

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (NCEA) 2026 GENERAL INFORMATION

This is New Zealand's national qualification. Subjects are divided into a number of Achievement Standards.

NCEA is offered at St Peter's College across two years:

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 Domestic students sitting NCEA at any level.

In **Year 11**, St Peter's College offers a school-based curriculum, to prepare students for NCEA in Years 12 & 13.

SUBJECTS TAKEN PER LEVEL

NCEA Levels			
	Year 11 SPC Curriculum	Year 12 NCEA LEVEL 2	Year 13 NCEA LEVEL 3
Compulsory Subjects	English Mathematics Science Theology & Philosophy	English Mathematics Theology & Philosophy	English Theology & Philosophy
Optional Subjects	THREE (3) other NCEA Level 1 subjects	THREE (3) other NCEA Level 2 subjects	FOUR (4) other NCEA Level 3 subjects

Notes:

- Each subject is divided into a number of Standards worth varying number of credits.

PASS Requirements

Year 11 SPC Curriculum	Year 12 NCEA LEVEL 2	Year 13 NCEA LEVEL 3
Internal assessments worth 50% Exam assessment worth 50%* Pass of 50% in 4x subjects + 350 points across 7x subjects *Not applicable to Art & Technology	Passing Level 2 involves gaining 60 credits at Level 2 Across the six subjects at Level 2, SPC offers students the chance to obtain roughly 120 credits.	Passing NCEA Level 3 involves gaining 60 credits at Level 3 Across the six subjects in Level 3, SPC offers students the chance to obtain roughly 120 credits.
Co-requisite Requirements (Numeracy & Literacy): Passing NCEA involves gaining 10 credits for Numeracy and 10 credits for Literacy (separate assessment for 5 credits Reading & 5 credits Writing).		

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.**

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. **Co-requisite Requirements (Numeracy & Literacy)**

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.

Universities set specific requirements, please refer to the **Careers Pathway Guide** on the website (under Academic, Academic Guides) for requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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FACULTIES & THEIR SUBJECT OPTIONS - SPC CURRICULUM & NCEA LEVELS OVERVIEW -

ART FACULTY			
SUBJECT	YEAR 11 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
ART: DIGITAL or PRACTICAL	Year 10 Art	NOT OFFERED	NOT OFFERED
DESIGN	NOT OFFERED	50% pass of Year 11 Art* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 Design + External Portfolio
PAINTING/ ILLUSTRATION	NOT OFFERED	50% pass of Year 11 Art* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 Design/ Painting + External Portfolio
PHOTOGRAPHY	NOT OFFERED	50% pass of Year 11 Art* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 Design/ Photography + External Portfolio
COMMERCE FACULTY			
SUBJECT	YEAR 11 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
ACCOUNTING	Open Entry	50% pass of Year 11 Accounting, Economics, Maths or English* *Entry is at HOF discretion	10 Credits in Level 2 Accounting including externals
BUSINESS STUDIES	NOT OFFERED	50% pass of Year 11 Accounting, Economics, Maths or English* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 Business, Maths or English
ECONOMICS	Open Entry	50% pass of Year 11 Accounting, Economics, Maths or English* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 Economics, Maths or English
ENGLISH FACULTY			
SUBJECT	YEAR 11 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
ENGLISH	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY
ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL	Placement Test	Placement Test	Intermediate English
MEDIA STUDIES	NOT OFFERED	50% pass of Year 11 English* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 English including external

FACULTIES & THEIR SUBJECT OPTIONS - NCEA LEVELS OVERVIEW

HUMANITIES FACULTY

SUBJECT	YEAR 11 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
GEOGRAPHY	Open Entry	50% pass of Year 11 Geography or English* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 Geography or English
HISTORY	Open Entry	50% pass of Year 11 History or English* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 History or English

LANGUAGES FACULTY

SUBJECT	YEAR 11 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
CHINESE	Year 10 Chinese	50% pass of Year 11 Chinese* *Entry is at HOF discretion	9 Credits in Level 2 Chinese/ IGCSE D grade
SPANISH	Year 10 Spanish	50% pass of Year 11 Spanish* *Entry is at HOF discretion	9 Credits in Level 2 Spanish including 1 external standard
TE REO MĀORI	Year 10 Māori	50% pass of Year 11 Te Reo Maori* *Entry is at HOF discretion	12 credits Level 2 Te Reo Māori or an entry test

MATHEMATICS FACULTY

SUBJECT	YEAR 11 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
MATHEMATICS	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY	NOT OFFERED
CALCULUS	NOT OFFERED	COMPULSORY: MATHEMATICS WITH CALCULUS OR MATHEMATICS WITH STATISTICS	16 Credits in Level 2 Mathematics with Calculus and a Merit grade in the Algebra external (91261)
STATISTICS	NOT OFFERED		12 credits in Level 2 Mathematics with Calculus or Level 2 Mathematics with Statistics

MUSIC FACULTY

SUBJECT	YEAR 11 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. Ability to read Music.	14 Credits in Level 2 Music, an ability to read music and perform on an instrument equivalent to Grade 4

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) FACULTY

SUBJECT	YEAR 11 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Open Entry	50% pass of Year 11 PE* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 PE including 2.2 or 2.5

SCIENCE FACULTY

SUBJECT	YEAR 11 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
SCIENCE	COMPULSORY	NOT OFFERED	NOT OFFERED
BIOLOGY	NOT OFFERED	50% pass of Year 11 Science* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 Biology including at least one external
CHEMISTRY	NOT OFFERED	50% pass of Year 11 Science* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 Chemistry
PHYSICS	NOT OFFERED	50% pass of Year 11 Science* *Entry is at HOF discretion	14 Credits in Level 2 Physics including 2 external standards and Level 2 Maths externals 91261 or 91262

TECHNOLOGY FACULTY

SUBJECT	YEAR 11 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
DVC	Year 10 DVC	50% pass of Year 11 DVC* *Entry is at HOF discretion	16 Credits in Level 2 DVC
HARD MATERIALS	FURNITURE: Year 10 Hard Materials Technology	CARPENTRY: 50% pass of Year 11 HDM* *Entry is at HOF discretion	TRADES: 20 Credits in Level 2 Carpentry

THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY FACULTY

SUBJECT	YEAR 11 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

For specific course costs, see Subject Guides.