

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

LANGUAGES FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
CHINESE	Year 10 Chinese	14 Credits in Level 1 Chinese	14 Credits in Level 2 Chinese
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	COMPULSORY	14 Credits in Level 2 Mathematics with Calculus. At least 4 of these coming from an external standard
STATISTICS	NOT OFFERED	COMPULSORY	12 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 standards) and Maths externals 91027 or 91028	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>

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**

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