

NCEA GENERAL INFORMATION

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

NCEA is offered at three years:

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

From 2019 onwards, there is no charge for sitting NCEA at any level.

Notes:

- Each subject is divided into a number of Standards worth varying number of credits.
- There are between 4 to 9 Standards in each subject.
- Each Standard is worth 2-9 credits. The total credits per subject is usually around 18 – 24.

YEAR 11 – NCEA LEVEL 1

At St Peter's College students must take English, Mathematics, Science and Theology & Philosophy. Students then choose to take **THREE** other subjects.

YEAR 12 – NCEA LEVEL 2

At St Peter's College students must take English, Mathematics, Theology & Philosophy plus **THREE** further NCEA Level 2 Subjects

YEAR 13 – NCEA LEVEL 3

At St Peter's College students must take English and Theology & Philosophy plus **FOUR** further NCEA Level 3 Subjects

- Students require a minimum of **10 credits in L1 Maths** to satisfy the numeracy requirement for Level 1 and University Entrance
- Students require a minimum of **10 credits in L2 English** (5 Reading/5 Writing) to satisfy the literacy requirement for University Entrance. This can also be gained through L2 Te Reo Māori.

GRADING

NCEA LEVEL 1

Awarded to students who gain a minimum of **80 credits** including **10 in Maths** (numeracy) and **10 in English/Te Reo** (Literacy)

NCEA 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**

NCEA 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**

ENDORSEMENTS

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 or Excellence**.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

You will be qualified for entrance to New Zealand Universities if you have obtained:

1. **A FULL PASS AT NCEA LEVEL 3**
2. **APPROVED SUBJECTS** – 14 credits in each of three approved subjects at Level 3.
3. **LITERACY** – 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of:
 - a. 5 credits in reading
 - b. 5 credits in writing
4. **NUMERACY** -10 credits at Level 1 or above in Mathematics

NOTE: The University of Auckland have increased their own literacy requirements. To enter any university course at Auckland, students need to have 17 credits at NCEA English Level 2 or 3.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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FACULTIES & THEIR SUBJECT OPTIONS - NCEA LEVELS OVERVIEW -

ACCOUNTING FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
ACCOUNTING	Open Entry	9 Credits in Level 1 Accounting including externals	9 Credits in Level 2 Accounting including externals
ART FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
ART: DIGITAL or PRACTICAL	Year 10 Art	NOT OFFERED	NOT OFFERED
DESIGN	NOT OFFERED	14 Credits in Level 1 Art	14 Credits in Level 2 Design + External Portfolio
PAINTING/ ILLUSTRATION	NOT OFFERED	14 Credits in Level 1 Art	14 Credits in Level 2 Painting /Illustration + External Portfolio
PHOTOGRAPHY	NOT OFFERED	14 Credits in Level 1 Art	14 Credits in Level 2 Photography + Internal and External Portfolio
COMMERCE FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
BUSINESS STUDIES	NOT OFFERED	14 Credits in Level 1 Maths or English	14 Credits in Level 2 Business
ECONOMICS	Open Entry	14 Credits in Level 1 Economics/Maths or English	14 Credits in Level 2 Economics
ENGLISH FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
ENGLISH	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY
MEDIA STUDIES	NOT OFFERED	14 Credits in Level 1 English	14 Credits in Level 2 English
HUMANITIES FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
GEOGRAPHY	Open Entry	14 Credits in Level 1 Geography or English	14 Credits in Level 2 Geography
HISTORY	Open Entry	14 Credits in Level 1 History or English	14 Credits in Level 2 History or Level 2 English

LANGUAGES FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
CHINESE	Year 10 Chinese	9 Credits in Level 1 Chinese	9 Credits in Level 2 Chinese
FRENCH	Year 10 French	9 Credits in Level 1 French (including 1 external standard)	9 Credits in Level 2 French (including 1 external standard)
SPANISH	Year 10 Spanish	9 Credits in Level 1 Spanish (including 1 external standard)	9 Credits in Level 2 Spanish (including 1 external standard)
TE REO MĀORI	Year 10 Māori	12 Credits in Level 1 Māori	10 Credits in Level 2 Māori

MATHEMATICS FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
MATHEMATICS	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY	NOT OFFERED
CALCULUS	NOT OFFERED	18 Credits at Level 1 Mathematics incl MCAT	16 Credits in Level 2 Mathematics with Calculus
STATISTICS	NOT OFFERED	10 Credits at Level 1 Mathematics	10 Credits in Level 2 Mathematics

MUSIC FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
MUSIC	2-3 years of Music lessons on an instrument	3-4 years of Music lessons on an instrument. 14 Credits in Level 1 Music	4-5 years of Music lessons on an instrument. 14 Credits in Level 2 Music

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Open Entry	14 Credits in Level 1 PE	14 Credits in Level 2 PE including 2.2 or 2.5

SCIENCE FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
SCIENCE	COMPULSORY	NOT OFFERED	NOT OFFERED
BIOLOGY	NOT OFFERED	14 Credits in Level 1 Science (including 4 external credits in Biology standard)	14 Credits in Level 2 Biology including a pass in at least one external
CHEMISTRY	NOT OFFERED	14 Credits in Level 1 Science (including 4 external credits in Chemistry standard)	14 Credits in Level 2 Chemistry including a pass in at least one external
PHYSICS	NOT OFFERED	14 Credits in Level 1 Science (including 8 external credits in Physics standard)	14 Credits in Level 2 Physics (including 2 external standards) and Maths externals 91261 or 91262
TECHNOLOGY FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
DVC	Year 10 DVC	15 Credits in Level 1 DVC	16 Credits in Level 2 DVC
HARD MATERIALS	FURNITURE: Year 10 Hard Materials Technology	CARPENTRY: 15 Credits in Level 1 Furniture	TRADES: 15 Credits in Level 2 Carpentry
THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
Theology & Philosophy	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY

NOTE: Entry into some subjects without prerequisites is still possible with Head of Faculty approval

NCEA LEVEL 1	NCEA LEVEL 2	NCEA LEVEL 3
<p>Passing NCEA Level 1 involves gaining a minimum of 80 credits.</p> <p>Across the seven subjects in Year 11, St Peter's offers students the chance to obtain roughly 130 credits.</p>	<p>Passing NCEA Level 2 involves gaining 60 credits at Level 2 or above PLUS 20 credits from any level.</p> <p>Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also be met</p> <p>Across the six subjects at Level 2, St Peter's offers students the chance to obtain roughly 120 credits.</p>	<p>Passing NCEA Level 3 involves gaining 60 credits at Level 3 PLUS 20 credits from Level 2 or above.</p> <p>Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirement must also be met.</p> <p>Across the six subjects in Level 3, St Peter's offers students the chance to obtain roughly 120 credits.</p>
<p>NCEA LEVELS are a mix of Internal Achievement Standards which are taken during school time and External Achievement Standards which are taken in the exam season at the end of the academic year. The object for every student should be to pass the standards at as high a level as possible, aiming for Merit and Excellence as their level of attainment</p>		

For specific course costs, see Subject Outlines in the following pages.