

 <p>The logo for Vernon Christian School features a shield with a white cross on a blue background. Above the shield, the text 'VERNON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL' is written in a blue banner. Below the shield, 'EST. 1972' is written in a gold banner.</p>	<p>VCS HOME LEARNING PROGRAM</p>	<p>Date Approved: September 8, 2020</p>
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INTRODUCTION

The Home Learning Program is designed to support students and families who need to remain home and are not able to attend school due to a medical issue or other complex situations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is transitional and created to facilitate learning for all of our students during the 2020-21 school year.

Vernon Christian School seeks to honour the diverse learning needs of its students as valued members of the community (1 Corinthians 12: 12-31). From time to time students are unable to attend school classes for an extended period of time. This policy allows Vernon Christian School to continue to offer an educational program in such circumstances, thereby maintaining a strong connection between a student and the school community while doing all that we can to support students during exceptional circumstances. At Vernon Christian School we celebrate our community, we recognize the diverse learning needs of our students and we seek to support one another through all circumstances.

POLICY

Vernon Christian School will offer a suitable educational program, as permitted by Ministry of Education (MoE) policy, for any enrolled student who is unable to attend classes for an extended period. The school commits to developing, overseeing, supporting and reporting on this program, as they are able, recognizing that students will be required to engage in some self-directed learning with the support of parents or caregivers. All home learning services will be overseen by BC certified teachers, employed by Vernon Christian School.

PROCESS

1. Families must contact school administration to ascertain if the Home Learning Program is appropriate in their child’s situation, and to inquire what the program would look like in their context – details might include:
 - Supervised at home self-directed learning
 - School support for keeping up with grade level classroom activities and assessments
 - Synchronous viewing of in class instruction with assignments completed at home

- Individualized Education Program (IEP) with specialized support services for students with special needs
2. Families formalize their desire for a home learning program by completing the VCS Home Learning Form
 3. Vernon Christian School designs a Student Learning Plan (SLP), or in the case of a student with special needs, an Individual Education Plan (IEP).
 4. Families must agree to the home learning program proposed and outlined by the school

DURATION

Home learning support is temporary and the SLP or IEP should articulate conditions required for re-entry into the regular educational program that meet students' needs and align with classroom instruction. During times of high subscription to home learning support, VCS may restrict re-entry to specific waypoints during the school year – these might be timed with reporting periods, semester breaks, or school holidays, etc.

TERMINATION

The Home Learning Program will conclude when one of the following occurs:

- The parents and teacher agree that the student is ready, willing and able to return to in class instruction
- The parents withdraw the student from Vernon Christian School
- The school deems that conditions for a successful home learning program cannot be achieved and recommends withdrawal from the school
- There exists a significant breach in the parent – school relationship that is governed by other admissions or enrolment policies

TUITION

Vernon Christian School is responsible for the Home Learning Program and commits to securing all reasonable resources in developing a robust and sustainable program. The parents commit to paying Vernon Christian School tuition to allow the school to allocate staff, administration and resources to the Home Learning Program. Parents can apply for tuition assistance should the need arise, as governed by Vernon Christian School policy.