



Information Pack

Spectrum Online Academy Kindergarten - Year 13



Personalised, flexible, future-focused education



SPECTRUM
— A C A D E M Y —



Vision & Aim

Our Vision

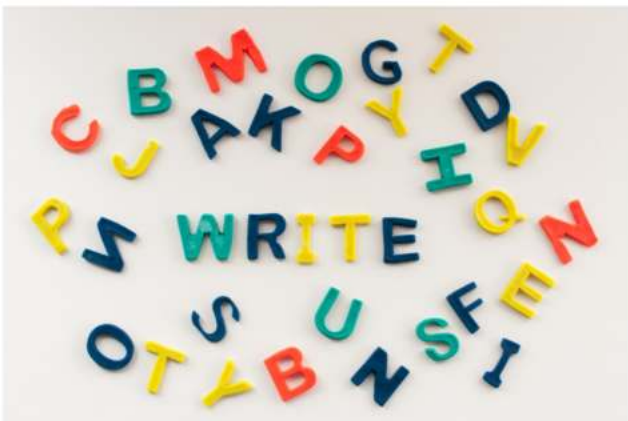
To offer personalised flexible, future-focused education, to ignite learning, inspire growth and instil innovation



Our Aims

Our aim is to prepare students for life by educating them to...

- be happy, healthy, fit and strong
- be self-directed lifelong learners & ready for their next learning steps
- be critical, creative thinkers and problem solvers
- be respectful people who have excellent communication skills, attract respect and inspire others
- have a career, job or business that they love
- be financially safe, secure and free





Learning Cycles & Dates

Our school year is based on 40 weeks of learning, which is equivalent to the NZ school system. There may also be opt-in modules over the summer break

Each learning cycle is broken up into modules as follows:

- 2-3 week integrated unit focus
- 1 week 'off grid' catch up & single focus
- 3 week integrated unit focus
- 1 week 'off grid' catch up & single focus
- 2-3 week integrated unit focus

Learning Cycle 1	Learning Cycle 2	Learning Cycle 3	Learning Cycle 4
 Wednesday 7th Feb - Friday 12th April	 Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July	 Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th Sept	 Monday 14th Oct - Friday 13th Dec





Curriculum

The Spectrum Academy Curriculum:

We base our curriculum, for all ages and levels, on ensuring the five Key Competencies are woven into the learning.

The Five Key Competencies:

These are:

- **Thinking**: being able to think, problem pose, seek, create and use knowledge
- **Relating to others**: being able to relate to a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts
- **Using language, symbols, and texts**: having excellent oral and written language, (literacy skills) and have the maths (numeracy skills) to be prepared for life
- **Managing self**: having the skills to be self directed, self-managing, self-monitoring and self-managing
- **Participating and contributing**: being actively involved in communities at home, locally, nationally and globally

The Eight Learning Areas:

These are:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| • Literacy/English | • Learning Languages |
| • Numeracy/Mathematics | • Science |
| • Health & Physical Education | • Technology |
| • Social Sciences | • The Arts |



Learning Coaches & Learning Partners

Your Learning Coaches:

The curriculum is delivered by our Learning Coaches (fully qualified NZ trained Teachers) alongside Parents as Learning Partners.

Your child (and family) will be paired with one of our experienced learning coaches who will work alongside you and your child to develop an educational experience linking to their curiosities, unique talents and personal goals.

A weekly 1-1 check-in and goal-setting sessions will ensure your child is on track and enable your coach to personalise the learning.

Specific subject tutors are available for 30-minute sessions per week for Maths and Science plus many other subjects.

Your Role as a Learning Partner:

Parents are expected to work alongside their child in a supportive role. We believe you are an expert on your child and know what's best for them. We do not expect you to be an expert in the curriculum - that's our job.

Your role is to encourage, support and work with your child and Learning Coach to help us develop the best educational, personalised outcomes for your child.

Depending on the age and independence level of your child will depend on how much input you will give at home.

For younger children, this may be 2-4 hours a day, while secondary students may just be a 30min-1hour check-in each day with your child and Learning Coach.

If you are also working from home we do have an upgrade option for a teacher to spend more time with your child to free you up to work. Please contact the Spectrum Office on info@spectrumeducation.com to discuss this.



Our Foundation - The Habits of Mind

Our Foundation:

We use the Habits of Mind as a foundation for teaching and learning...


What is a Habit of Mind?

A Habit of Mind is knowing how to behave intelligently.

It is knowing what to do when you are unsure or unclear of the next step or when you DON'T know the answer.

Future-focused learning is not just about gathering information, it is about knowing how to act on it, knowing what questions to ask of it and being able to think critically about content and origin. The Habits of Mind give students the behaviours that shape effective inquiry and encourage independent learning. The 16 Habits of Mind give learners of all ages and at all stages, a framework for autonomous, lifelong learning. They show us how to behave intelligently, independently and reflectively.

Every two - three weeks there will be a focus on one Habit of Mind. Your child's Learning Coach will reinforce the Habits throughout their instruction, discussions and activities.

