

SEHC NCEA Information – August 2020

A message to all Senior Students from the Principal

Kia Ora whānau,

We recognise 2020 has been an extraordinary year, which has resulted in unprecedented sacrifices for all New Zealanders. It is important we take the time to recognise the incredible wins we have achieved by making these sacrifices and that we never lose sight of what is most important - the health and wellbeing of our whānau and community.

For you our students, 2020 will represent a year that saw traditional models of learning disrupted and for this reason we do not, and should not, expect academic success to be measured like it has been in the past. Earlier this year Forbes magazine published a range of skills that would be needed to succeed in a post-COVID world. The list included:

- adaptability and flexibility
- tech savviness
- creativity and innovation
- emotional intelligence
- commitment to a lifetime of learning.

In a year when traditional schooling has been so fragmented, it is imperative that we recognise that the skills that have been developed by living through this experience will be the very skills that will be needed to thrive in the future. This school year represents but a short time in what will be a lifetime of new learning.

In 2020, it is likely that you may not get as many NCEA credits as you would in a typical school year, and that is okay. **THIS IS NOT AN SEHC ISSUE, THIS IS A COVID-19 REALITY.**

Even though this second lockdown is (hopefully) shorter, it has come at a time when many of the catch ups and portfolios of assessments were due, meaning many of you are yet to get credits in some classes this year.

FOCUSING ON ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN 2020

We do have a plan for “flexing the flexibility” of NCEA and we are committed to spending the last 8 weeks in school (before the NCEA exams) to get all the credits we can, so as to give you, our learners a sense of achievement. We recognise academic and personal success is an important part of gaining a sense of wellbeing we will look to:

- complete planned internal assessments
- gather evidence for derived grades as needed
- prepare for external assessments as best we can

We will also be looking at how we gain extra NCEA credits through tutorials and through Integrated Learning and short projects.

However we can't help you, if you don't first help yourself. **YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS.** Show up, be on time and be present to all your classes. The only time success comes before work – is in the dictionary!

BUT ALSO, A REALITY CHECK!

While we are absolutely committed to all of our learners achieving academic and personal success in 2020, it is also important to stress that for our returning students in Year 11 and 12, this year's results can still help you succeed in 2021. The 20 NCEA credits gained from this year will count towards next year's NCEA certificate, and when you gain your 2021 NCEA certificate, you will also gain 2020 NCEA certificate. So don't lose sight of your goals. Don't give up too soon. Every credit and every effort counts. It's never too late to gain success!

THE ONLY CERTIFICATE THAT MATTERS - IS THE ONE YOU LEAVE WITH.

For the Year 13 learners, we know that tertiary providers will look at making access to their courses next year as achievable as possible. For those students entering the workforce, while NCEA is important, it will be your ATTITUDE and SKILL that will put you in a good position. Having a positive attitude and a growth mindset is the first step towards personal success.

A REMINDER OF HOW NCEA WORKS (THE 2020 ABRIDGED VERSION)

- **Level One Certificate** - The learner needs 80 credits at Level One (or above) to gain a Level One Certificate. Only 70 credits need to be achieved in 2020 (thanks to the Learning Recognition Credits).
- **Level Two Certificate** - 20 credits carried over from Level One plus 60 credits at Level Two (or above) are needed to gain a Level Two Certificate. Only 72 credits in total (52 credits at Level Two or above) need to be achieved in 2020 (thanks to the Learning Recognition Credits).
- **Level Three Certificate** - 20 credits carried over from Level Two plus 60 credits at Level Three need to be achieved to gain the Level Three Certificate. Only 72 credits in total (52 credits at Level Three) needed in 2020 (thanks to the Learning Recognition Credits).

It is important to note **you do not need to gain Level One NCEA to move to Level Two NCEA** and **you do not need to gain Level Two NCEA to move to Level Three NCEA**. This means all students will progress to the next year level regardless of the credits gained this year (unless you are on a specific supported learning plan and have planned to complete one level over two or more years).

TO RECAP AND CONCLUDE

- This school year has seen huge disruptions to your learning and we therefore should not expect the same outcomes as a typical school year.
- For every traditional learning opportunity that has been lost, significant life long skills and dispositions have been gained.
- SEHC Senior School are still committed to focusing on academic and personal success this year.
- Attendance Matters and every second at school counts. Research has shown that academic success correlates to attendance and being present. Show up, be present!
- Results gained this year do not determine what you will achieve next year. **DO YOUR BEST!**

Finally, we must never lose sight of what is most important - ***the health and wellbeing of ourselves, our whānau and our community.***

WE GOT THIS!



Kia haumarū, Kia manaakitanga xx

Kiri TURKETO

Tumuaki | Principal

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