



# NCEA Information for Whanau

Sept 2020





# NCEA

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is the main national qualification for secondary school students in New Zealand.

NCEA is recognised by employers, and used for selection by universities and polytechnics, both in New Zealand and overseas.



# Assessment

- Collecting and evaluating evidence (credits) to establish the level of a student's performance against the achievement standards (e.g. practical work, tests, speeches, performances ....)
- Internal (during the year) - set and assessed by SC teachers
- External (November examinations or portfolio) - set and assessed by NZQA

Each assessment has a certain number of credits depending on the amount of work required.



# Types of Standards

## **Achievement Standards**

- = assessments which may be internal or external
- = have grades of Achieved, Merit or Excellence

## **Unit Standards**

- = assessments which are internal only
- = achievement is only Achieved or Not Achieved



# NCEA Level 1

- Students need 80 credits from Level 1 or higher
- These credits must include 10 in literacy and 10 in numeracy
- It is possible to go on and study some subjects at Level 2 while completing a Level 1 certificate



# NCEA Level 2

- Students need 80 credits
- 20 of these can come from Level 1
- 60 must be from Level 2 or higher
- It is possible to go on and study some subjects at Level 3 while completing a Level 2 certificate



# NCEA Level 3

- Students need 80 credits
- 20 of these can come from Level 2
- 60 must be from Level 3 or higher



# Certificate Endorsements

- NCEA with Merit Endorsement: 50 credits at Merit level accumulated across all subjects
- NCEA with Excellence Endorsement: 50 credits at Excellence level accumulated across all subjects





# Course Endorsements

- In a course (subject)
- Merit endorsement: 14 credits at Merit or Excellence
- Excellence endorsement: 14 credits at Excellence level
- At least 3 of the 14 credits must be from internally assessed standards and 3 from externally assessed standards



# University Entrance

- NCEA Level 3
- 14 credits in three approved subjects Level 3
- Literacy requirements of 10 credits (5 reading and 5 writing) at Level 2
- Numeracy requirements of 10 credits at Level 1



# More Information

NCEA: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/>

Careers: <https://www.careers.govt.nz/>

Study Skills: <https://studyit.govt.nz/>



# How do I choose subjects?

- What subjects do I **enjoy**?
- What subjects am I **good at**?
- What subjects do I **need** to get where I want to go when I leave school (ie prerequisites)?



# Course Selection

1. Go to the Spotswood College website  
<https://www.spotswoodcollege.school.nz/>
2. Curriculum tab - Senior Curriculum Handbook 2021
3. Students will need to choose
  - a. Literacy
  - b. Numeracy
  - c. Steam - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
  - d. Learning Modules - Monday, Wednesday
  - e. Widening of the Mind (WOTM)



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for Semester 1 and 2.

(Use page .... of the handbook to record your choices).



# Course Selection

**All students** will select their 2021 courses via our online KAMAR portal. Students log into the course selection portal using their student KAMAR portal username and password.

On how to select your courses [click here](#).

The link for the course selection portal is here: [tiny.cc/spottyoptions](https://tiny.cc/spottyoptions)

**The course selection portal will open on Monday 7th September at 9am and will close two weeks later on Monday 21st September at 3:10pm.**



# Course Selection

## Key points to remember:

- Make sure you fill in all your first and second choices for **both** semesters and any additional tick boxes at the bottom of the form that may apply to you.
- Don't forget to hit save before you hit close. If you don't hit save, it won't save!
- You can log in and out as many times as you want in the two week period while the portal is open to edit your selections. Your last submission, which is the last time you click save, will be your final submission.





# Still stuck ...??

There are many people at school to help you and your student through this important process:

- LA teachers
- Current Course Teachers
- Careers Advisor
- SLT Team Members
- Heads of Departments

Please don't be afraid to ask.