



Virtual Learning Network Primary School

2020 VLN PRIMARY PROSPECTUS

Which online learning opportunities would help your students thrive?

Digital Technology

Make a start on the Digital Technology Curriculum Levels 1 & 2 and Digital Progress Outcomes 1 & 2.

Intro to Coding: Understand algorithmic thinking to build block-based computer code for gaming. Debug (fix) basic code, create and manipulate simple games through user feedback, and develop your own game in Scratch!

Web Design: Understand the influence and effectiveness of website design elements. Develop and evaluate wireframes (plans) for websites based on user feedback. Create websites using Google Sites.

Digital Tech Extension: Develop knowledge, understanding and skills in computational thinking and designing and digital outcomes. Think creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively. Explore advanced Scratch, Javascript, Python and more.

Digital Citizenship: Develop digital literacy and cyber safety skills based on the NZC values and key competencies. Learn about your digital footprint and how to be safe online digital citizens.

Gifted & Integrated Programmes

Integrated programmes work across curriculum areas and levels, although generally Level 3+ and above.

Gifted & Going Deeper: Explore personal characteristics and concepts of giftedness to help make sense of ourselves as learners. Learn to critically respond with P4C which encourages respectful responses to moral, ethical and everyday dilemmas.

Life Skills: Gain appreciation for budgeting by choosing a career, building a resume and 'landing a job'. Deduct taxes & loans, use online tools for groceries, clothes and accommodation!

Risk & Reward: Explore the stock market through authentic tasks preparing students for future investments. Invest pretend money in real companies. Follow the stock market and investigate why particular stocks have risen or plummeted!

Maths Phenomena: Investigate number systems - the familiar and unfamiliar, delve into negative numbers and exponents - how big and small can numbers get? Explore numbers and patterns in nature.

Aotearoa New Zealand

Shaping Aotearoa (L3/4 Social Sciences): Explore Aotearoa's past and influences which have shaped our nation including early Māori and colonisation, the Tiriti o Waitangi, and immigration until the early 20th century.

NZ Sign Language (L1 Languages): Learn basic hand shapes, facial expressions and body movements of sign, the natural language of the deaf community.

Te reo Māori (L1 te reo Māori): *Kia ora!* Learn pronunciation, introduce yourself and your family, communicate feelings and location with basic questions and responses. Māori is an important part of our identity as New Zealanders and the school curriculum.

Te reo Māori (L2 te reo Māori): *Tēnā koe e hoa!* Build on the basics of speaking Māori, an official language of Aotearoa. Communicate likes and dislikes, time, weather and seasons, as well as personal characteristics.



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Visit our website for course overviews, eTeachers, and fees.

Kapahaka (L3 The Arts: Dance): *Kia mau!* Learn and practice waiata (song) and actions, along with tikanga (protocol) for performance of Aotearoa's national cultural identity, te ao Māori.

Visual Arts & Design

Illustration (L3 Visual Arts): Experience and develop illustration skills through different media and techniques based on themes such as portraiture and animals.

Logo Design (L3 Visual Arts): Understand the purpose of logo design and its effectiveness. Interpret and create various logos at different stages of the design process through sketching and digital tools. Use your logo to create marketing material such as business cards and letterheads.

Literacy

Creative Writing & Poetry (L3/4 Listening, Reading & Viewing): Read and respond to poems, prose and short stories to inform personal creative writing.

Speeches & Essays (L3/4 Listening, Reading & Viewing): Learn to research and organise ideas and then organise information in a logical and persuasive manner. *5 week course.*

Literacy Extension (L4/4+ Listening, Reading & Viewing; Speaking, Writing & Presenting)

Literacy Booster (L3 Listening, Reading & Viewing; Speaking, Writing & Presenting)

Improve written language skills for either Year 8 students preparing for high school or Years 5-7 working at L3. Guided learning opportunities to develop student spelling, grammar and written language skills.

Science & Maths

MRS GREN Biology (L3 Living World): Learn, discuss and carry out simple experiments to investigate our living world, how it adapts and interacts.

Matter & Material (L3 Material World & Physical World): Explore the intricate world of material and matter. From chemical structures through to physical forces and natural phenomena.

Astronomy (L3 Planet Earth & Beyond): Explore the fascinating subject of space and the relationship between the major players in our solar system.

Problem Solving Extension (L4/4+ Number & Algebra)

Problem Solving Booster: (L3 Number & Algebra)

Improve your maths skills through learning techniques to solve relatively lengthy word problems that require comprehension skills and several things to be worked out to get an answer.

Learn a language

We offer Levels 1 and 2 for nine international languages. Programmes cover pronunciation, familiar expressions, everyday words, asking and answering simple questions, understanding basic sentence structures and making cultural connections.

Afrikaans: *Hallo!* Learn the basics of speaking Afrikaans, a Germanic language spoken mainly in South Africa.

Spanish: *Hola!* Learn the basics of speaking Spanish, the second most popular language in the world.

German: *Hallo!* Learn the basics of speaking German, a popular language spoken throughout Central Europe.

Spanish: *Hola!* Learn the basics of speaking Spanish, the second most popular language in the world, spoken throughout South America and Spain.

French: *Bonjour!* Learn the basics of speaking French, an official language of over 29 countries!

Korean: *Yeoboseyo!* Learn the basics of speaking Korean, an East Asian language spoken by more than 77 million people.

Japanese: *Konnichiwa!* Learn the basics of speaking Japanese, the national language of Japan and over 128 million people.

Tagalog: *Kamusta!* Learn the basics of speaking Tagalog or Filipino with high school students from Rosmini College.

Mandarin: *Ni hao!* Learn the basics of speaking Mandarin, the only official language of China and the most spoken language in the world.

Cook Islands Māori: *Kia orana!* Learn the basics of speaking Māori Kūki 'Āirani, the language of our Pacific neighbours with many similarities to Māori of Aotearoa.

What are you waiting for? Register your interest!