

eTime's Virtual School provides opportunities for children in Years 5 - 8 to learn in an online environment. Once students enrol they will join a virtual classroom targeted at their age level and based on the New Zealand Curriculum. They will be supported by eTime's staff online and an adult at home or school, as well as the others in the class.

A virtual classroom is a learning environment that provides students with the tools and resources for learning online, as well as being an effective way to provide extension and enrichment within the New Zealand Curriculum. Students can login from school or home. It also provides support for teachers who want to learn more about online learning and to experience it in action, and parents who wish to have an active hand in their child's learning.

2012 Programme

Each term's units have a multidisciplinary focus and are designed to develop the key competencies in the New Zealand Curriculum. Learning will be fast-paced, rigorous and designed specifically to meet differing learning needs. The children's learning experiences will be enhanced with the unique leading edge technology of the Virtual School.

Term 1 'Our Place, Our Community'

'Our Place, Our Community' is an investigation aligned to the Māori concept of Tūrangawaewae, or the 'place where we stand'. Students will investigate, research, report and share the unique things about their communities, establishing links between themselves and the global community of which we are all a part.

Term 2 'Amazing Thinkers'

'Amazing Thinkers' focuses on philosophy throughout the ages. Philosophical thought encourages deep inquiry and critical thinking, respect for the ideas and opinions of others, and taps into students' natural sense of curiosity. Students will learn the core concepts of logic and the construction of reasoned arguments, by focusing on some of the great thinkers of history. They will also learn how to question and explore ideas and relate these to their own lives.

Term 3 'Cracking Contraptions'

'Cracking Contraptions' is a unit with a focus on the scientific concepts of energy, movement, and transformation. Students will investigate physical and technological change in engaging tasks. They will learn how people design innovative technology to make everyday life easier, and understand that machines are a critical part of life in the 21st Century.

Term 4 'Let's Celebrate'

'Let's Celebrate' looks at the concept of celebration throughout history. Since the dawn of time people have celebrated right throughout the world, for many different reasons, in a variety of ways. Students will research famous celebrations from literature and draw parallels to personal celebrations which feature in their own lives.

"The best part was learning how to do things in a completely different way of learning."

"I liked being able to post blogs, send messages to your friends and the quizzes that came up every so often."

"Being able to access all my homework on the computer was the best part."

"It taught me to be independent and it showed that children can work independently without people right next to you."

"I had an awesome experience this term. I really enjoyed learning different techniques for learning."

Virtual School Students



Registration Form

Virtual School 2012

Attendee _____ Age/Year Level: _____ Gender: M / F
 Attendee's Email _____ School _____
 Parent/Caregiver _____ Email _____
 Postal Address _____ Phone _____

Cost: \$46 incl GST per term or \$174 incl GST if enrolled for the full year (4 terms). Payment is required with registration.

Please tick the term(s) you are registering for: Term 1 Term 2 Term 3 Term 4

Payment Details (please tick): **DIRECT CREDIT** (eTime account 03 0855 0467984 00. Include name in reference)

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VISA **MASTERCARD**

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