

NCEA PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION



2020

National Certificate of Educational Achievement

NCEA



- Three Levels
 - Level 1
 - Level 2
 - Level 3
 - + Scholarship (external examination)
- Subjects are divided up into groups of Achievement Standards (topics) for assessment throughout the year, each worth a particular number of credits.
- Standards are assessed either internally (majority) or externally.
- Possible grades: Achieved, Merit , Excellence and Not Achieved
- Depending on the difficulty of the standard each one is allocated a number of credits, usually between 2 – 5 credits. In some subjects (eg French, RE) an achievement standard can be worth up to 6 credits. Some in Art and Technology are worth 12 or 14 credits.
- A year course in a subject is usually worth a total of between 15 and 20 credits
- The focus is very much on the **quality of the credits – Merit and Excellence**, rather than the final credit total



NCEA Credits Needed for each Year

Year 11 Level 1 – 80
 Year 12 Level 2 – 60 (at Level 2) + 20 (at Level 1)
 Year 13 Level 3 – 60 (at Level 3) + 20 (at level 2)



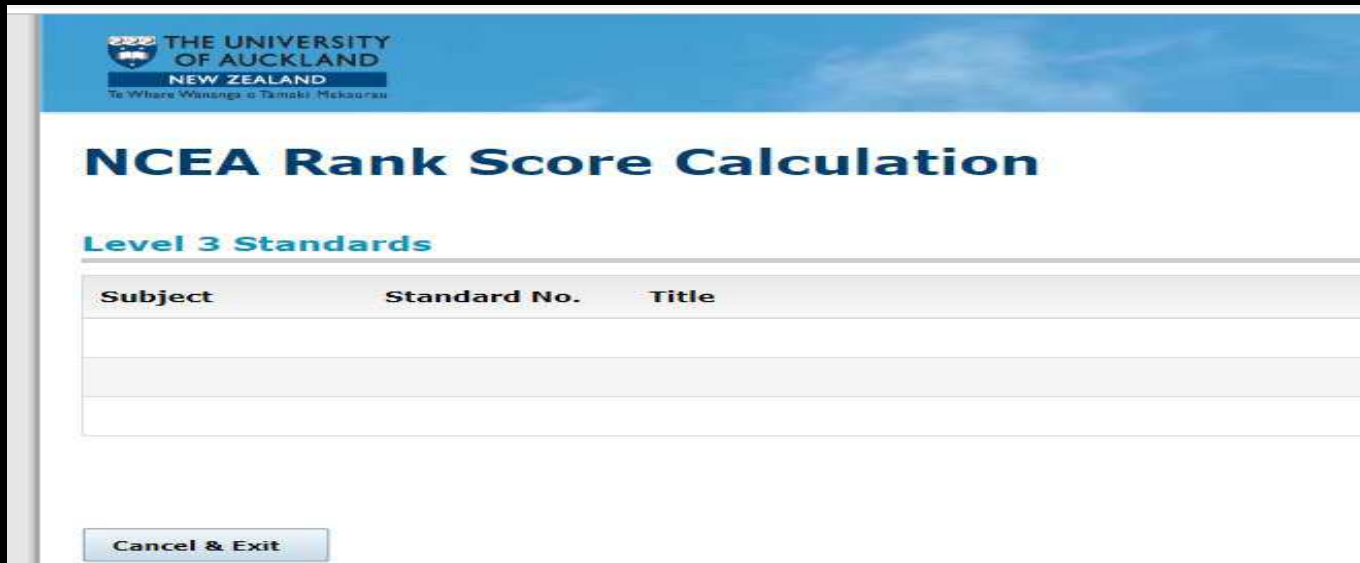
Level 1 NCEA	80 credits minimum at Level 1 or higher. <i>Your total of 80 Credits must include:</i> 10 literacy credits (English or Te Reo Māori) 10 numeracy credits (<u>Maths, pangarau</u>).
Level 2 NCEA	80 credits of which 20 can come from Level 1 and a minimum of 60 at level 2 or higher.
Level 3 NCEA	80 credits of which 20 can come from Level 2 and a minimum of 60 at level 3 or higher.

UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATIONS

- NCEA Level 3 qualification is required (60 Level 3 credits)
- 3 lots of 14 credits from **approved** subjects.

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/approved-subjects/>

- UE Literacy at level 2 or higher, available from a variety of subjects
- **5 credits in reading**
- **5 credits in writing**
- UE **Numeracy at level 1 with 10 credits** or higher



The screenshot shows a web form titled "NCEA Rank Score Calculation" from The University of Auckland, New Zealand. The form is for "Level 3 Standards" and contains a table with three columns: "Subject", "Standard No.", and "Title". The table has three empty rows for data entry. At the bottom left of the form is a "Cancel & Exit" button.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
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Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau

NCEA Rank Score Calculation

Level 3 Standards

Subject	Standard No.	Title

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Where can I found out more?

www.nzqa.govt.nz + Student Learner Login
or Understanding NCEA booklet

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Your NQF results are now available online

You are now able to view your 2005 results, including your exam results, online. Your results may take a minute or two to load, depending on your Internet connection and PC setup. Please be patient.

If you haven't registered on the NZQA learner login, please do so now and check your contact details at the same time. [Learner login](#).

23 February 2006
NOTE TO ALL SCHOLARSHIP VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS
Following the assessment of Scholarship Visual Arts in November, your folio and workbook were returned to you. Your result notice has now been mailed to you so you will know whether you have been awarded Scholarship. [More...](#)

NZQA News
More than 1,800 students awarded Scholarships in 2005 [... More](#)
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Sancta Maria College Academic Honours Awards

In Term 1 at the start of every academic year. We celebrate our student's academic achievements with a prestigious Academic Honours badge ceremony. This is where each child that has achieved the following in their NCEA results will be awarded a badge to match their outstanding NCEA achievement.

GOLD AND SILVER ACADEMIC HONOURS BADGE

LEVEL 1 SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE ACADEMIC HONOURS

NCEA Level 1 Academic Honours - GOLD	= 50 credits at Excellence
NCEA Level 1 Academic Honours - SILVER	= 50 credits at Merit and/or Excellence

LEVEL 2 SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE ACADEMIC HONOURS

NCEA Level 2 Academic Honours - GOLD	= 50 credits at Excellence
NCEA Level 2 Academic Honours - SILVER	= 50 credits at Merit and/or Excellence

LEVEL 3 SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE ACADEMIC HONOURS

NCEA Level 3 Academic Honours - GOLD	= 50 credits at Excellence
NCEA Level 3 Academic Honours - SILVER	= 50 credits at Merit and/or Excellence

SCHOLARS ACADEMIC HONOURS BADGE LEVEL 1,2 & 3

SCHOLARS BADGE

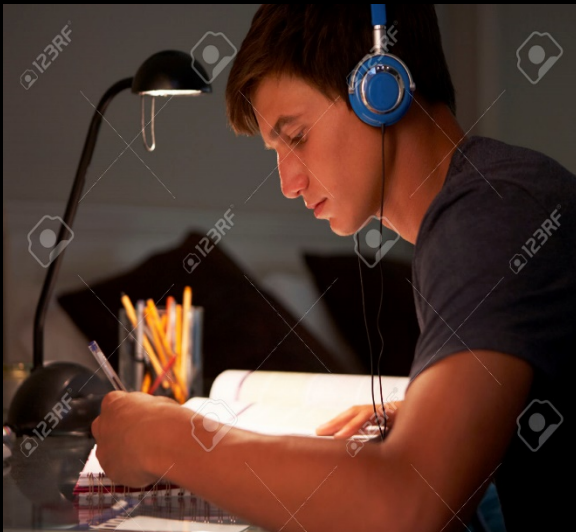
Minimum FOUR SUBJECTS with Excellence Endorsement
Students will gain an endorsement for a course if, in a single school year, they achieve: 14 or more credits at Excellence, and at least 3 of these credits from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards.

How much do you really know about their learning???



