

What you need to know about NCEA

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NCEA PRESENTATION

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Outstanding Results

- The highest NCEA achieving school in East Auckland.
- In the Top 10 best NCEA performing schools in the whole of Auckland.

Academic Year	NCEA LEVEL 1	NCEA LEVEL 2	NCEA LEVEL 3	University Entrance
2021	96.2%	97.9%	99.2%	94.3%

To see how well a school has achieved in NCEA, go to [Secondary School Statistics on the NZQA website](#).



WHAT IS NCEA?

The national certificate of educational achievement (NCEA) is the main school leaving qualification in New Zealand. Around 150,000 students study each year towards an NCEA qualification.

NCEA was introduced in 2002 and considered a credible and robust qualification in both New Zealand and overseas. It is recognised by employers and tertiary institutions and used by students as a steppingstone into degree level study and employment.

NCEA has 3 levels:

Level 1 - usually completed in year 11

Level 2 - usually completed in year 12

Level 3 - usually completed in year 13

NZQA = New Zealand Qualifications Authority – They oversee the qualification

NCEA = National Certificate of Achievement



HOW DOES NCEA WORK?

Within Levels 1, 2 and 3, your child chooses to study a variety of NCEA subjects offered by Sancta Maria College. These subjects have a range of standards that are used to assess your child's progress. The standard describes what the student needs to know or what they must be able to achieve in that subject.

Each standard is worth credits and students must gain a minimum number of credits to achieve each NCEA level. Credits are earned using a mix of internal and external assessment.

For example:

A **history standard Level 2** might be, “carry out an investigation into a historical event of significance to New Zealanders” = 4 Credits

A **Religious Education standard Level 1** might be “ Describe the purpose of a sacred text within a religious education” = 6 Credits



WHAT NCEA GRADES CAN YOU ACHIEVE?

There are two types of standards that contribute to NCEA, and different levels of achievement for each.

Achievement standards

These generally involve studying traditional curriculum subjects and your child gain these with grades of:

- **Excellence** (an excellent pass)
- **Merit** (a very good pass)
- **Achieved** (pass)
- **Not Achieved** (fail).

Unit Standards

These generally involve studying vocational subjects and your child is awarded unit standards with grades of

- **Achieved** (pass)
- **Not Achieved** (fail).



HOW MANY CREDITS DO YOU NEED AT EACH LEVEL?

HARD

Level 1 – Year 11
80 credits
at level 1 or above

Including:
10 literacy credits
10 numeracy credits

HARDER

Level 2 – Year 12
80 credits
at level 2

Or:
60 credits
at Level 2 or above *plus* 20 credits
at any level

HARDEST

Level 3 – Year 13
80 credits
at level 3

Or:
60 credits
at Level 3 or above *plus* 20 credits
at level 2 or above



NCEA – QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

- **STANDARDS EQUALS CREDITS:** Depending on the difficulty of the standard, each one is allocated a number of credits, usually between 2-5.
- **INTERNAL STANDARDS VERSUS EXTERNAL STANDARDS**

Internal Standards - (Essays, Assessments, Logs, Speeches, Portfolios)

External Standards – (1-3hours Exams or portfolios completed in November/December)

70% of Student work is internal assessments therefore work per week 1-2 hours at least 4 nights a week.

- **The focus is on the *quality* of the credits – Merit and Excellence, rather than the final credit total.**

Why?

