



28 October 2021

Kia ora e te whaanau

It was great to have our year 11, year 12, and year 13 students on-site yesterday. Their presence brought the school to life and their smiles and connection with one another and their teachers showed that they were happy to be back at school.

In 2018, we removed the assessment pressures of NCEA Level 1 for our Year 11 students and instead focused on achieving NCEA Level 2 over two years (Year 11 and 12). This removes the 80 credit assessment anxiety that many students face at Year 11. By achieving NCEA Level 2 a student also achieves NCEA Level 1.

Changes to National Certificate of Education (NCEA) and University Entrance (UE) for 2021

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority have made significant changes to support students meet the requirements of NCEA Level 1, Level 2, NCEA Level 3, and UE. As Fairfield College does not directly focus on NCEA Level 1 the table below focuses on changes being made at NCEA Level 2, NCEA Level 3, and UE.

	2021	Normally required
Learning Recognition Credits	Entitled to 1 LRC for every 5 credits earned through assessment. Up to a maximum of: NCEA Level 2 – 8 LRCs NCEA Level 3 – 8 LRCs	
Course Endorsement	12 credits at Achieved or Merit or Excellence level in a course.*	14 credits at Achieved or Merit or Excellence level in a course.*
Certificate Endorsement	46 credits at Merit or Excellence level.	50 credits at Merit or Excellence level.
University Entrance	12 credits in each of 3 UE Approved Subjects.**	14 credits in each of 3 UE Approved Subjects.*

* A student will still need to achieve at least 3 credits from external assessment and 3 from internal assessment (where these requirements usually apply)

** A student will still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements.



Be respectful
Be responsible
Be the best you can be

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NZQA examinations are able to operate under Level 3

NZQA, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health have been working together to ensure exams can be managed in a safe way at any school which is open, including under Alert Level 3.

Students have worked hard this year, and it is important they have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned.

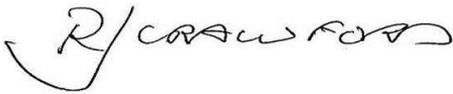
Fairfield College will follow the prescribed health requirements to protect students and exam staff. Social distancing is, of course, a normal part of exam conditions.

Teachers are gathering evidence to use the Unexpected Event Grade that NZQA has invoked in case our region is raised to Alert Level 4 and NCEA and NZ Scholarship exams are unable to operate.

The material in this communication will be discussed with our students tomorrow.

Kia haumaru - Be safe.

Naaku noa, naa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Crawford', written in a cursive style.

Principal