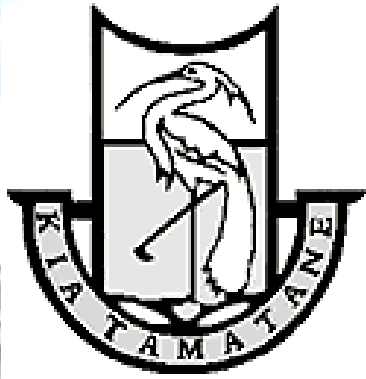


WELCOME



This booklet outlines what you need to know about:

NCEA



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NCEA stands for -

**“National
“Certificate of
“Educational
“Achievement**



NZQA stands for the New Zealand Qualifications Authority – the government administered body that runs NCEA.

NEW AND OLD SYSTEM

- “ **Level 1 (Year 11)** - replaces School Certificate
- “ **Level 2 (Year 12)** - replaces University Entrance
- “ **Level 3 (Year 13)** - replaces Bursary

(Scholarship still exists as it did before)

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students in years 11, 12 and 13 work towards a qualification; gaining credits by passing a series of assessments. Most students will be working towards gaining credits in either one or both of the following types of assessments

“ **UNIT STANDARDS**

These are all

internally assessed.

This means that they are assessed in class during the year.



“ **ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS**

Some are

internally assessed,

while the rest are

externally assessed.

This means that they are assessed at the end of the year with a nationally based exam. All students in NZ sit the exam at the same time.

Both types of standards are nationally recognized.

WHAT ARE STANDARDS?

A year's course is made up of
STANDARDS

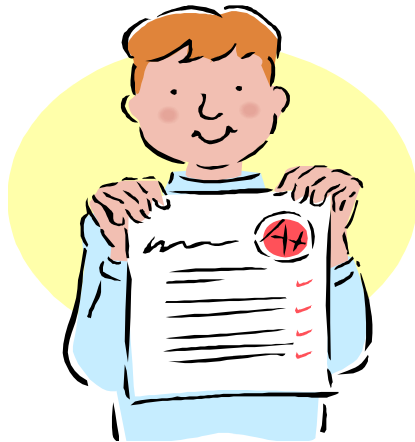
- “ Each student's course is tailored to meet his/her individual needs.
- “ Standards are criteria that have to be met by a student in order to gain credits . it may be a skill like graphing or public speaking or it may be knowledge based.

GRADES

There are various grades that can be gained when students submit work for marking either internally or externally

UNIT STANDARDS

- “ Not Achieved (N) – Failed the standard.
- “ Achieved (A) – Passed the standard.



All grades earn the same number of credits

ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS.

- “ Not Achieved (N/A) – Failed the standard.
- “ Achieved (A) – Passed the standard with an Achieved grade.
- “ Merit (M) – Passed the standard with a Merit grade.
- “ Excellence (E) – Passed the standard with an Excellent grade.

WHAT DO GRADES EARN?

“Both Unit & Achievement Standards earn **credits**.

“Each standard earns a different number of credits depending on how much work is involved.

WHERE DO CREDITS GO?

All credits go towards the achievement of a nationally recognized qualification

“Level 1, 2 & 3 NCEA and

“National Certificates.



HOW MANY CREDITS DO I NEED TO PASS?

To gain the NCEA qualification you need to gain a certain number of credits. As mentioned earlier, credits are gained through successfully completing a series of standards. Each year level provides a new qualification

Level 1 - to pass the NCEA certificate you need **80 credits** of which a minimum of **8** are needed in **literacy** and **8** in **numeracy**. (See the next page for more details).

Level 2 - to pass the NCEA certificate you need **80 credits** (60 at level 2 or above and 20 from any other level)

Level 3 - to pass the NCEA certificate you need **80 credits** (60 at level 3 and 20 from level 2 or above)



IS ANYTHING COMPULSORY TO ACHIEVE LEVEL 1 NCEA?

Yes . to pass level 1, all students must gain
at least **8** credits in.. and at least **8** credits in

English

This is to gain

Level 1 Literacy.

Maths

This is to gain

Level 1 Numeracy.

“ Students can gain these credits internally - at school during the year.
You can also earn Literacy credits from doing Maori standards.

“ Those students who do not get enough credits to gain level 1 literacy
or numeracy will repeat level 1 English and/or Mathematics.



NATIONAL CERTIFICATES

Otahuhu College also offers a range of national certificates in the following areas

“ National Certificate Level 2 & 3 in Computing

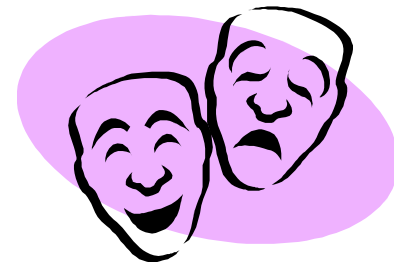
“ National Certificate Introductory Skills Level 2

“ National Certificate Level 2 in Sports and Recreation

“ National Certificate Level 1 in Performing Arts

“ National Certificate Level 1 & 2 Version 2 in Employment Skills

“ National Certificate Level 3 in Early Childhood Education and Care



REWARDING ACHIEVEMENT

To recognise top performances in all three levels, there is:

- “ The NCEA certificate of Excellence = 50 credits at Excellence level.
- “ The NCEA certificate of Merit = 50 credits at Merit level.
- “ The NCEA certificate of Merit = 50 credits with a mix of Merit and Excellence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET INTO UNIVERSITY?

14 credits at level 3 or higher in an 'approved subject' area

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14 credits at level 3 or higher in no more than 2 domains or 'approved subject' area

- 14 credits in Mathematics at Level 1 or higher
- 4 credits at Level 2 or above in Reading
- 4 credits at Level 2 or above in Writing

Approved subjects are academic subjects. Subjects that you can study at tertiary level.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

- “ Your subject teachers will give you a schedule of what you are expected to learn in each subject at the start of the year.
- “ Glue this schedule into your book for your information. The schedule will look something like this.

| Standard Number | Title | Level | Version | Credit value | Internal/ External |
|-----------------|--|-------|---------|--------------|--------------------|
| U/S 5223 | Use formulae and equations to solve problems. | 1 | 3 | 2 | Internal |
| U/S 8490 | Solve problems using calculations with numbers expressed in different forms. | 1 | 2 | 2 | Internal |

AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH COURSE

Your subject teacher will outline for you...

- “ The standard number and the title similar to what you have in the Assessment Schedule.
- “ The number of credits the standard is worth.
- “ Whether the standard is assessed internally or externally.
- “ The criteria required to complete the standard successfully.
- “ The assessment method/s and how long the course will be before the assessment takes place.