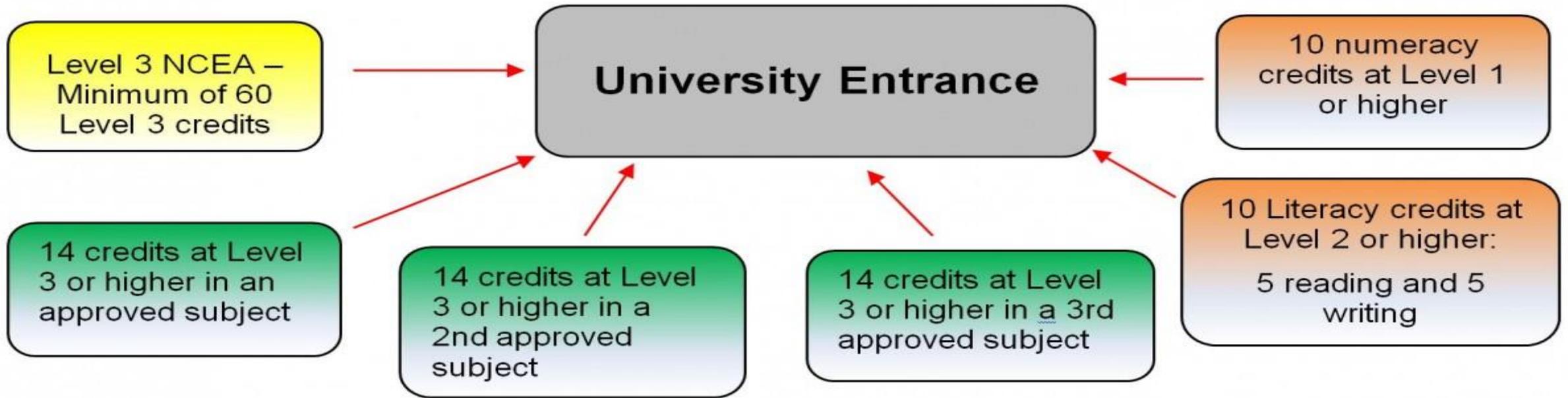


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- A year course in a subject is usually worth a total of between 16 to 18 credits x 6 courses (Total opportunity of Credits 96-108 per year)

EXAMPLE YEAR 11	Internal Standard	External Standards	Total Per Course
English	(3+4) = 7 Credits	(4+4) = 8 Credits	18 Credits
Science	(4) = 4 Credits	(4+4+4) = 12 Credits	16 Credits
Religious Education	18 Credits (6,6,6)	-	18 Credits
Mathematics	(4+4) = 8 Credits	(4+4) = 8 Credits	16 Credits
Core PE	(5+4) = 9 Credits		9 Credits
Option 1 Art	(4) = 7 Credits	(12) = 12 Credits	16 Credits
Option 2 French	(5+4) = 9 Credits	(4+4) = 8 Credits	17 Credits
		TOTAL CREDITS	110 Credits in a year





University Entrance Qualification

- NCEA Level 3 qualification is required (60 Level 3 credits)
- 14 credits at Level 3 from 3 approved subjects – Total 42 Credits. (Left over 18/60 credits can come from any University entrance approved subject)
- **UE Literacy at Level 2 with 10 Credits**, available from a variety of subjects 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing (This is done in Year 12 English and Religious Education)
- **UE Numeracy at level 1 with 10 credits or higher** (Done in Year 11)





Why do I
want my child
to achieve
Merit's
and
Excellence's?

WHAT DO I NEED TO GO TO UNIVERSITY

- Some degrees have harder entrance requirements and calculate entrance on students Level 3 best 80 credit
 - Guaranteed Entry Score - [Auckland University](#)
 - 280 = Biomedical Science, 260 = Engineering

CALCULATING MY RANK SCORE: [How your NCEA rank score is calculated](#)

- Your rank score is based on your best 80 credits at Level 3 or higher over a maximum of five approved subjects.
- These credits are then weighted by awarding points based on the level of achievement Excellence (4 points), Merit (3 points) or Achieved (2 points) attained in each set of credits.

**THERE IS NO POINT HAVING ALL ACHIEVED CREDITS THAT'S
WHY STUDENTS NEED MERIT/EXCELLENCE**



Sancta Maria College Academic Honours

NCEA Level 1

Academic Honours Gold 50 credits at Excellence

Academic Honours Silver 50 credits at Merit and/or Excellence

NCEA Level 2

Academic Honours Gold 50 credits at Excellence

Academic Honours Silver 50 credits at Merit and/or Excellence

NCEA Level 3

Academic Honours Gold 50 credits at Excellence

Academic Honours Silver 50 credits at Merit and/or Excellence



Scholars Badge

Sancta Maria College Academic Honours

NCEA Level 1 Scholars Badge	<p>A student will receive Scholarship Endorsement for a course if they achieve 14 or more credits at Excellence in a single year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 of these credits must be from externally assessed standards.• 3 of these credits must be from internally assessed standards.
NCEA Level 2 Scholars Badge	
NCEA Level 3 Scholars Badge	





All work must be your own.

