

Kia ora whanau

I hope you are all safe and well in your Alert Level 4 bubbles. Please remember there are a variety of supports being offered, listed on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

I am pleased to let you know that NZQA and the MOE have made changes to NCEA requirements for 2021, due to the Covid lockdown – details below. This should alleviate some stress for learners. However, I encourage you to please be talking with your son/daughter and ensuring that they know what they need to attain in the remaining weeks of this year. Also, please ensure they are communicating with their kaiārahi and subject teachers to ensure they will meet their goals. Please be assured that our Senior Learning Team, Deans and Heads of Learning will be identifying learners in need of assistance and will be working with teachers and learners to assist with attaining goals.

## Changes to NCEA for 2021

**These changes will take effect if your school is in Alert Level 3 or 4 for a total of 20 or more school days this year.**

### What does this mean for learners?

**The more credits they achieve the more they are entitled to.**

- **For every 5 credits** they achieve through internal or external assessment, they are entitled to **1 extra credit**. These extra credits are called Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs)
  - **The majority of our Year 11 learners, by end of 2021, will have 20 credits in Literacy and Numeracy at Level 1 to carry with them to count towards their NCEA Level 2.** However, for the few learners that don't achieve that, **up to 10** of their LRC's earned this year can be used towards the 20 credits that **Year 11 learners** can carry towards their Level 2 NCEA next year. (Eg if a Year 11 learner gains 17 credits at Level 1, they gain 3 extra LRCs, meaning they have 20 credits towards Level 2). We will identify and support any learners who need assistance to gain their Literacy and Numeracy.
  - **Up to 8** LRC's earned this year can be used towards the 60 they need at **Level 2 and Level 3.**

**Endorsements are still achievable.**

- To get a **NCEA Level 2 or 3 certificate endorsement** they will need **46 credits** at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50.
- To get a **NCEA course endorsement** they will need **12 credits** at Achieved or Merit or Excellence level in a course, rather than 14. They still need to achieve **at least 3 credits in externals and 3 in internals.**
- LRCs don't come with Merit or Excellence, so they can't count towards an endorsement.

**University Entrance has been adjusted.**

- For 2021 the UE requirements have been adjusted from 14 down to **12 credits in three [UE-approved subjects](#)**. They still need to have **NCEA Level 3** and the usual [literacy and numeracy standards](#).

**Learners more time to study.**

- Most portfolio due dates and exams for NCEA and Scholarship have been moved later, to give more time for learners to learn and prepare.
- **Whangaparāoa College Practice Exams** are now scheduled for **Wed 27 Oct-Wed 3 Nov.**
- NCEA Exams have also been pushed back two weeks and the link to the new timetable is below.

### What do learners need to do?

- **Keep working** (attend online classes and submit classwork and assignments) to make sure that you achieve your goal for this year. Your teachers will help you to track your progress.
- Be aware that teachers are **gathering evidence from your online classes and work submitted**, to assist with achieving standards. This evidence may also be used if needed to count towards a derived grade if exams are unable to occur.
- If you are doing portfolio subjects, make sure that you know when your portfolios are due (check with teachers).
- Double check the [new exam timetable for NCEA 2021](#).

You don't need to do anything else to get your LRCs. NZQA will do the calculations before you get your results.

If you need any more information, talk to your Dean or email Lisa White, Deputy Principal at [lisawh@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:lisawh@wgpcollege.school.nz) or ring NZQA on 0800 697 296.

Keep safe. Stay calm. Reach out if you need support – links at the top of this email.

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