



DISTANCE EDUCATION & ONLINE LEARNING

FarNet Online Community of Schools

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Distance Education occurs when students and teachers are physically separate from one another during instruction and learning periods. Distance Learning is the desired outcome of distance education.

Distance education, also known as “online learning and e-learning” refers to any learning that is undertaken by students requiring them to have a teacher or tutor from outside our school. There are currently two avenues for distance education for our students. One is through the [FarNet Online Learning Community](#) and the other one is the traditional [Correspondence School](#).

We prefer to offer the FarNet option to students as it has proven to be more engaging for the learner.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students (referred to as e-students) are connected to their class through a video conference bridge where they can see both their teacher (e-teacher) and the other students in their class from schools right throughout New Zealand. Throughout the rest of the week students work on their own on the wide range of resources, but can contact their e-teacher for assistance or extra tutorials.

E-students will be scheduled in a weekly class with their e-teacher. The e-teacher will provide an internet-based online environment where resources are made available, forums set up where discussions can take place, homework can be downloaded and assessments can be uploaded. Students will no longer need to wait for their resources to arrive in the mail.

Students will have this online class on their timetable, so they will have an option line where they will be required to work independently, or some supervision may be needed, depending on the student and school.

Students will need access to the internet and a device during this option line and the school will ensure this is made available. It is an advantage but not essential for students to have access to the internet after school hours.

FarNet belongs to the **New Zealand Virtual Learning Network Community (NZVLNC)** which means our students have access to qualified teachers in a wide range of curriculum areas from all over New Zealand.

COURSES OFFERED THROUGH DISTANCE EDUCATION

There are a wide range of courses available. They can be found on the Learning Exchange on the Virtual Learning Network - <http://pol.vln.school.nz/>. The course outline and pre-requisites can be found here. The next step is to speak to the e-dean - Mrs Maria Chabera.

