

Kia ora whaanau

We recently received important information from NZQA on changes to NCEA for students in Auckland. A copy of this is attached. Please read through and have a conversation with your child on their understanding of the changes and how they are tracking.

These changes mean a student studying towards **NCEA Level 2 or 3 in Auckland who achieves 48 credits through assessment in 2020** will earn 12 additional LR credits, rather than the current maximum of 8. Under the extended cap, all 12 LR credits can count towards their NCEA. **In NCEA Level 1, 64 credits will now need to be achieved in 2020** to earn the 16 LR credits.

The only important note is that **all of the credits must be gained this year** to get the learning recognition credits. If your child gained credits ahead last year, these will count towards Level 1, 2 or 3 but will not create any learning recognition credits. If you are uncertain if this applies to your child, please contact your child's Kaitiaki or [hm@manurewa.school.nz](mailto:hm@manurewa.school.nz)

Students are encouraged to source extra support for their externals in English, Maths and Science from next week through the StudyIt forum listed below.

StudyIt forums reopen 21 September for NCEA English, Maths and Science will reopen on 21 September to support Year 11-13 students preparing for end of year external exams. The online learning platform provides moderated forums to discuss achievement standards and general study and exam advice for NCEA English, Maths and Science from other students and facilitators. Click the link for more information <https://studyit.govt.nz/>

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's Kaitiaki or myself on [hm@manurewa.school.nz](mailto:hm@manurewa.school.nz) if you have further queries.

Ngaa mihi

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## Further changes to NCEA for students in Auckland

The government has made additional changes to NCEA for students in Auckland, to recognise the 13 days of classroom time lost during the recent Alert Level 3 lockdown. These changes will help ensure you have a fair opportunity to achieve NCEA this year.

### Extra Learning Recognition credits

Learning Recognition (LR) credits were introduced this year to recognise the classroom time lost during the nationwide lockdown earlier this year. Extra LR credits are now available to students in Auckland because of the additional COVID disruption in August.

#### *Changes to earning rate and LR credit maximums*

NCEA Level	LR credit maximum	LR credit earning rate	Total number of credits required from assessment
L1	Up to 16 LR credits	1 for 4 credits achieved	64
L2	Up to 12 LR credits	1 for 4 credits achieved	68 (48 + 20 from another level)
L3	Up to 12 LR credits	1 for 4 credits achieved	68 (48 + 20 from level 2 or higher)

These changes apply to all the credits you achieve in 2020, including credits earned before the recent lockdown, and cover internal assessment, exams and portfolios.

#### *Changes to certificate endorsements*

Instead of 46 credits, you will now need 44 credits to earn Merit or Excellence Certificate Endorsements.

### Support for students

Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (Te Kura) will offer extra places in their Summer School in 2020. Talk to your school if you are interested.

If you need extra help to achieve your NCEA goals this year, or have stopped attending school during lockdown, extra places will be available in programmes led by Te Kura (the Correspondence School) from Term 4.

### Preparing students for success

If another COVID-19 disruption prevents you from sitting end-of-year examinations, there are steps in place to ensure you can still receive a grade. Your teachers have been gathering assessment evidence from the course work you have been doing that shows whether you have met the requirements of the standard.

Changes to University Entrance (UE) were announced in June, meaning students need to achieve 12 credits, rather than 14 credits, in each of 3 University Entrance Approved Subjects. There are no extra changes to UE, but universities and other tertiary education providers are also taking the unique circumstances of 2020 into account in their discretionary entry requirements for 2021.