 <p>1. Persisting Stick to it! Persevering in task through to completion; remaining focused. Looking for ways to reach your goal when stuck. Not giving up.</p>	 <p>2. Managing Impulsivity Take your time! Thinking before acting; remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberative.</p>	 <p>3. Listening with understanding and empathy Understand others! Devoting mental energy to another person's thoughts and ideas; Making an effort to perceive another's point of view and emotions.</p>	 <p>4. Thinking flexibly Look at it another way! Being able to change perspectives, generating alternatives, considering options.</p>
 <p>5. Thinking about your thinking (Metacognition) Know your knowing! Being aware of your own thoughts, strategies, feelings and actions and their effects on others.</p>	 <p>6. Striving for accuracy Check it again! Always doing your best. Setting high standards. Checking and finding ways to improve constantly.</p>	 <p>7. Questioning and problem posing How do you know? Having a questioning attitude; knowing what data are needed & developing questioning strategies to produce those data. Finding problems to solve.</p>	 <p>8. Applying past knowledge to new situations Use what you learn! Accessing prior knowledge; transferring knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learned.</p>
 <p>9. Thinking & communicating with clarity and precision Be clear! Striving for accurate communication in both written and oral form; avoiding over-generalizations, distortions, deletions and exaggerations.</p>	 <p>10. Gather data through all senses Use your natural pathways! Paying attention to the world around you. Gathering data through all the senses: taste, touch, smell, hearing and sight.</p>	 <p>11. Creating, imagining, and innovating Try a different way! Generating new and novel ideas, fluency, originality.</p>	 <p>12. Responding with wonderment and awe Have fun figuring it out! Finding the world awesome, mysterious and being intrigued with phenomena and beauty.</p>
 <p>13. Taking responsible risks Venture out! Being adventurous; living on the edge of one's competence. Try new things constantly.</p>	 <p>14. Finding humor Laugh a little! Finding the whimsical, incongruous and unexpected. Being able to laugh at one's self.</p>	 <p>15. Thinking interdependently Work together! Being able to work in and learn from others in reciprocal situations. Team work.</p>	 <p>16. Remaining open to continuous learning Learn from experiences! Having humility and pride when admitting we don't know; resisting complacency.</p>



What might a week look like in Years 0-10?

Our Year 0 - 10 Weekly Programme:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Self-directed & Parent led learning time (if child is an early riser)				
8.45am - 9:00am	Morning Online Catch-up with Learning Coach + Habit of Mind Focus for the week (class group)				
9:00am - 9:35am	Main Lesson - over a 3 week period your Learning Coach will focus on one curriculum area and give explicit instruction, tasks, projects and activities to go deep and wide into this learning area. This will include reading, writing, maths, health and PE, social sciences, science, technology and the arts. Examples include: sustainability in your local environment, creative writing, scientific observation, geometry in nature, the animal kingdom, business studies, the chemistry of food, understanding your health & wellbeing, music, the artist's way and more.				
	Self-directed or Parent led learning time: Your Learning Coach will set specific work, based on the student's next steps in their learning and these are to be completed with Parent support and Learning Coach guidance. This may include video tutorials, online resources, an activity grid and home based tasks.				
		1:1 x 30 minute meeting with the Learning Coach and student to discuss where the student is at, answer questions and discuss next steps and keep on track.			
1pm - 3pm	Teacher Available on Request - Mini pre-scheduled/bookable workshops, 1-1 support, small group focus lessons During this time we also recommend family outings, exploration of your child's curiosities, loves and interests, extra curricular activities, sport etc. Parent meetings with your child's Learning Coach are welcome during this time.				

Our year is divided into 4 'terms', called Learning Cycles, with 2-3 weeks of a deep dive into subject area (integrated with many other areas) followed by one week of flexi-time*. These shorter focuses ensure students stay focused and fresh throughout the year to maximise their learning.

*Flexi-time includes learning celebrations, self and learning coach-led evaluations, extracurricular activities, electives, and passion projects presentations.

Learning Coaches work both 1:1 and in small groups with students via our online platform, and provide tutorials, project based learning tasks and activities for Learning Partners (Parents) to use and support the learning at home. Learning Coaches are available through each day to help, support and guide.



What might a week look like in Years 11-13?

Our Year 11-13 Draft Weekly Programme:

Timetable for Learning Cycle 2

Here are your links and appointments for Learning Cycle 2. Your Learning Coach is Bridget and she can be reached at info@spectrumonlineacademy.com

XXXXXXXXXX

MONDAY	TUESDAY
9.15 am GOTD Micro Lesson, Connecting, note-taking & summarising 9.30 am BIG TASK - explicit teaching and progress reports 10.30 am Weekly planning with Bridget https://classroom.google.com/join/9DvAQTE2hNq2	9.15 am GOTD Micro Lesson 9.30 am BIG TASK - explicit teaching and progress reports https://classroom.google.com/join/9DvAQTE2hNq2 10.30 am PHYSICS with Suskia https://classroom.google.com/join/9DvAQTE2hNq2 4-5 pm MEDIA STUDIES with Monique https://classroom.google.com/join/9DvAQTE2hNq2
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9.15 am Habit of Mind Lesson 9.30 am BIG TASK - explicit teaching and progress reports https://classroom.google.com/join/9DvAQTE2hNq2 10.30 am CALCULUS with Marta https://classroom.google.com/join/9DvAQTE2hNq2 Passcode: 934999	9.15 am GOTD Micro Lesson 9.30 am BIG TASK - explicit teaching and progress reports https://classroom.google.com/join/9DvAQTE2hNq2 Optional check-in with Bridget

Option Subjects currently offered include: Art, Health/PE, Music including online songwriting/recording and midi technology, History, Social Studies, Sign Language, Graphic Design, French, German, Spanish, Mandarin.
Other subjects are available on request.

