

NCEA & HOW IT WORKS

National Certificate of Educational Achievement



Currently, Level 1, 2, and 3 NCEA will each require **60 credits** at that certificate level, or above.

There is also a Literacy, and Numeracy co-requisite, which sits outside of the **60-credit** qualification total. These co-requisites are worth **20 credits** in total. No NCEA certificate can be awarded without this co-requisite being achieved.

You only need to meet the **20 credit** Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite once.

HOW TO ACHIEVE



NCEA LEVEL ONE
60 Credits Required

Students need to achieve **60 credits** at Level 1 NCEA or above and also have achieved the **20 credit** Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite.



NCEA LEVEL TWO
60 Credits Required

Students need to achieve **60 credits** at Level 2 or above.

Level 1 co-requisites must also be met.



NCEA LEVEL THREE
60 Credits Required

Students need to achieve **60 credits** at Level 3 or above.

Level 1 co-requisites must also be met.

NCEA ENDORSEMENTS

When students perform consistently above the Achieved level, their results can be 'endorsed' to reflect that high achievement. This endorsement can be overall (**Certificate** Endorsement) or per course (**Course** Endorsement).



CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT

Students must achieve **50 Merit Credits** or more total at each NCEA level to gain a Merit Certificate Endorsement for that level.

Similarly, students must achieve **50 Excellence Credits** or more to earn an Excellence Certificate Endorsement.



COURSE ENDORSEMENT

Students must achieve **14 Merit Credits** or more within a certain course to earn a Merit Course Endorsement for that course. Of these 14, at least 3 credits must be internally assessed, and 3 credits must be externally assessed.

Similarly, students must achieve **14 Excellence Credits** or more within a course to earn an Excellence Course Endorsement for that course.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university from school. To be awarded UE, you need to have achieved:

- NCEA Level 3.
- **14 credits** at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects.
- **10 Literacy** credits at Level 2 or above.
- **10 Numeracy** credits at Level 1 or above.

All of our Year 13 Courses are UE approved unless indicated otherwise in their description.