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This Guide to Learning from Home provides information to assist students and parents in learning from home. We hope it answers many of your questions in relation to home learning with Swansea High School. If you have further questions please contact the school.

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Message from the Principal

At this stage it is unknown how long students from Swansea High School will be learning from home. We sincerely hope we return to 'normal school' as soon as possible. While the current lockdown is only for 1 week, we are preparing for online learning to continue beyond this week. I don't have any 'inside information' on this. My prediction is you will find out at the same time I do when the NSW Premier gives one of her daily 11am updates.

Most of our teachers are parents, with many of our staff having their children learning from home during these current restrictions. I am the father of two children, one in primary school and one in high school. I know how difficult it is to have our children engaging in remote learning. When I try to help my kids with schoolwork, I am met with attitude and contempt. What would I know - I am only a teacher and principal!

I urge you not to place too much pressure on your child to complete mountains of work and spend countless hours at the computer. It is important that students engage in the remote learning and complete work, however students will not be penalised for not getting through all work. My advice is to try and establish a routine that works for your child and your family. As teachers, we know that every day at school is so valuable to a student's academic, emotional, and social growth. It is more important than ever that during these restrictions we look after our children's, and our own, emotional wellbeing. This is a tough time for so many young people and adults in our community. Please reach out if you or your child need help and we will do what we can to support you during this difficult time.

Together – we will get through this!

From Monday 9th August, students at Swansea High School will begin online learning from home as a part of the NSW Department of Education's Level 4 Restrictions.

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is a free online platform that allows teachers to share files and content with students. All students can access Google Classroom from any computer, laptop, ipad or mobile device.

To access Google Classroom, students simply login using their school Department of Education details. They then need to add the classroom code to access specific classrooms. These codes have been provided to students and are available at the back of this guide.

Trouble accessing Google Classroom

If you are having trouble accessing Google Classroom ensure that you are in your DoE google account (not private account/gmail, etc) and entering the classroom code accurately. The code is case sensitive and must be entered with no spaces. If you are still having trouble gaining access to a specific Google Classroom, contact your teacher or call the school for assistance.

Timetabled lessons

Students are expected to follow their normal daily timetable. The work online is a continuation of the work which has been delivered in class. It is important that students continue to engage with their learning. Teachers will be recording whether students are engaging with the Google Classrooms by monitoring students submitting work or commenting that they are present for class.

What if my child cannot be online during their normal timetabled lesson?

While we want students to attend online classes during their timetabled lessons, we also understand homes can be busy places. Access to computers and family commitments may prevent students from attending class during the scheduled time. If this is the case, we would like students to still access the Google Classroom at a convenient time. Students must make contact via Google Classroom (unless we know they are working from booklets provided) so that the teacher, and school, can account for each student.

Paper-based work packages

We are expecting most students to complete classwork online. We are aware of some families where access to technology and the internet can be difficult. We will only be providing a very limited number of paper-based packages. These will be the same work as the online work on Google Classroom. Given at this stage the restrictions apply until 12/8 – it is not feasible to create large packages for home. Families who require a paper package are encouraged to contact the school and we will endeavour to get this to you later in the week.









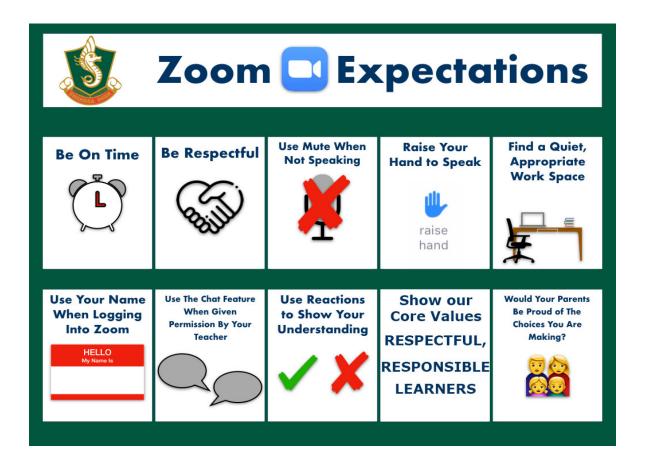
Students attending school during Level 4 Restrictions

For various reasons parents might have no option but to send their child to school during Level 4 Restrictions. The school has very limited staff on site. Students will be placed in a computer room with a teacher to follow their normal timetabled day and complete their work online. There will be no direct face to face instruction with their normal class teachers. Students MUST wear face masks all day and the canteen will not be open.