We can also offer additional help with dyslexia and other learning needs.

The Years 11-13 timetable offers a flexible later start and can be tailored to students who choose to be in part time employment and study.



Investments

Application Fee:

Application Fee: (non refundable)

This includes a full assessment of your child's educational needs and support to apply for Home Schooling exemption.

\$295 for one student, \$150 per additional student

Learning Coach and School Fees:

This includes weekly 1-1 coaching sessions, a personalised curriculum for your child, small group teaching when required, access to resources, and parent education webinars.

Years 0 - 10: \$5000 per year or \$1250 per learning cycle (4 cycles per year)

Years 11 - 13: \$1600 per subject per year or \$400 per subject per learning cycle (4 cycles per year) Additional short course subjects are \$450 per learning cycle

Fees are invoiced four times a year and payable the first week of each learning cycle.

Payment Options: A monthly and fortnightly option is available

Additional Investments: Course workbooks and materials. Required books or films. Access to laptop or PC and required stationery. Parent Retreats and Student trips/activities outside the home will incur extra fees..





Enrolment Form

Spectrum Online Academy

Please provide the following information:

DATE OF REGISTRATION

 / /

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Full Name :	<input type="text"/>		
Nickname :	<input type="text"/>	Nationality	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth :	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Ethnic Groups:	<input type="text"/>
Email :	<input type="text"/>		
Gender :	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Specific
		NZ Residency:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

ADDRESS:

Present Address :	<input type="text"/>	
Post Code :	<input type="text"/>	Phone: <input type="text"/>

EDUCATION:

Previous Schools attended and years of attendance:

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>

Current Year Level:

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Please list any Educational services that your child has received within the last five years:

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mother/Guardian

Full Name:

Address:

Home Telephone:

Business Telephone:

Mobile Telephone:

Email:

Occupation:

Father/Guardian

Full Name:

Address:

Home Telephone:

Business Telephone:

Mobile Telephone:

Email:

Occupation:

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Full Name:

Relationship to student:

Home Telephone:

Business Telephone:

Mobile Telephone:

Email:

FEE PAYMENTS:

Person Responsible for Payment of Fees:

Full Name:

Address:

Home Telephone:

Business Telephone:

Mobile Telephone:

Email:

DECLARATION:

I have read the Spectrum Online Academy Expectations and as a condition of accepting, the above student and parent(s), agrees to abide by them. I declare that the information provided in this enrolment application is true and correct and we understand the Privacy Act information as given below.

Signature of Parent

Date

 / /

PRIVACY ACT:

The information in the application form is being collected for the purpose of assessing this application for admission to Spectrum Online Academy and if the application is successful, administration of the school and maintenance of its records. Applicants and school families have the right to view and request correction of any of that information.

SPECTRUM ONLINE ACADEMY EXPECTATIONS:

Parents are expected to work alongside their child in a supportive role. We believe you are an expert on your child and know what's best for them. We do not expect you to be an expert in the curriculum - that's our job.

Your role is to encourage, support and work with your child and Learning Coach to help develop the best educational, personalised outcomes for your child.

Your child's age and independence level will depend on how much input you will give them at home. For younger children this may be 2-4 hours a day, while secondary students may just be a 30min-1hour checkin each day with your child and Learning Coach.

PLEASE ATTACH:

A copy of your child's last school report and your homeschooling exemption application (if you have already applied for it - if not we will do this with you.)

TERM DATES 2024:

Learning Cycle 1	Learning Cycle 2	Learning Cycle 3	Learning Cycle 4
 Wednesday 7th Feb - Friday 12th April	 Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July	 Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th Sept	 Monday 14th Oct - Friday 13th Dec

SCHOOL FEES:

Application and Entrance Fee:

\$295 for one student \$150 per additional student

Learning Investment:

Years 0-10: \$5000 per year or \$1250 per learning cycle

Years 11-13: \$1600 per subject per year or \$400 per subject per learning cycle.

Additional short course subjects are \$450 per learning cycle

Fees are invoiced four times a year and payable the first week of each learning cycle.

Note: Second child discount of 10% will be applied

Payment Plans:

A monthly and fortnightly options are available

Other Related Costs:

Course Workbooks and materials

Required Books or Films

Laptop and Required Stationery

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Y4-10

\$14500 per year or \$3625 per learning cycle

Please email the completed application to:

info@spectrumonlineacademy.com

or post to:

Enrolments

Spectrum Online Academy

PO BOX 30818

Lower Hutt 5010

For help and advice please call: 04 5289969 and leave your number for us to call you back.

Thanks.