- Have you seen a planner with all their internal assessment dates? Course Outlines with Assessments and Standards
- Many people can Help: (Mrs Heffernan, Mrs Rogers, Dean, HOD's)
- 'No homework' statement is incorrect – Your children have ALWAYS got work to do in the Senior years

Assessments are now happening all through the year not just in November. In fact, now less external examination focus than in previous years





SMC Level 3 History Course Outline 2020



Week	Date	Standard	Topic	Credits	Internal External	Notes
TERM 1						
1	January 27 th ~ 31 st		A CALL TO CONSCIENCE Introduction to the theme of "A Call to Conscience" & the impact of British Imperialism			Auck Anniversary 27 th Staff Only 28 th -29 th
2	February 3 rd ~ 7 th		The Wanderer / This is America			Waitangi Day 6 th
3	February 10 th ~ 14 th		Overview of American History Chronological order			
4	February 17 th ~ 21 st		Pre Colonial and Jamestown - foundations			
5	February 24 th ~ 28 th		Taxes and Acts - Boston , Rising Tensions, Sons of Liberty			
6	March 2 nd ~ 6 th		First continental congress and Lexington Concord			
7	March 9 th ~ 13 th		Second Continental Congress /Common Sense, D of I			
8	March 16 th ~ 20 th		Revolutionary War			
9	March 23 rd ~ 27 th		Internal Assessment:			
10	March 30 th ~ April 3 rd	91435	Key Event: The Declaration of Independence	5	Internal	
11	April 6 th ~ 9 th					Good Friday 10 th
TERM 2						
1	April 27 th ~ May 1 st	91435	Assessment due			
2	May 4 th ~ 8 th		Causation writing			
3	May 11 th ~ 15 th		Using quotes			
4	May 18 th ~ 22 nd		Planning essay			
5	May 25 th ~ 29 th	91438	External - Analyse an historical event, or place, of significance to New Zealanders	6	External	Queen's 8 th day June 1 st Staff Only Day June 2 nd
6	June 1 st ~ 5 th		Introduction to the NZ Wars & the Northern War in particular			
7	June 8 th ~ 12 th					
8	June 15 th ~ 19 th					Field Trip 17 th -19 th
9	June 22 nd ~ 26 th					
10	June 29 th ~ July 3 rd					End of Term 2
TERM 3						
1	July 20 th ~ 24 th		Mana			
2	July 27 th ~ 31 st		Sovereignty: Te Tiriti o Waitangi			
3	August 3 rd ~ 7 th		NZ's Civil War			Staff Only Day 6 th
4	August 10 th ~ 14 th		Trench Warfare			
5	August 17 th ~ 21 st		British victory & peace			
6	August 24 th ~ 28 th		Kingitanga			
7	Aug 31 st ~ Sept 4 th	91434	Internal Assessment: Research an historical event or place of significance to New Zealanders, using primary and secondary sources	5	Internal	Tournament Week
8	September 7 th ~ 11 th					Senior Exams
9	September 14 th ~ 18 th					
10	September 21 st ~ 25 th	91436	Analysing sources - optional	4	External	End of Term 3
TERM 4						
REVISION						
1	October 12 th ~ 16 th		Revision- External exam essay			
2	October 19 th ~ 23 rd					
3	October 26 th ~ 30 th					Labour Day Oct 26 th
4	November 2 nd ~ 6 th					NZQA exams begin Nov 6 th
5	November 9 th ~ 13 th					
6	November 16 th ~ 20 th		NZQA EXAMS			Staff Only Day 19 th
7	November 23 rd ~ 27 th					
8	Nov 30 th ~ Dec 4 th					NZQA exams finish 2 nd Dec

All subjects have a course outline like this one.

NZQA COVID-19 Response - Summary of changes

- All students will be eligible for learning recognition credits (LR credits) as they have had their learning disrupted to varying degrees.
- These are based on the number of credits students achieve in their 2020 NCEA learning and assessment programme.
- NZQA will award excellence and merit certificate endorsements for eligible students who achieve 46 or more credits.

NZQA COVID-19 Response - Summary of changes

- NZQA will award excellence and merit course endorsements for eligible students who achieve 12 or more credits.
- NZQA will award University Entrance (UE) to students who achieve 12 credits in three UE approved subjects, along with NCEA Level 3 and the UE literacy and numeracy requirements.

