



What is NCEA about?

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is the main national qualification for secondary school students in New Zealand. Each year students study a number of courses or subjects. In each option a number of standards are offered. These may be internally or externally assessed. When a student achieves a standard they receive a number of Achieved, Merit or Excellence credits. NCEA is the qualification we offer at Katikati College.

There are three levels of NCEA:

Level 1 –Students require 80 credits at any level to achieve Level 1 and must also meet the literacy and numeracy requirements.

Level 2 –Students require 20 Level 1 credits (carried forward from the previous year) and 60 credits from Level 2 or above to achieve Level 2.

Level 3 –Students require 20 Level 2 credits (carried forward from the previous year) and 60 Level 3 credits to achieve Level 3.

Students are recognised for high achievement at each level by gaining NCEA with Merit or NCEA with Excellence endorsement. Students require 50 credits at Merit or Excellence for this.

High achievement in a course is also recognised. Students require 14 credits (usually with one external paper) to gain this.



NCEA Assessments

Internally Assessed Standards

Students may be required to complete internally assessed standards at any time throughout the year. All students should be issued with a course guide which will give an indication of when the assessments will take place and what type/style of assessment will be used.

Externally Assessed Standards

NZQA examinations are held in November and December for externally assessed standards.

2019 Exam timetable:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/national-secondary-examinations-timetable/>

For further information on NCEA please click here:

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