

# National Certificate of Educational Achievement – NCEA

This is New Zealand's national qualification. Subjects are divided into a number of Achievement Standards

NCEA is offered at 3 levels:

**Year 11** – NCEA Level 1

**Year 12** – NCEA Level 2

**Year 13** – NCEA Level 3 and Level 4 Scholarship

Further details are available by visiting [www.ncea.govt.nz](http://www.ncea.govt.nz)

Notes

- Each subject is divided into a number of Standards worth varying number of credits.
- There are approximately 6 to 9 Standards in each subject.
- Each Standard is worth 3-5 credits. A subject is between 20 and 30 credits
- A full 5 subject course totals between 100 and 130 credits

## **Study Plan**

Year 11 – Religious Studies plus 5 NCEA Level 1 Subjects:- English/ Maths/ a Science plus 2 options<sup>^</sup>

Year 12 – Religious Studies plus 5 NCEA Level 2 Subjects:- English/ Maths/ a Science plus 2 options<sup>^^</sup>

Year 13 – Religious Studies plus 5 NCEA Level 3 Subjects: - 5 options

<sup>^</sup> - Students require 14 credits in L1 Maths to satisfy the numeracy requirement for University Entrance

<sup>^^</sup> - Students require 8 credits in L2 English (4 Reading/ 4 Writing) to satisfy the literacy requirement for University Entrance. This can also be gained through L2 Te Reo Maori

## **Grading**

**Level 1:-** Awarded to students who gain a minimum of 80 credits including 8 in Maths and 8 in English

**Level 2:-** Awarded to students who gain a minimum of 80 credits; up to 20 from Level 1 and at least 60 from Level 2 or above

**Level 3:-** Awarded to students who gain a minimum of 80 credits; up to 20 from Level 2 and at least 60 from Level 3

At each Level students require 50 Excellence Credits to gain an **NCEA endorsed with Excellence**, and 50 Merit or Excellence Credits to gain an **NCEA endorsed with Merit**.