NZQA COVID-19 Response - Summary of changes

How it will work

NCEA

- Every eligible student (see conditions) is entitled to 1 LR credit for every 5 credits they achieve through internal and/or external assessment.
- A maximum of 10 LR credits will count towards an NCEA Level 1 certificate and a maximum of 8 LR credits for NCEA Levels 2 and 3.
- Learning recognition credits:
 - > are not standards and do not have a N,A,M or E grade
 - > will not show on the student's Record of Achievement (RoA).
- NZQA will produce a table to assist schools and students track the LR credits students are entitled to.
- NZQA will apply the LR credits to award an NCEA certificate, once all internally and externally assessed results are in, and before results release in late January 2021.
- At results release, students will be notified on their Learner Login of how many learning recognition credits counted to their NCEA certificate.

Endorsements

- NZQA will award an excellence certificate endorsement to a student who achieves 46 or more excellence credits.
- NZQA will award a merit certificate endorsement to a student who achieves 46 or more merit credits or merit and excellence credits.
- NZQA will award a course endorsement to a student who achieves 12 or more merit or excellence credits in their course, and who meets the 3 credits from internal assessment and 3 from external assessment rule.

NZQA COVID-19 Response - Scenarios of changes

My name is Marty, and I achieved 50 Level 1 credits in 2020. I am entitled to an additional 10 credits. I now have 60 credits at Level 1. Next year (2021) I am studying towards my NCEA Level 2 and once I achieve Level 2, I will be awarded Level 1 as well. My additional Level 1 credits won't be needed.

Hi, it's Eng Lim and I need to have level 2 to get on my apprenticeship programme. I achieved 57 Level 2 credits in 2020. I also have 8 LR credits which means I've got my Level 2 and can start my apprenticeship.

I am Sione and I want to go to university. In 2020 I studied towards my NCEA Level 3. I achieved 54 Level 3 credits, and 12 credits in my 3 UE approved subjects. I met the UE literacy and numeracy requirements in 2019. And because I achieved 54 credits, I also was entitled to 8 LR credits. So I had over 60 credits and was awarded my NCEA Level 3 and University Entrance in January 2021. Now I can go to Uni in March.

Kia ora. My name is Tui. I couldn't do much schoolwork during lockdown, but I worked hard when we got back to kura. We didn't do as many assessments as I thought we were going to because the kaiako changed our programme to look after our wellbeing. But I still got 61 Level 2 credits. I was entitled to 8 learning recognition credits, but I didn't need them to get my NCEA level 2.

Kia ora. My name is Huia and in 2020 I was doing my NCEA Level 2. I achieved 80 credits through assessment. 48 of my 80 credits were achieved with Merit. In January 2021, I was awarded my NCEA Level 2 with Merit.

My name is Genna. In 2020 I did NCEA Level 2. I achieved 65 credits through assessment. I achieved 13 excellence credits in Technology; 9 from internals and 4 from externals. In January 2021, I was awarded my NCEA Level 2 and my Technology course was endorsed with Excellence.

My name is Peter and I achieved 30 Level 1 credits in 2020. That means I am entitled to 6 LR credits so now I've got 36 credits that count for my NCEA Level 1. Next year (2021) I can use all 36 credits to complete my NCEA Level 1. I only need to achieve another 44 more credits. I've got this.

How Learning Recognition (LR) credits work in some specific circumstances

- Only credits achieved in 2020 earn LR credits
- LR credits are linked to the level at which the credits are achieved
- Students who are multi-leveiling and want to use LR credits, will need to ensure these are achieved at the level of the NCEA they are aiming for (or higher)
- Where students earn LR credits at a higher level than the NCEA they attain in 2020, those LR credits will continue to count towards the higher NCEA level in future years.

Do you have a rule at home about phones and gadgets being turned off at bedtime??



- What happens behind closed doors – social media focus? computer games? watching YouTube and videos? procrastination?
- Research is now showing sleep deprivation amongst young people is a real issue, in this 24/7 technological world.
- Turn off your Wifi at home.

FAQ's

What if I'm sick when an assessment is on?

