ICL EDUCATION GROUP

COVID-19 UPDATE

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We are coming to the end of our first week in lockdown to break the chain of Covid-19. So much has happened this week, and we are sure you all have a lot of questions! To make things easier for you, every week you will recieve a report just like this one that will help guide you through the transition to online classes, answer any questions that might occur, and keep you up-to-date with ICL Education Group during the nation-wide lockdown.

Student Comments About Online Classes - ICL GBS

Advantages –
"It will help us to prepare for future. I learned today to face online interview."

"I got some new skills and it's also helpful for me."

Effectiveness –
"I liked this format. Quick and straightforward. Was easy to follow the presentation alongside."

"Class was good and to the point."

"I enjoyed studying online. It was good experience thanks"

Easy to interact –
"Based on today's workshop class. I feel like the communication between the lecturer and students is more interacting and a good experience."

"The workshop class was pretty good and had proper communication with everybody; we did our task as well as submitted it. Overall it was a good experience."

Student Comments About Online Classes - AEA & Bridge

"In my opinion the online classes are good, we are practicing the 4 essential English skills."

"We were talking about expressions with 'get' and hard or soft sounds of words with the letter G. I felt myself comfortable today, I enjoy reading and the activities were very clear."

"I learned the different sounds of the letter G depending if it is followed by different vowels or consonants. Today the class was really good and I felt more motivated."

"In the first moment a little sad because my internet wasn't stable, but after I enjoyed the class and I got a good result in my test - 37 points."

"I felt very good in my first online class, I didn't have expectations in zoom or classroom, but they are good tools for study in this time."

"I feel comfortable and very well, in the face of this pandemic, the best thing to do is to study."

Q: Do I have to attend all of my classes?

A: YES! ***Immigration NZ and NZ Government*** say "Where the delivery has moved online or moved to remote delivery, students are expected to attend at all times as required by the provider and INZ would expect attendance to be monitored by the provider. If the students do not attend, then they will be in breach of their visa conditions. If students do not attend and are refusing to follow the direction of the provider, then INZ can arrange for compliance follow-up as they are breaching visa conditions. This may include a deportation liability process which would effectively render the students unlawful after a short period. This process would override any extension that had been issued under the Epidemic Notice. The provider can also consider terminating of enrolment which would also kick into gear the deportation liability process."

Q: What can I do about Internet deals?

A: You are still able to upgrade your internet during the lockdown; some providers have special deals. You can compare pre-paid plan upgrades on the following link:
https://www.vodafone.co.nz/prepay/

Q: What about employment issues?

A: If you are facing employment issues please seek answers on Employment NZ website – Workplace response to coronavirus that was created to answer workplace questions during this unique situation:
https://www.employment.govt.nz/about/news-and-updates/workplace-response-coronavirus-covid-19/

Q: General information for international students?

A: ***NauMai NZ*** website provides information on life as an international student in New Zealand and helps to answer general questions that you might have.
https://naumainz.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/

Q: Can ICL improve the Zoom experience?

A: YES! ICL is upgrading to Zoom Pro/Paid plans. This will mean Unlimited Group Meeting Minutes without interruption after 40 minutes, and lots more useful features.

Q: What does the NZ Government say?

A: Official Government information about Covid-19, including the current alert level, government actions, health advice and travel restrictions, is here -
https://www.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/

Q: What do I do about immigration issues?

A: Please refer to the ***Immigration NZ (INZ)*** website for travel restrictions and visa information such as alert levels, visas, isolation and temporary border measures:
https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/coronavirus-update-inz-response

Q: Health advice?

A: The Ministry of Health has the best information. The following link provides the latest updates, information and health advice on COVID-19:
https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus

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