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

- Sancta Maria College uses TURNITIN
- 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 is essential.

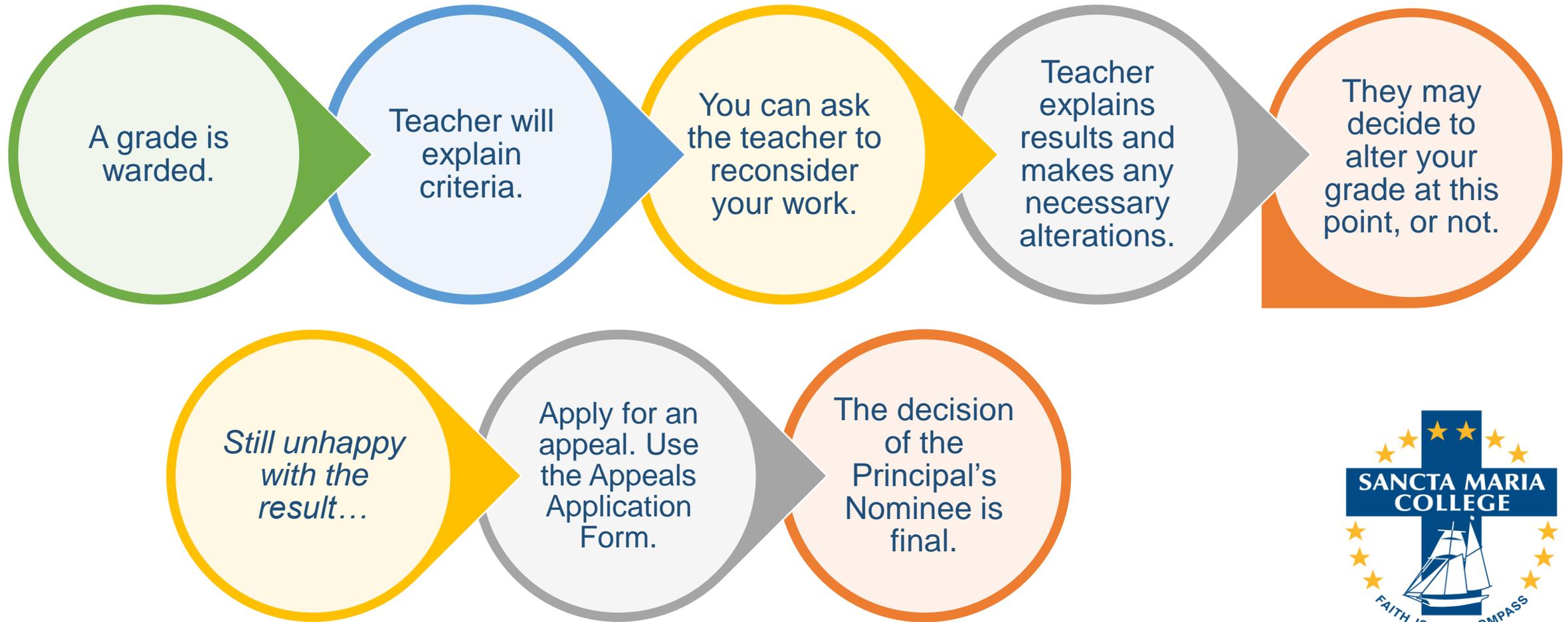
- You will be asked to sign a document that the work you are handing in is entirely your own.
- Departments may also ask you to provide draft copies, complete tasks in class, reference accurately all sources of information or other methods to prove authenticity.



The Appeals Process

This process may be used if you disagree with any decision relating to an assessment.

https://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/SMC_NCEA_Assessment_Appeal_Application_Form.pdf



Further Assessment Opportunity (FAO)

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.*

Resubmission (Resub) – If you just fail

- Schools may offer a resubmission opportunity to students only when a minor error prevents them from reaching an ‘Achieved’ grade.
- The only change in grade boundary available for resubmissions is from ‘Not Achieved’ to ‘Achieved.’
- On this basis, the highest grade that can be awarded as a result of a resubmission of an internal assessment is limited to ‘Achieved’.



