

**St Peter's College**

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# **Year 11 - NCEA Level 1 Subject Guide**

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# NCEA LEVEL 1 COMPULSORY SUBJECT OUTLINES

## ENGLISH FACULTY

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### Level 1: English

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
21 (13 Internal / 8 External)	\$15	Level 2 English

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is designed to introduce students to the wide ranges of places where they interact with the English language on a daily basis. Students will study a variety of texts, both written and visual, and will begin to understand how writers and directors use verbal and visual language for an intended purpose.

This course will challenge students to reflect on how language is used to communicate ideas and will also cultivate their ability to communicate information in a developed manner. Students will encounter both fiction and non-fiction and will be required to communicate using a range of written forms, including essays, creative writing and a research report.

### Level 1: English International (ESOL)

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
approximately 20 (English / English Language)	Nil	Level 2 English International

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

In Year 11 the focus is on integration of language skills. Students are exposed to a range of texts and develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

## MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Head of Faculty: Mr Matt Bindon, [mbindon@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:mbindon@st-peters.school.nz)

### Level 1: Mathematics

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
25 (17 Internal / 8 External)	Nil	Level 2 Mathematics with Calculus or Level 2 Mathematics with Statistics

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course consists of eight Achievement Standards. These Achievement Standards cover the key basic mathematical concepts of Number, Algebra, Shape and space, and Statistics & Probability.

The Level 1 Mathematics option includes an additional Algebra standard.

## SCIENCE FACULTY

Head of Faculty: Mr Kevin Barker: [kbarker@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:kbarker@st-peters.school.nz)

### Level 1: Science

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
20 (8 Internal / 12 External)	\$30 for external SCIPAD and \$15 for workbook	Level 2 Biology, Level 2 Chemistry, Level 2 Physics depending on standards passed

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Level 1 NCEA Science is a course which covers internally and externally assessed standards from the Science domain. Two internally assessed standards and up to four externally assessed standards, make up this course. External standards are theory based.

There is one external each for Chemistry and Biology and two for Physics. The internal standards are investigations in Chemistry and Biology.

# THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY FACULTY

Head of Faculty: Dr Daniel Stollenwerk [dstollenwerk@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:dstollenwerk@st-peters.school.nz)

## Level 1: Theology & Philosophy

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
24 (Internal)	\$16	Level 2 Theology & Philosophy

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

At Level 1, the Theology & Philosophy Faculty offers 4 achievement standards, each worth 6 credits, each assessed internally.

Year 11 NCEA begins with a study of the Ethics of War within the larger context of the Consistent Ethic of Life. Students next look at all 4 Gospels and their place in the New Testament Canon, with special emphasis on the historical-critical method of interpretation.

In the third standard the class considers the Trinity especially as articulated by the Nicene Creed of 325 AD. Finally, having completed a broad Church History course in Year 10, students in year 11 now focus more in depth on three stages of the Reformation: The Early Reformation, the English Reformation and the Catholic Counter Reformation.

# NCEA LEVEL 1 OPTIONAL SUBJECT OUTLINES:

## STUDENTS MUST CHOOSE THREE

### ACCOUNTING FACULTY

Head of Faculty: Mrs Denise Trent, [dtrent@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:dtrent@st-peters.school.nz)

## Level 1: Accounting

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
20 (11 Internal /9 External)	Course book \$30	Level 2 Accounting

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Open Entry

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Accounting is the language of business. It provides students with the tools to make real life financial decisions in a constantly changing world. This Level 1 Accounting course enables students to develop the knowledge and skills to manage the financial affairs of individuals, communities, and businesses in a variety of modern economic and business contexts while acting with integrity.

Students will also make use of appropriate communication tools and skills to process, report, and interpret financial information for individuals, communities, and businesses. No prior Accounting knowledge is required to enter this course, although completion of Year 10 Business Studies will provide a good basis of knowledge for this course. The Level 1 Accounting course consists of the following Achievement Standards which are a mixture of written reports and calculations:

**Achievement Standard 1.7 (Internal)** – Cash Management of a Household  
Demonstrate understanding of cash management for a small entity

**Achievement Standard 1.6 (Internal)** – Decision Making  
Make a financial decision for an individual or group

**Achievement Standard 1.4 (Internal)** – Community Organisation’s Treasurer’s Report  
Prepare financial information for a community organisation’s annual general meeting

**Achievement Standard 1.3 (External)** – Financial Statements  
Prepare financial statements for sole proprietors

**Achievement Standard 1.5 (External)** – Analysis and Interpretation  
Interpret accounting information for sole proprietors

## ART FACULTY

Head of Faculty: Ms Nichola Barnden: [nbarnden@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:nbarnden@st-peters.school.nz)

### Level 1: Visual Art - Digital

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
22 (10 Internal / 12 External)	\$100 materials fee and printing fee	Level 2 Design, Level 2 Photography
<b>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:</b> Year 10 Art		
<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION</b>		
<p>This is an introductory course to Design and Photography. Students will develop their skills in camera and computer work to create imagery based on the study of a range of contemporary and traditional artist models. Appropriate drawing techniques will be used to develop and clarify ideas for artworks in design and photography. All three internals are project based and the external is a two-board folio submission.</p>		