ZOOM Lessons

It is the decision of individual teachers whether they provide Zoom lessons. If teachers do use ZOOM lessons the details will be provided to students in their Google Classroom. Students will be provided a meeting code and password to access the online lesson. It is important that online etiquette is followed in Zoom lessons.



How much time should my child be spending on online learning?

The amount of time your child spends on learning will vary for each student. However, we want students to try and limit their time on the computer to no more than what they would expect from a normal school day with regular breaks in between. Work with your child to get the best out of them – this might mean negotiating times and activities to break the day up.



There is not enough work, can I get more?

Feedback received last year during remote learning was that students and families felt quite overwhelmed with the amount of work students were required to complete. Teachers have been instructed to keep the amount of work manageable. If your child would like extension activities, they are encouraged to contact their teacher via Google classroom.

Practical Subjects

Teachers of practical subjects such as Sport, PE, Industrial Technology, Visual Arts, or Cooking will provide activities and classwork via Google Classroom. We encourage students to go for a run, ride your bike/scooter, take a walk at the beach (all COVID-safe of course). Have your child help with dinner preparation, bake a cake, draw/paint a picture or even build something. Having children involved in these pursuits is just as important as academic learning.

Are Assessment Tasks still required to be completed?

At this stage with the restrictions being for 1 week, we are expecting students to complete any assessment tasks that have been handed out which might be due in the coming weeks. If Level 4 Restrictions continue for an extended length of time we will be revising our assessment schedules for each year group. This will be communicated to students and parents in coming weeks. Some subjects have research tasks that they will still get students to work on while learning from home. This will only occur if it is a suitable task that can be completed at home. Similar to last year, we will ensure students will not be disadvantaged if they have not been able to access or submit assessment tasks and our overall course marks and Semester 2 Reports will reflect this if necessary.

Year 11

Year 11 should be continuing with their learning and regularly seeking assistance and feedback from their teachers. It is vital that they keep up with all classwork so that they adequately complete all course work for each subject. Year 11 Yearly Examinations are scheduled to start on the 9th September (Term 3 Week 9) and at this stage students should have the mindset that these examinations will still proceed. In the event that these Level 4 Restrictions continue we may revise the Year 11 examinations and assessment schedules. We will communicate with all Year 11 students and parents to keep them informed as we learn more about this situation over the coming weeks.

Year 12

The HSC Trial Exams have been postponed at this stage until further notice. Year 12 students are expected to be following their regular timetables and attending online classes. A Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th August to provide clarity to students and their families regarding changes to HSC assessment tasks and Trial Examinations.





Student Wellbeing

If you are finding things difficult - this is OK. Learning from home presents a number of complex difficulties. Students and parents need to realise that they are likely not the only ones finding learning from home difficult. Try to get some exercise, take regular rest breaks and connect with friends and teachers. We have established Google Classrooms where students can access their Year Adviser, Deputy Principals and wellbeing resources. We also have virtual counselling support. Access the online clinic below.

https://telecounselling.education.nsw.gov.au/dougreidy

There are also other health services available to students and families.





How students can access **Zoom meetings** in NSW public schools

Sign into **Zoom** with a **desktop browser**



- 1. Use a modern browser in Windows, MacOS or Linux.
- 2. Browse to the NSW DoE Zoom console at: https://nsweducation.zoom.us



- 3. Select Sign in at the bottom.
- 4. Login with your department credentials.

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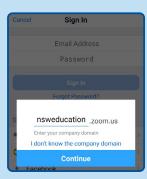
- 5. For first time users, **download and install** the Zoom desktop client when prompted.
- 6. Once signed in, Zoom will be ready for use!

Accessing **Zoom** using **mobile apps**

1. Download the **Zoom** app for your specific mobile device.



- 2. Once installed, open Zoom, tap Sign In then tap SSO.
- 3. Type nsweducation and tap Continue.



4. The **DoE log on screen** will appear. Sign in with your normal department credentials.

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More information

- How to join a Zoom meeting
- Participating in a meeting



Year 7 Google Classroom Codes

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