

# The 'National Certificate in Educational Achievement'



'NCEA'

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An opportunity to find out about  
this 'new' qualification

# NCEA Parent Information Evening

Historical contexts;

- Old System :School Certificate replaced  
1992!!!

- Focus changed onto what skills learnt rather than a % mark that means little (49% = Fail!)
- Curriculum changes – Technology & emerging school systems eg Maori Immersion system.
- Pre 1990 - Over 25% of students were leaving school without qualifications.

# Assessment Types



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- Fair and Sensible Assessment
- 'Internal' or 'within school' assessments
  - Speeches, field-work, laboratory work etc
- 'External' or 'outside school' assessments
  - EXAMINATIONS (November)
  - Portfolios assessed nationally (ART /DVC)



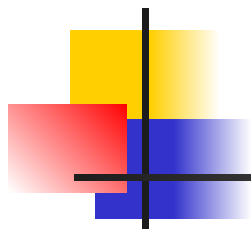
# 'Credits'

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- A new currency called credit
- Each standard is worth a set credit number
- Credits are like points towards a qualification.
- Most courses at WHS offer between  
16 – 24 credits.



<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works/video/>



# The RESULTS are:

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More than a mark or percentage.

- Recognises the wider talents of students.
- Identifies the skills learnt (the standard)

AND

- The level of Achievement
- Courses have a mixture of Internal & External Assessment



# Standards Based Assessments

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- NCEA uses standards to show what students know and can do.
- Standards describe the level of work students need to produce.
- Grades will be reported for each skill – Achieve, Merit and Excellence.



# An example

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- **English Achievement Standard 90053**  
**= 'Produce Formal Writing'**
- Achieve – express ideas with supporting detail.
- Merit - **Develop** ideas with supporting detail **and explanation.**
- Excellence - Develop ideas **convincingly** with supporting detail and explanation.



# ■ Literacy & Numeracy Requirements

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- To gain the NCEA at Level 1 students must have a good level of reading and writing skills.
- NCEA Level 1 requires students to gain 10 Numeracy credits and 10 Literacy credits.
- Level 2-3 have no such requirements
  - HOWEVER

There is a Literacy requirement for University Entrance based on 10 Level 2 Standards



# 'Types' of Standard

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- Achievement & Unit Standards
- **Achievement standards** are used across the range of traditional school subjects.
- Have the Three achievement grades
- **Unit standards** used for both industry and school subjects such as computing, first aid, electronics.
- Mostly two grades: Achieved or Not! But some do have the Three A,M & E grades



# Where do you find information

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WHS Kamar Portal:  
Parent Sign-in

Information updated after marks  
confirmed by each faculty  
Regular Updates ; 'Live Reporting'



# Quick Demo

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KAMAR PORTAL



# Where do you find information

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NZQA: General information

Students will be able to access through  
a Learner Log-in.

Data entered from 1 April then monthly



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# COSTS

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NZQA charges \$76.70  
collected through WHS  
(~ August)

Financial Assistance : \$20

2018 Data



# NCEA : 3 Levels

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- Students need a total of 80 credits to achieve NCEA at each level.
- Twenty credits (20) are carried forward to the next level each year .....
- Therefore NCEA Level 2 essentially requires 60 Level 2 (+) credits and 20 credits at any other level
- NCEA Level 3 requires 60 Level 3 (+) credits and 20 at Level 2 or above.



# THE 'RULES'

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- MISSED WORK
- APPEALS
- REASSESSMENT
- RESUBMISSION



# Missed Assessments

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- If student knows beforehand they must apply for an extension through NCEA Coordinator.
- If student sick or bereavement etc then they must apply for an extension as soon as possible afterwards.
- NCEA Coordinator can grant extensions of up to 5 school days and the principal up to 10 school days.
- **Sometimes due to the nature of the assessments, credit cannot be gained if the assessment is missed.**
- NCEA Extension Forms are available at the Student Centre.



# Appeals Process

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- Students talk to their teacher.
- Written appeal within two days of receiving grade.
- HOD/Check marker to make a decision.
- Formal procedure involving NCEA Coordinator if unable to resolve.



# Reassessment Opportunities

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- Students are notified at the start of the year, by their teachers, concerning which standards have reassessment opportunities.
- Some assessments can not be reassessed for practical reasons eg. Field trip, laboratory experiment etc.
- Teacher workload will also constrain opportunities for reassessment.



# Resubmission Opportunities

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Available to the few students on the  
'cusp' of a higher grade:

Teachers will identify after marking and  
allow these students a set amount of  
time to 'review' their assessment.

No extra teaching takes place prior:



# Questions?

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# University Entrance

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- Minimum of 14 credits at Level 3 or higher in each of three subjects from an approved subject list
- Level 3 NCEA
  - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 and above.
  - 10 Literacy credits – 5 in Reading and 5 in writing using standards from an approved list.
  - The literacy requirement can come from either English or Te Reo.