### Level 1: Visual Art - Practical

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
22 (10 Internal / 12 External)	\$80 materials fee and printing fee + Art Pack	Level 2 Design, Level 2 Painting, Level 2 Photography
<b>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:</b> Year 10 Art		
<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION</b>		
<p>Students will develop their skills in observational drawing and mark making using a range of wet and dry media. Appropriate drawing techniques will be used to develop and clarify ideas for artworks in painting, printmaking and sculpture. Their work will be based on the study of a range of contemporary and traditional artist models within an over-all theme. All three internals are project based and the external is a two-board folio submission.</p>		

**COMMERCE FACULTY**Head of Faculty: Mr Steve Rewcastle: [srewcastle@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:srewcastle@st-peters.school.nz)**Level 1: Economics**

<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>COURSE COSTS</b>	<b>LEADS INTO</b>
24 (12 Internal / 12 External)	Resource Book \$30	Level 2 Economics

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Open Entry**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Students will study how producers and consumers interact through the market. The three major areas of study are: producers' decisions, consumers' decisions and the market. These areas will cover demand, supply, market equilibrium and market disequilibrium.

Students will develop their learning through investigation, discussion, experimentation and the study of economic literature. No prior economic knowledge is required to enter this course, although completion of Year 10 Business Studies will provide a good basis of knowledge for this course.

# HUMANITIES FACULTY

Head of Faculty Mr Jakub Kalinowski: [jkalinowski@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:jkalinowski@st-peters.school.nz)

## Level 1: Geography

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
18 (10 Internal / 8 External)	Geography Skills for NCEA Level 1 workbook by Justin Peat	Level 2 Geography

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Open Entry

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Geography is the study of the environment as the home of people. It seeks to interpret the world and how it changes over time – past, present, and future. It explores the relationships and connections between people and both natural and cultural environments. Geography investigates the ways in which features are arranged on the earth's surface.

It describes and explains the patterns and processes that create them. Students learn to think spatially and use maps, visual images and new technologies to obtain, present and analyse information. Topics studied include population, development and geographic skills.

## Level 1: History

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
20 (12 Internal / 8 External)	Nil	Level 2 History

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Open Entry

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course serves as a useful introduction to the demands of senior history for NCEA students. There is a strong emphasis on New Zealand history and how significant events have affected New Zealanders. The new Level 1 Standards allow for richer learning experiences of key events in history which lead towards a better understanding of New Zealand identity and how events have had an impact on our society.

The internal Achievement Standards allow students to conduct their own research into events which impacted on New Zealand history and an investigation of different peoples' perspectives in relation to an event. The external Achievement Standards focus on resource interpretation, extended writing and an investigation of a significant New Zealand event.

#### Topics Offered:

- Origins of World War II
- Case Studies of Significant New Zealand Events (exact topics change annually)
- Work on interpreting historical sources (both primary and secondary)

# LANGUAGES FACULTY

Head of Faculty: Mrs Margaret Ubels-Rattray: [mubels@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:mubels@st-peters.school.nz)

## Level 1: Chinese

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
24 (14 Internal / 10 External)	\$35 Language Perfect Subscription	Level 2 Chinese and AUT online course (optional)

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

L1 Chinese is for students who have completed the Year 10 Chinese course. This course focuses on developing the basic spoken and written language skills essential for communication in everyday situations. Linguistic studies are consolidated by background work on life in China, so that the language is learnt in its appropriate cultural context.

The assessments consist of 3 internals (a writing portfolio, a conversation/interaction portfolio and a spoken presentation), and 2 externals (a reading exam and a listening exam).

## Level 1: French

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
19 (9 Internal/ 10 External)	\$55 Dinner at a French Restaurant (optional), \$35 Language Perfect Subscription	Level 2 French

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Year 10 French

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is designed to allow students to use French confidently in familiar situations. By the end of this course successful students will be able to initiate and sustain a conversation with a sympathetic native speaker and will be able to communicate in most tourist type situations. They can use increasingly complex language patterns and are willing to experiment with new language and to read independently. They can write short passages and messages.

The assessments for NCEA Level 1 consist of a writing portfolio, a spoken presentation, a reading exam and a listening exam. Keen and able students may also do a further 5 credits for a speaking interaction portfolio.

