

Level 1 NCEA Changes 2024

Kia Ora whānau

The Ministry of Education and NZQA have been working on a change to NCEA beginning next year. The changes, which were confirmed by Cabinet in February 2020, will be the most significant reform of NCEA since the qualification was introduced in 2002. The aims are to strengthen NCEA while reducing the overall number of assessments for students. Some key changes are:

- The new Level 1 Achievement Standards will be implemented in 2024.
- Level 2 will be implemented in 2026.
- Level 3 will be implemented in 2027.
- Year 10 students will undertake a literacy and numeracy Common Assessment Exam (this is run twice per year). Students will also have the option to take this in Year 11.
- During 2024 and 2025 students will also be able to gain literacy and numeracy through English, Mathematics and Statistics, Te Reo Māori, and Pāngarau Achievement Standards.
- The new NCEA will require students to gain 60 credits at each level with no credits being carried over. Students will still require 20 literacy and numeracy credits which can be gained in Year 10 through the National Exam or through Achievement Standards in Years 11-13.

More detailed information can be found at the link below:

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/what-ncea-change-programme>

Minister Jan Tinetti has outlined the changes and the strengthening of literacy and numeracy in the release link below:

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/new-maths-and-literacy-assessment-prioritised-other-ncea-changes-slowed>

Our staff have been working this year to ensure that we have thorough new programmes in place for the Year 11 students in 2024. We have worked with national advisors and other local schools to ensure we are prepared for the changes. It will be very different for students, whānau and staff as there will be fewer, larger Achievement Standards for our Year 11 students. This will mean that students' attendance to college is even more vital.

I will keep you updated with further information as the year progresses.

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