

HOW DO I GET NCEA QUALIFICATIONS?

When you have achieved 80 credits at Level 1, you'll qualify for NCEA Level 1, as long as ten of those credits show numeracy skills and ten other credits show literacy skills. These skills can be shown in a range of courses across the curriculum. Your course teachers will be able to tell you which standards qualify for numeracy and literacy skills.

NCEA Level 2 requires a minimum of 60 credits at Level 2 or above **and** 20 credits at any other level. Credits can be used for more than one qualification so some of your NCEA Level 1 credits can count towards NCEA Level 2. For NCEA Level 2 or 3 you will not need to achieve extra credits for literacy or numeracy skills, but you need to have Level 1 literacy and numeracy. You do not have to complete the Level 1 or 2 qualifications before starting on Level 2 or 3, but it is recommended.

NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 certificates can receive endorsement. Students will require 50 credits at Excellence to gain an NCEA endorsed with Excellence.

Students will require 50 credits at Merit and Excellence to gain an NCEA endorsed with Merit. Students who achieve 14 or more credits at Merit or Excellence in a course (subject) will receive a course endorsement.

We encourage students to set and work towards these goals.

Students could consider entering the New Zealand Scholarship in one or more subjects if they are experiencing success in their Level 3 studies. Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$10,000.

Scholarship is a monetary award to recognize top students. It does not attract credits nor contribute towards a qualification but the fact that a student has gained a Scholarship will appear on the Record of Learning. The scholarship examinations are additional to the external exams in November.

Scholarship will enable students to be assessed against challenging standards, and will be demanding for the most able students in each subject. Scholarship students will again be expected to demonstrate high-level critical thinking, abstraction and generalization, and to integrate, synthesise and apply knowledge, skills, understanding and ideas to complex situations.

NCEA Waimate High School courses will offer at least 15 credits. Standards will be tailored to meet the needs and ability of the students. Not all students will attempt all the credits offered.

Student Progress / Assessment Reviews

Waimate High School has procedures which ensure that you and your parents or caregivers are informed about the assessment of your work during the year. Opportunities are provided for discussions with teachers about progress and parents can also view student achievement information via the KAMAR parent portal. In particular circumstances, you or your parents may wish to contact the teacher in charge of a subject, the Learning Advisor, Level Co-ordinator, Deputy Principal or the Principal.