

Ideas for Home Learning for Senior School Students

Writing

- Write a letter. This could be a chatty letter to say 'hello' a family member, friend, classmate or neighbour, it could be a letter to say 'thank you' to someone who has helped you or given you a gift, it could be a 'letter to the editor' or to a public figure about an issue you think is important.
- Make cards for friends and family members
- Make signs for around the house
- Make a poster about
- Make a word find and share it with your classmates
- Create a [crossword](#) and share it with your classmates
- Make a [kahoot quiz](#) and share it with your classmates
- Draw a cartoon
- Write alternative lyrics for your favourite song
- Write and film an advertisement for your favourite food
- Write a review of your favourite book and post it on Amazon
- Make a menu plan for your family. Write a shopping list of the ingredients you will need
- Come up with 10 interesting open-ended questions and interview a family member (you could ring a grandparent etc)
- Build a "fable fort" out of blankets and chairs. Camp in it while you create stories to tell your family over dinner.
- Create a Venn Diagram that compares and contrasts two people in your family, your neighbourhood, or your church, or other groups you belong to.
- Write and illustrate a picture book for your buddy class
- Write a recipe for a spell. Explain what the spell does.
- Create an itinerary for a dream holiday. Where will you stay? What will you do?
- Design a menu for a goblin / elf / giant / unicorn / monster family
- Create a 3D model (or make a drawing) of a mythical beast and write a description of its features, habits, habitat and behaviour.
- Keep a journal of 5 interesting things about each day and 1 thing you are grateful for.
- Write a song - you could use a tune of a well-known one and write new lyrics.
- Create a presentation about one of your heroes - it could be someone famous or a family member
- Browse the [pobble365](#) website. Write to a photo.

Reading

- Read a book under a tree - ask someone to take a photo of you and share it via Google Classroom
- Sign up for Epic Books remote student access (your teacher will send an invitation email to your parents) and explore what's available
- Challenge yourself to read a genre you have never read before
- Ring a grandparent and read them a story over the phone
- Read a story to your brother, sister, or pet
- Listen to your brother or sister read to you

- Listen to the fantastic stories on [RNZ StoryTime](#)
- Listen to some of the amazing stories on the youtube channel: [Story time from Space](#)
- Read something interesting on <https://wonderopolis.org/> - can you make a Google Slide presentation about it?
- Read about some interesting animals and places on <https://www.natgeokids.com/nz/> - can you seesaw what you learnt?
- Listen to a story on <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
- Read a bedtime story to a younger family member

Mathematics

- Measure the area and perimeter of each room in your house.
- Graph the types of birds that frequent your backyard or window
- Draw a map of your home.
- Measure the length of your bed using five different nonstandard units e.g blade of grass, length of your hand etc.
- Go for a run (the same route e.g. around the house twice, to the end of the street and back etc.) every day and time yourself - graph your results over time.
- Graph the weather for a week, e.g., the daily temperature, rainfall, or wind speed
- Make a map of an imaginary place. Include a key, colour, and scale
- Practice your basic facts by clicking on the link <https://maths.prototec.co.nz/>

Learning Outside

- Plant spring bulbs in a container
- Plant winter crops in the veggie garden
- Weed the garden
- Collect leaves from ten different (non-harmful) plants. Sort them by size, colour, and texture.
- Sit silently outside for 15 minutes while you write down every sound you hear. When you are done, classify the sounds (high/low pitch, high/low volume, manmade v. naturally occurring, etc.).
- Take a photo a day and write a caption for each photo and why you chose it.

Art

- Log onto the youtube playlist: [Art class with Mo Willems](#) - complete some of his classes and seesaw the results. You will need a sharpie or black felt for these.
- Make a model using: fimo, clay, lego, papier mache, origami, etc.
- Sketch a still life arrangement
- Draw a picture of your ideal bedroom

PE

- Participate in one of the [Les Mills online classes](#) - the Avengers one is really cool!
- [Just Dance](#)

Other

- Do a jigsaw and photograph the finished jigsaw
- Visit the [Hogwards Digital Escape Room](#) (so SO cool) - just for fun!
- Cooking together is a great way for kids to practice reading and maths skills as they follow instructions and measure ingredients.
- Using one type of paper (constant), build three different paper airplanes (independent variable) and test to see how far they fly (dependent variable).

Link	What's it for?
BBC Bitesize	Bitesize is the BBC's free online study support resource for school-age students in the United Kingdom. It is designed to aid students in both schoolwork and, for older students, exams.
Bamboo Learning	Bamboo Learning offers FREE voice-based applications (Alexa skills) that cover a range of academic subjects, including math, ELA/listening comprehension, and social studies.
ActivityVillage	Activity Village provides thousands of colouring pages, crafts, puzzles, worksheets and more, for parents and teachers.
5-a-day	Lots of exercise activities for movement breaks.
Artrageous with Nate	Videos about artists and art projects to create.
ABDO	ABDO's entire eBook collection is now available to students to access at home for free.
Twinkle	Go to www.twinkle.co.uk and enter the code NZLWINKLHELPS
https://nz.ixl.com/	IXL is an immersive learning experience that provides comprehensive, curriculum-aligned maths and English content for kindergarten to year 13.
123 Homeschool for ME	Free printable worksheets and educational activities to help make learning fun. Resources arranged by grade or subject.
Purple Mash	Purple Mash is a website designed for children aged 3-11. It contains many creative tools ie: coding, animation, publishing, art and also applications for maths, spelling and grammar.

All Kids Network	We offer FREE educational resources, worksheets, writing prompts, themed colouring pages, craft and snack ideas for parents, teachers and caregivers.
Story online	Online books for watching and listening
Maori Songs to practice	Tena koe E toru nga mea Tutira Mai
https://app.gonoodle.com/	Lots of active movement videos and songs
Reading eggs https://readingeggs.co.nz/	30 day free trial
NZ Maths https://nzmaths.co.nz/families-and-wh-nau	maths website full of ideas for supporting maths at home
Black Box Education	Digital and interactive resources for drama, dance and theatre.
Seesaw	Children will need their personal codes
Sunshine online	Login: Boulcott1 Password: boulcott1