



# NCEA

## *National Certificate of Educational Achievement*

How does it work?

What's happening nationwide?

At Rangiora High School?

How can I support my child?

# NCEA : National Certificate of Educational Achievement

- A national qualification
- There are 3 levels of the certificate - in general students work through levels 1 to 3 in years 11 to 13 - aimed at flexible multi year classes
- Internally (within the school) and externally (across the country in November) assessed
- Achievement standards are **New Zealand curriculum** (2007) based
- Unit standards are more **competency** based
- 3 years of learning and assessment
- 3 levels of achievement - Achieve, Merit and Excellence

# The Levels and the Credits

Level 1 - 80 credits at Level 1 or above - which must include 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy at Level 1

At Rangiora High School Yr 11 students do 6 subjects. Each subject offers 16-20 credits (totalling between 96-120 credits).

Level 2 - 60 credits at Level 2 or above, which are added to 20 credits from Level 1. Students cannot get Level 2 if they do not have Level 1 Numeracy and Literacy. Students take 6 subjects in Yr 12.

Level 3 - 60 credits at Level 3 which are added to 20 credits from Level 2 to equal 80 credits. Students cannot get Level 2 if they do not have Level 1 Numeracy and Literacy. Students take 5 subjects in Yr 13.

# University Entrance - what is required?

Students who wish to go onto Tertiary (post secondary school) studies at University or at Polytechnic must have University Entrance. This is made up the following:

- Level 3 NCEA which must include 14 credits in 3 UE approved subjects

**AND**

- University Entrance Literacy - which can be gained from both Level 2 and Level 3 standards across a range of subjects

# NCEA Review and Consultation

While NCEA is an internationally recognised qualification, concerns have been raised in recent years around student workload and associated stress and teacher workload prompted the Minister to begin a review process of NCEA Level 1.

A recent Education Review Office Report on Student Wellbeing concluded:

‘Students in all schools were experiencing a very assessment driven curriculum and assessment anxiety. Achieving academic success is a part of wellbeing but is not the only factor. Very few schools were responding to this overload by reviewing and changing their curriculum and assessment practices.’ ERO, 2015

# Six Big Ideas for Discussion

1. Re-imagine NCEA Level one so it is focused on ensuring young people are prepared for further study, work, and life as citizens
2. Strengthen and clarify our expectations for literacy and numeracy attainment
3. Explicitly build into NCEA Levels 2 and 3 a requirement to prepare young people for further study, work, and life
4. Provide support for teachers, schools, and kura to enable real learning and coherent programmes
5. Strengthen and enhance the Record of Achievement so it provides a full picture of what young people have achieved
6. Remove barriers to achieving NCEA, starting with fees, process for accessing Special Assessment Conditions, and access to quality curriculum support materials.

# Have your say

## NCEA public workshop - Christchurch

We want to hear from thousands of people from a range of backgrounds, and are running workshops/hui across NZ that anyone can attend. To participate in the conversation about NCEA visit this website - <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/events/>

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# What are we doing at RHS?

- Reduced credits per course at Level 1
- More choice within courses
- Development of connected courses at Level 1 where a context can create multiple assessment opportunities eg
- Semesterised courses

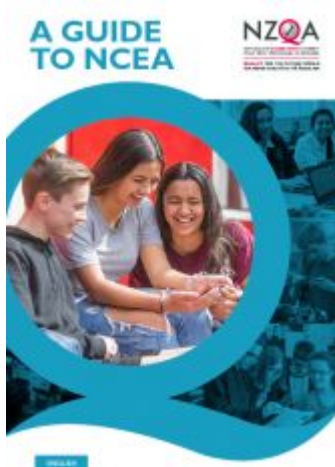


# Sites and Tools that can assist :

New Zealand Qualifications Authority - NCEA Guide Free App  
Available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store

iTunes Preview

Google play



Free downloadable guides from  
NZQA Website





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Te Reo Māori



## NCEA Guide



### What is NCEA?

I want to know more about:

How NCEA works

How to help my child

What employers need to know



< Change the language



## Understanding NCEA



What does NCEA stand for?



How is NCEA achieved?



What are Standards? What are Credits?



How many Credits does my child need?



How are standards assessed?



Where do the end-of year examinations fit in?



What is Literacy and numeracy?

# NCEA Student

- 1 Create your subjects and courses
- 2 Add the standards you are taking
- 3 Set goals, reminders and enter your results

NCEA Student keeps track of all your credits and makes sure you always have the full picture

[Set up >](#)



## Helping my child



- + Preparing to succeed in exams
- + Video: Study tips & tricks
- + What is NCEA going to cost me?
- + Is Financial Assistance available?
- + How do I apply for financial assistance?
- + My child has learning difficulties: what help is available?
- + What about the end-of-year examinations?



## NCEA For Employers



- + What documents might a job candidate show me?
- + What will I see on these documents?
- + How do I make sure these results are genuine and complete?
- + Is NCEA recognised around the world?
- + What about in New Zealand?
- + What about NCEA and Vocational Pathways?
- + What do Vocational Pathways mean for me as an employer?