



WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE
Together Believe Achieve Ngātahi Whakapono Tutuki

NCEA

2021

NCEA Level 1:

- **flexibility** inherent in the NCEA qualification – don't need L1 to get L2.
- Typically, 96% of Whangaparāoa College learners gain Level 2.
- Alternative pathways for the 4%.
- AIMING to get a good foundation of learning to enable the **BEST LEVEL 2 RESULTS IN YEAR 12. (Less assessment; more time for learning). (NOTE: Your Level 2 results will be looked at by universities, employers or others as your Level 3 results will not be completed when you are applying for these. Get a good foundation of learning NOW.)**

Year 11, 2021:

- **20 credits** at Level 1 (literacy and numeracy)
- **Examination experience** (TWO practice; ONE external; exceptions discuss with Lisa White)

NCEA Level 2:

- Learners will gain **80 credits** (20 from Level 1 the previous year)
- **NOTE due to COVID:** Learners will gain 1 LRC for every 5 credits they gain, up to a maximum of 8. This may mean they only need to gain **52 credits** this year, plus their 20 from last year).
- Some learners will also gain **U.E. Literacy** during Year 12 (5 x reading; 5 x writing at Level 2). Most others will gain it in Year 13.

NCEA Level 3:

- Learners will gain **80 credits** (20 from Level 2 last year)
- **NOTE due to COVID:** Learners will gain 1 LRC for every 5 credits they gain, up to a maximum of 8. This may mean they only need to gain **52 credits** this year, plus their 20 from last year).
- Learners will also be expected to gain **U.E. Literacy** (5 x reading; 5 x writing at Level 2). Exceptions may be made for learners with alternative pathways, however those capable should be aiming to achieve it.
- Learners will have also gained **Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy** (10 credits in each)

University Entrance (U.E.)

Learners capable of gaining their U.E. will be strongly encouraged to gain this and guided to a suitable programme to enable this.

For **U.E.** learners will need:

- **14 credits in each of three university approved subjects (NOTE due to Covid: now 12 credits in each of three),** plus
- **UE Literacy (L2 – 5 x reading; 5 x writing)** and
- **L1 Numeracy** (10 credits Level 1) and
- **NCEA Level 3** (80 credits including 20 from Level 2)

See the NZQA website for [University Approved Subjects](#)

Rank Scores and Limited Entry

Note: learners applying for university courses with limited entry, please talk with Mr Davies, Careers Counsellor and ensure you understand the rank score system and how many credits you may need to compete with others for entry – ie 80 credits, but if the same rank score, they may go to the top 90, 100, 110, 120 credits. This is also the case for calculating our dux award, as outlined on our school website.

Calculating a rank score (per credit) – i.e. **80 credits at E – rank score 320.**

E=4 points; M=3 points; A=2 points

Endorsements

- For an **NCEA certificate** to be endorsed with **Excellence** a learner must gain **50 credits at Excellence** at the level of the certificate or above. (Covid now means only 46 credits needed).
- For an **NCEA certificate** to be endorsed with **Merit** a learner must gain **50 credits at Merit** at the level of the certificate or above. (Covid now means only 46 credits needed).
- **NOTE: COVID LRCs do not count towards Endorsements**

Course Endorsements

- Learners will gain an endorsement for a course if, **in a single school year**, they achieve:
 - **14 or more credits at Merit or Excellence (12 credits due to Covid), AND**
 - **at least 3 of these credits from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards (this is still the same with Covid)**. Note, this does not apply to Physical Education, Religious Studies and Level 3 Visual Arts.
- A course endorsement is not a qualification.
- A course endorsement can be awarded even if a qualification for that level is not achieved.
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Resubmissions

- From 2021, learners **can only resub to go from Not Achieved to Achieved**. They are unable to resub for Merit or Excellence.
- Only **one resubmission** can be provided for each assessment of a standard.
- **NOTE:** Teachers are working hard with learners on milestones and ensuring good feedback before deadlines. **Make sure you hand in your work well before the due date and get feedback so you get the best result possible.**

Special Assessment Conditions (SAC)

- Learners with a permanent or long-term condition that directly impacts their access to fair assessment for NCEA may be eligible for SAC. Examples include:
 - sensory conditions
 - physical conditions
 - medical conditions
- SAC available includes:
 - reader assistance
 - computer/writer assistance
 - separate accommodation
 - extra writing time
 - enlarged papers

If you believe you need any of this assistance, please email robca@wgpcollege.school.nz

Unexpected Event Grades (UEGs)

Teachers are currently gathering evidence of learners' knowledge for practice exam criteria in case of an unexpected event – eg lockdown. These grades could be use for practice exams (and reports) and for external exams.

Make sure you are engaging with all lessons and regularly communicating with your teacher.

We will be well prepared in case of future lockdown.