<b>Level 1: Spanish</b>		
<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>COURSE COSTS</b>	<b>LEADS INTO</b>
19 (9 Internal / 10 External)	\$35 Language Perfect Subscription	Level 2 Spanish
<b>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:</b> Year 10 Spanish		
<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION</b>		
<p>The course is designed to allow students to communicate in Spanish in familiar situations. By the end of this course successful students will be able to participate in a conversation with a sympathetic native speaker and will be able to communicate in most tourist type situations. They can use increasingly complex language patterns spontaneously and are able experiment with new language and to read independently. They can write short passages and messages.</p> <p>The assessments for NCEA Level 1 consist of a writing portfolio, a spoken presentation, a reading exam and a listening exam. Keen and able students may also do a further 5 credits for a speaking interaction portfolio.</p>		

<b>Level 1: Te Reo Māori</b>		
<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>COURSE COSTS</b>	<b>LEADS INTO</b>
24 (18 Internal/ 6 External)	\$35 Language Perfect Subscription	Level 2 Te Reo Māori
<b>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:</b> Year 10 Māori		
<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION</b>		
<p>This level study is designed to continue the work done with those students who have already studied Te Reo Māori in year 10. As an extension it is expected that the students have some prior knowledge of Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga.</p> <p>The focus of the course will be on achieving NCEA Level 1 internal standards – this will involve practicing with a range of familiar topics.</p> <p>The standards available are Whakarongo (Listening comprehension), Kōrero (Oral assessment), and Waihanga (Writing portfolio) as well as one exam standard: Pānui i te reo o tōna ao (Reading comprehension)</p>		

## MUSIC FACULTY

Head of Faculty: Ms Elinora Iversen: [eiversen@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:eiversen@st-peters.school.nz)

### Level 1: Music

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
26 (22 Internal /4 External)	Nil	Level 2 Music

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Students must be able to perform on their instrument/voice at a level equivalent to three years itinerant music teaching. The ability to read music is advantageous but not required.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course combines practical elements with theory, composition and the study of set works. Students will perform both solo and in a group, compose two contrasting compositions as well as researching two contrasting pieces of music of their choice. Students will learn the basics of music theory for an external theory exam.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACULTY

Head of Faculty: Mr Andrew Illman, [ailman@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:ailman@st-peters.school.nz)

### Level 1: Physical Education

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
20 (20 Internal)	\$50	Level 2 Physical Education

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Open Entry

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides opportunities for students to experience understand and evaluate physical activity. These experiences aim to encourage participation and build a base for further study.

#### **Achievement standard 1.4 - Sociology**

Demonstrate understanding of societal influences on physical activity and the implications for self and others

#### **Achievement standard 1.6 -Volleyball**

Demonstrate strategies to improve the performance of a physical activity and describe the outcomes.

#### **Achievement standard 1.3- Volleyball**

Demonstrate quality movement in the performance of a physical activity.

#### **Achievement standard 1.1- Why do you move?**

Participate actively in a variety of physical activities and explain factors that influence own participation

#### **Achievement standard 1.2 – Biomechanics of movement**

Describe the function of the body as it relates to the performance of physical activity

## TECHNOLOGY FACULTY

Head of Faculty: Mr Jono Bay [jbay@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:jbay@st-peters.school.nz)

### Level 1: Design & Visual Communication (DVC)

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
21 (12 Internal / 9 External)	\$90 plus DVC Pack approx \$52	Level 2 Design & Visual Communication
<b>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:</b> Successful completion of Year 10 Design and Visual communication to be completed with a minimum of an "At Curriculum Level" Grade or higher in each unit of work.		
<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION</b>		
<p>DVC at Level 1 gives students the opportunity to build up sketching and rendering skills so that they can visually explain their ideas for a spatial design.</p> <p>Students are to produce a design portfolio which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2D and 3D freehand sketches that communicate design ideas</li> <li>• Instrumental drawings to communicate design ideas</li> <li>• Rendering techniques to communicate the form of design ideas</li> </ul> <p>Students will complete the above by researching an influential designer and their design context which will then inform the development of their design ideas.</p> <p>Please note: The design portfolio encompasses all available credits (including external credits). There are no exams for this subject. Students require their own personal laptop for this course.</p>		

### Level 1: Hard Materials (Furniture)

CREDITS	COURSE COSTS	LEADS INTO
25 (25 Internal)	\$140	Year 12 Hard Materials (Carpentry)
<b>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:</b> Interested in the trades after school.		
<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION</b>		
<p>This course is made up of practical and theory aspects of furniture manufacture.</p> <p>The practical outcomes produced by the students mesh with the theory content of the course at all times. The student outcomes are constructed in such a way as to give them the maximum number of experiences of component manufacture and joining methods.</p> <p>Students produce their own working drawings of their article of furniture and work directly from them.</p> <p>Topics studied are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe Working</li> <li>• Making a cupboard</li> <li>• Joints</li> <li>• Workshop processes</li> </ul>		

# NCEA LEVEL 1 COURSE PLANNER FOR:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

SUBJECT	INTERNAL CREDITS	EXTERNAL CREDITS	SUBTOTAL
English	13	8	<b>21</b>
Mathematics	14	8	<b>22</b>
Science	8	16	<b>24</b>
Theology & Philosophy	24	-	<b>24</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL A</b>			<b>91</b>

## OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

SUBJECT	INTERNAL CREDITS	EXTERNAL CREDITS	SUBTOTAL
1			
2			
3			
<b>SUBTOTAL B</b>			

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS TAKING:**  
 Add **Subtotal A + Subtotal B** above (need to achieve least 80 credits to gain NCEA Level 1):