- Phone your dean immediately.
(Leave a message if no answer)
- Get doctor to complete the '**Missed Internal Assessment due to Medical Condition**' form. Bring completed form to your dean
- Application Change of Assessment Date (Late, Extension, Missed, Assessment) pick up form from student centre



FAQ's

What if there's been an accident / emergency when an assessment is on?

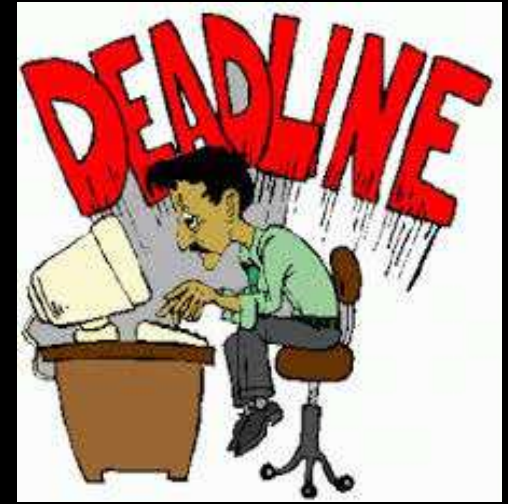


- Phone your dean immediately.
(Leave a message if no answer)
- Complete form in Handbook
- Include detailed note from parent about circumstances
- Application Change of Assessment Date
(Late, Extension, Missed, Assessment)

FAQ's

What if I need to apply for an extension to a deadline?

- Use the form in your student handbook with appropriate documentation
- Hand into PN prior to Assessment Due Date
- Only the PN (Mrs Stickland) and Deputy Principal (Mrs Heffernan) may grant an extension, set a new date, or decline the application
- Application Change of Assessment Date (Late, Extension, Missed, Assessment)



All work must be your own

All work that you submit for assessment must be your own.

- Handing in work that has not been done by you and claiming that it is so, is cheating. Cheating can involve for example; copying another student's work, copying from a book and not acknowledging that it is not your own work, getting undue help from someone else, or taking banned materials into an assessment

Authenticity – proving work is your own

- You will be asked to sign a document that the work you are handing in is entirely your own. Departments may also ask you to provide draft copies, complete tasks in class, reference accurately all sources of information or other methods to prove authenticity.



Appeals Procedure

- This process may be used if you disagree with any decision relating to assessment: for example; a grade awarded, provision of an assessment opportunity or extension, or allegation of a breach of the rules.
- Your teacher will explain the criteria for each grade for an assessment when it is handed back to you. If you then think that an assessment has been incorrectly marked, you can ask the teacher to reconsider your work.
- Your teacher should explain the result and make any necessary alterations. If another teacher did the assessing, that teacher will be consulted. They may decide to alter your grade at this point, or not.
- If you are unhappy with the teacher's explanation or decision, you may ask the Head of Department for a decision, using an "Appeals Application Form". A student can appeal any assessment related decision.
- ***This must be done within 5 days of the work being handed back.***
- If you disagree with the Head of Department's decision, the Principal's Nominee will be asked to consider the case. The Principal's Nominee may consult with the Head of Department, Dean, Counsellor or family.
- ***The Principal's Nominee's decision is final.***



Further Assessment Opportunities (FAOs)

A Further Assessment Opportunity is when your teacher offers you another chance to achieve a standard when you have initially failed to achieve to your potential – *you must be able to improve your original grade.*

However, please be aware that:

- It is the decision of the college whether or not a FAO is offered
- A maximum of **one** FAO will be offered in a year, this means *one or none* – it isn't compulsory for your teacher to offer you a FAO and they will inform you of this from the start of the assessment
- If it is not practical to offer a FAO, e.g. for assessment based on a field trip, your teacher will let you know this from the start of the assessment
- You will be awarded the *highest* grade you achieve over both opportunities
- You won't be offered a FAO if you have chosen for an unacceptable reason not to take the first opportunity of an assessment, e.g. you failed to hand in the work and had no good reason for doing so

- Final Tips and Advice
Back up Student Work – Hard Drive or School network. USB's can be faulty



“I forgot to make a back-up copy of my brain, so everything I learned last semester was lost.”