



# Fairfield College

## Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement

Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement (JCEA) is a new award being introduced for year 10 students at FFC in 2016. Students will learn the value of working hard in order to achieve JCEA through a points based system, which is determined by their successes during assessments, their level of attendance and participation in intermountain activities. The focus of JCEA is to create a well-rounded student, instil knowledge on NCEA structure and language and foster other desirable FFC attributes. Therefore, this is not just an academic award system.

Students will gain points as they complete assessments in each subject. In order for a student to gain JCEA, **students will need to earn 80 points**. For each class assessment that contributes towards JCEA, teachers will give a grade and points will be allocated depending on their achievements:

- Not assessed = 0 points
- Not achieved = 1 points
- Achieved = 2 points
- Merit = 3 points
- Excellence = 4 points

Each of the five core subjects (English, Maths, Science, Phys. Ed., Social Studies) will have 5 assessments that contribute towards JCEA. This will give students the opportunity to gain a maximum of **100 points from just their core subjects**. Students can then **gain a further 32 points from option subjects** with a maximum of 8 points from two assessments for each option (2 options per semester).

- Core subjects = 100 points available
- Options = 32 points available

There will also be an opportunity for students to gain credits depending on their level of attendance. The success of students is heavily impacted by attendance to class, and students will be rewarded for attending class. A review will take place at the end of each term by Whanau teachers. **Each student with 82% - 90% attendance will gain 3 points** (a total of 12 per year) and **each student with 91% or more will gain 5 points per term** (a total of 20 per year).

Students will also gain credits through their inter-mountain participation. This will be done via term by term evaluations of their participation (professional judgement) by their Whanau teachers. Each evaluation will offer a maximum of 4 points offered through:

A = 2 points, M = 3 points, E = 4 points

This offers students a further total for the year of 12 points, across three terms (there are no inter-mountain competitions in term four).

What happens if a student does not achieve JCEA?

If a student does not gain JCEA they run the risk not being able to take the subjects they want in NCEA level one. Each student who does not achieve JCEA will need to send their subject choices for year 11 to each Head of Faculty concerned and gain their approval.