FAQ:

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

2. What if there has been an accident or emergency when an assessment is on?



STEP PROCESS

- Email the Principals Nominee and your teacher immediately.
- Get doctor to provide medical certificate or letter from guardian.
- Complete the Application for **Change of Assessment Date** (Late, Extension, Missed Assessment)
- Give the completed form to your Teacher who will rearrange another date for the assessment to take place on



There is always work to be done!

How much do you really know about your child's learning?

70% Internal Assessment = 1-2 Hours 4 days a week

- There is no such thing as “no homework” at Year 11,12,13. Your child will always have work to do. – For due dates look at course outlines
- Laptops are essential
- Assessments are now happening all through the year not just in November.

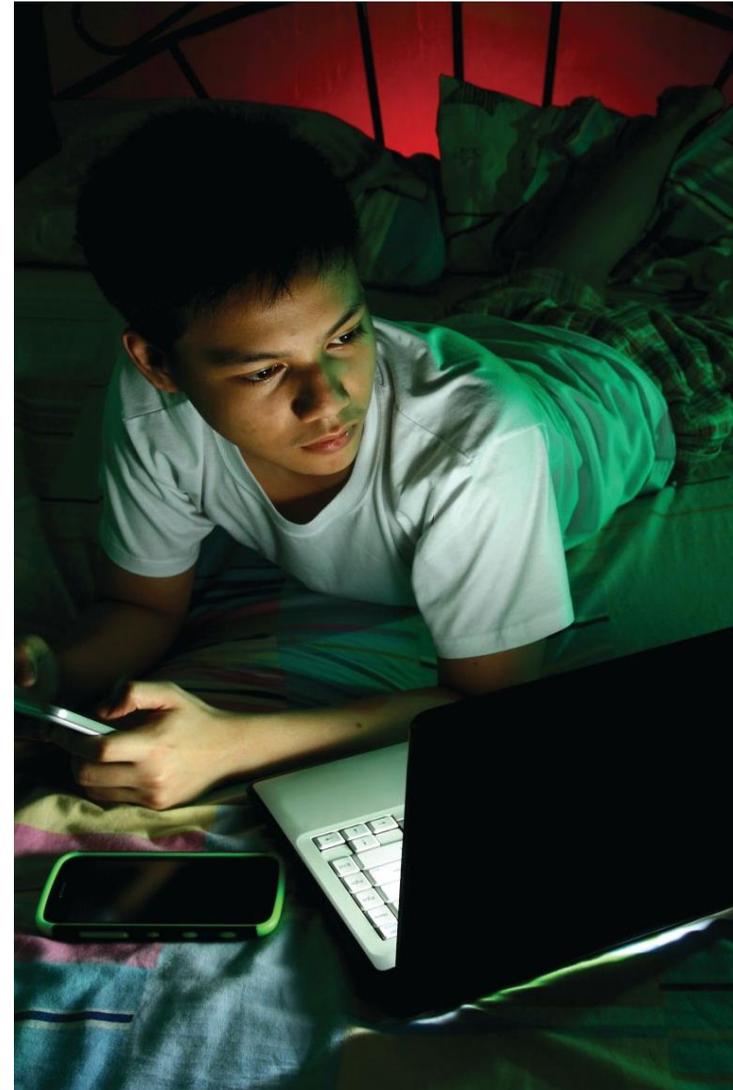


Do you know what happens behind closed doors?

- Monitor Phone Use: 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 Wi-Fi / Data at home.

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

Are they allowed their devices in their bedrooms when they go to bed??



Where can I go to help my child with their NCEA Journey?

- Sancta Maria College Teachers (contact information can be found in the [school website](#))
- My Childs [Schology](#) Page
- [NZQA](#) Website
- NCEA Student Handbook
- Principals Nominee - Anita Heffernan
- Careers NZ: [Careers NZ](#)
- StudyTime – Youtube Videos -[Study Time](#)



Any more questions?

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Thank you!

