adds to the range of options available.

How it works?

Each eLearning course will have one or more of the following learning components:

- Paper based (workbooks, textbooks and notes)

- An online component accessed through an online learning environment such as Moodle, UltraNet, Google Docs
 - Video conferencing (VC), or web based conferencing using Adobe Connect or Google Hangouts
- All NCEA courses offer NZQA Achievement Standards. Communication is maintained through video-conferencing and a combination of tools in the online learning environments such as email, google communities, google drive, google sites, learning management systems, skype and texts.

Please note that acceptance into a virtual course is dependent upon available resources, the level of student enrolment and the timing of the enrolment. Sometimes students will be on a waiting list for a short time.

Acceptance into eLearning courses will also be determined by a recommendation that the student is sufficiently self-motivated and has the ability to work with less direct teacher supervision than would normally be the case in a face to face class.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Who will be my teacher?**

If you are enrolled in an online course, your eTeacher will be from another school in New Zealand.

2. **How often will I see my teacher?**

You will have an hour long video or web conferencing class each week, and your eTeacher will provide an online classroom (like a website) in which you will work 3-4 hours each week.

3. **How will I communicate or get work to and from my teacher?**

You will be able to communicate regularly with your eTeacher through emails, online forums, online chats, news forums, discussion boards, skype and text messages.

4. **How do I receive work or send work to my eTeacher?**

You will be able to upload your assignments, assessments, tests and any other work into your online classroom. You can also email your work, share it eg through Google Docs, Dropbox etc or simply post it. For work sent online, your eTeacher will mark your work online and send it back the same way.

5. **Do I need access to a computer or device at home?**

You will require access during school time to a computer or a device (eg a laptop computer) and the internet so that you can work independently in your "online environment/online classroom". If you have the internet at home, that is an added bonus.

6. **What happens if I have another class at that time?**

Video-conference lessons take precedence. You will have to make up for the lost time by working with your teacher from your school on what you have missed in their lesson. This is why you need to be self-motivated.

7. **Who can apply for an online class?**

You may apply through your options booklet to be enrolled in an online course if the subject/course you wish to study is:

- Not currently offered at your school
- Clashes with another timetabled class
- Offered through a tertiary organisation

Students who apply must:

- Be self-motivated and well organised

Proposed Course Options for 2016

Courses	Beginners	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3/4
Accounting		ü	ü	ü
Agriculture		ü	ü	ü
Art History			ü	ü
Biology			ü	ü
Business Studies			ü	

Chemistry			ü	ü
Chinese	ü	ü	ü	ü
Classical Studies			ü	ü
Design & Visual Communication		ü	ü	ü
Digital Technology		ü	ü	ü
Digital Photography			ü	ü
Economics		ü	ü	ü
French	ü	ü	ü	ü
Fashion and Textiles Technology		ü	ü	ü
Geography		ü	ü	ü
German	ü	ü	ü	ü
Graphics		ü	ü	ü
History		ü	ü	ü
Human biology		ü		
Japanese	ü	ü	ü	ü
Te Reo Maori	ü	ü	ü	ü
Maths		ü	ü	
Maths with Calculus				ü
Maths – Statistics and Modelling				ü
Media Studies			ü	ü
Performance Music		ü	ü	ü
Physics			ü	ü
Physical Education			ü	ü
Print Journalism			ü	
Samoan	ü	ü	ü	ü
Spanish	ü	ü	ü	ü
Social Studies				ü
Tongan		ü		
Web Design				ü
3D Animation			ü	

Tertiary Course (Unit Standard courses)

Course	Provider	Level 2	Level 3
Agriculture	Telford Rural Polytech	ü	ü
Apiculture	Telford Rural Polytech	ü	
Dairy/Cattle	Telford Rural Polytech		ü
Equine	Telford Rural Polytech	ü	
Forestry	Telford Rural Polytech	ü	
Horticulture	Telford Rural Polytech	ü	ü
Sheep Farming	Telford Rural Polytech		ü

Possible New Course for 2016

Courses	Beginners	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3/4
Education for Sustainability			ü	

Course Costs:

Students are asked to buy their own textbooks at the start of the year. External tertiary courses may require fees from families.

Te Kura

Te Kura is a distance education provider offering personalised learning programmes to students from early childhood to Year 13. Te Kura courses are run exclusively online and although students are able to email or telephone their teacher there is little or no face to face interaction.

Submission of work

Students who enrol with Te Kura are expected to return work once a month. Te Kura operates a strict process of un-enrolling students from their course if work is not received regularly.

Subjects

Refer to www.tekura.school.nz/subjects-and-courses/ what-You-can-study for the most up-to-date information.

Subject	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Accounting	Accounting	Accounting	Accounting
Agriculture	Agriculture	Agriculture	Agriculture and Horticulture
Art (visual)	Visual Arts	Painting	Painting Design Sculpture Printmaking Photography
Art History		Art History	Art History
Biology	Biology	Biology	Biology
Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies	

Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
Chinese	Chinese	Chinese	Chinese
Classical Studies		Classical Studies	Classical Studies
Commerce Studies	Commerce Studies	Commerce Studies	
Digital Technology	Digital Technology	Digital Technology	Digital Technology
	Information Management		
Early Childhood			
Economics	Economics	Economics	Economics
English	English	English	English
	Literacy		
Enterprise			
French	French	French	French
Gateway	Gateway	Gateway	Gateway
Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
German	German	German	German
Graphics	Design and Visual	Design and Visual	Design and Visual
	Communication	Communication	Communication
Health and Physical	Health and Physical	Health and Physical	Health and Physical
History	History	History	History (England)
			History (New Zealand)
Home Economics	Home Economics	Home Economics	Home Economics
Horticulture	Horticulture	Horticulture	Agriculture and Horticulture
Japanese	Japanese2	Japanese3	Japanese4
Latin	Latin		
Legal Studies	Legal Studies	Legal Studies	Legal Studies
Life Skills		Life Skills	
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics and	Calculus
			Statistics
	Numeracy for Everyday Life		Mathematics
Media Studies	Media Studies	Media Studies	Media Studies
Music	Music	Music	Music
Pathways Education	Pathways Education	Pathways Education	
Performing Arts	Dance	Dance	
Physics	Physics	Physics	Physics
Science	Science Everyday Science		
Social Studies			
Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish

Technology	Technology	Technology	Technology
Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori

Enrolment with Distance Learning

Once students have selected their options, Senior Management will collate the options, interview students and ask parents to sign a letter of understanding, once this has been returned to school, we will complete the enrolment process with the provider.