

NCEA Information

All information, links and forms in this pamphlet can be found on the school website under Whanau > NCEA Information, or at www.whs.school.nz/ncea-information

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is the main national qualification for secondary school students in New Zealand. NCEAs are recognised by employers, and used for selection by universities and polytechnics, both in New Zealand and overseas.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I find a calendar of assessments?

Students are invited to assessment events through their school Google calendar. When they choose to accept the invitation, the assessment event will stay in their Google calendar. This means that their Google calendar should contain all the assessment information related to them for all internal assessments throughout the year. Additionally, information is published by subject on Moodle.

What do I do if I miss an assessment?

If you miss an assessment due to illness, family trauma or a school sporting/cultural activity you will need to apply for an extension. Please follow the NCEA Internal Assessment Guidelines document located on the school website

What do I do if I want to appeal my grade?

If you wish to appeal a grade that you have received, fill out the Appeals Application form and hand in to your Teacher/HOF within 48 hours of receiving your assessment back. Please follow the NCEA Internal Assessment Guidelines link on the school website for the correct forms and a further clarification of your rights and responsibilities.

University Entrance

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university. From 1 March 2014, to be awarded UE you will need:

- NCEA Level 3
- Three subjects – at Level 3, made up of:
 - 14 credits each, in three **approved subjects**
 - Literacy – **10 credits at Level 2 or above**, made up of:
 - 5 credits in reading
 - 5 credits in writing
 - Numeracy – **10 credits at Level 1 or above**, made up of:
 - achievement standards – specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects, or
 - unit standards – package of three numeracy unit standards
- Once you have met the requirements for University Entrance it will appear on your Record of Achievement.

Information on Guaranteed Entry Scores

University Entrance will entitle you to entry to university but it may not immediately get you into the course you wish to study. In addition to the university entrance requirement, some universities work on a GES (Guaranteed Entry Score) for different degrees. For example, at Victoria University the GES from NCEA is 150 points for all degrees except the Bachelor of Architectural Studies and Bachelor of Building Science which requires a Guaranteed Entry Score of 180 points.

The GES is based on the 80 best credits in university approved subjects and is calculated by awarding points as follows:

- Excellence = 4 points
- Merit = 3 points
- Achieved = 2 points

If you achieve university entrance but not the required GES, the university will most likely waitlist you.

A quick calculation – If you ‘achieve’ 60 credits at level 3, you will get a GES of 120 – not enough. If you ‘achieve’ 30 credits at level 3 and get 30 ‘merit’ credits, you will get a GES of 150 – just enough.

Scholarship Information

Scholarships provide significant recognition and financial support to students who are striving for academic success in the tertiary environment.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees for National Secondary Schools qualifications. Candidates may qualify for financial assistance in the following cases:

- if there is more than one candidate per family living at the same address. (The maximum payable per family is \$200)
- if the student or caregiver is eligible for a community services card
- if the student or caregiver receives a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- For more information or to download the financial form click below

Useful Learning Resources

- Studyit.org.nz
- Studypass.co.nz
- NCEAeagle.co.nz
- NCEApal.co.nz

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