



Year 11 St Peter's Certificate

'Te Ara o Hāto Petera' - The Path of St Peter

Informed by national reform. Designed for future-ready learners, preparing our students for success in Year 12 and beyond

What is changing and why?

From 2026, St Peter's College will no longer be offering NCEA Level 1 as we do not believe it is fit for purpose in the revised form. Next year we will introduce a new qualification for Year 11 students: the **St Peter's Certificate – Te Ara o Hato Petera (the path of St Peter)**. This change aligns with national education reforms and reflects our commitment to academic excellence and holistic development.

The Ministry of Education is phasing out NCEA Level 1 by 2028, replacing it with a more focused foundation award. Key national changes include:

- Removal of NCEA Level 1
- A stronger focus on literacy and numeracy
- Compulsory English and Mathematics at Year 11 (already in place at SPC)
- Clearer grading (A–E, marked out of 100)
- A new national curriculum for Years 9–13
- Improved vocational pathways

While we welcome the change, SPC does not believe the reforms have gone far enough and want to see more rigour because we have higher aspirations for St Peter's men.

What is the St Peter's Certificate

The SPC Certificate is designed to:

- ✓ Encourage deep learning
- ✓ Promote consistent engagement throughout the year
- ✓ Prepare students for the demands of Year 12 and beyond

All subjects for students on the NCEA pathway will be assessed with a **50:50 split between 'internal assessments' and exams***, marked out of 100 resulting in a percentage based grade for each assessment. Each course will be worth 100 points total. (*Art, DVC, and Hard Materials will have alternative assessments in place of exams).

As students are enrolled in **seven** Year 11 subjects they will have a total of 700 points available for them to earn over the year.

Scenario Example: Calculating Student A's Grades

Student A's English course includes two internal assessments and one final exam. The weightings for each component are as follows:

- **Internal Assessment 1:** 25% of the total grade
- **Internal Assessment 2:** 25% of the total grade
- **Final Exam:** 50% of the total grade

Student A earns the following grades:

- **Assessment 1:** 75% → contributes **18.75 points** (75×0.25)
- **Assessment 2:** 78% → contributes **19.5 points** (78×0.25)
- **Final Exam:** 68% → contributes **34 points** (68×0.50)

Total Course Grade:

$18.75 + 19.5 + 34 = \mathbf{72.25}$, rounded to **72/100**

This final grade of **72%** means Student A earns **72 points** towards the **St Peter's Certificate**, which requires a total of **350 points** across all subjects.

Total Points:

Subject	Mark
English	72
Mathematics	54
Science	61
Theology	87
History (Option 1)	75
Economics (Option 2)	64
Academic Physical Education (Option 3)	58
	471 (out of a possible 700)

SPC Certificate Requirements

Year 11 students on the NCEA pathway will need to achieve a 50% grade in x4 subjects and a score of 350 across seven subjects for the academic portion of the award. In addition, students will need to meet the criteria below to gain the SPC Certificate. This is to ensure the SPC Certificate is robust and holistic.

While the St Peter's Certificate was designed as a replacement to NCEA Level One we want to encourage all our students to develop holistically and recognise this formally so

Cambridge students will also be able to earn the St Peter's Certificate. The requirements will be as follows:

SPC Year 11 – NCEA Pathway	IGCSE
✓ Pass x4 of 7 subjects with 50% or above + gain 350 'points' across the x7 subjects	✓ Attain grades of A*-D for x4 of 7 subjects
✓ Achieve Literacy & Numeracy Co-requisite	✓ Attain grades of D or better in both English and Maths
✓ Completion of service hours	✓ Completion of service hours
✓ 90%+ Attendance	✓ 90+ Attendance
✓ Co-curricular participation	✓ Co-curricular participation

Why This Matters

We want every St Peter's student to be **future-ready** - whether they pursue university, trades, or other pathways. The SPC Certificate ensures a **rigorous and well-rounded Year 11 experience**, setting a strong foundation for senior success.