



What is NCEA?

In 2025, Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be working towards the qualification called NCEA, which stands for National Certificate of Educational Achievement.

There will be three levels:

Level 1 NCEA

Level 2 NCEA

Level 3 NCEA

NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3

All students will enter for the NCEA qualification in those subjects where they have followed an NCEA course throughout the year.

A student's performance in NCEA is based on the number of credits obtained in the standards that form the basis of each course.

Gaining NCEA

To gain the NCEA at each level a student needs 80 credits.

A full year course of 6 subjects is equivalent to approximately 100 - 120 credits from either Achievement Standards and / or Unit Standards.

Level One	NCEA requires: 80 credits of which 10 must be for numeracy and 10 for literacy. (L1 Num) and (L1 Lit) are used throughout the subject course outlines to indicate that a standard is a Level 1 Numeracy or Literacy standard.
Level Two	NCEA requires: 80 credits of which 60 must be at Level 2.
Level Three	NCEA requires: 80 credits of which 60 must be at Level 3.

Credits have three possible grades levels of success

- Achieved
- Merit
- Excellence

Endorsement of National Certificates in Educational Achievement (NCEA)

50 credits at Excellence to gain an NCEA endorsed with Excellence

50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence), to gain an NCEA endorsed with Merit.

Course Endorsement Certificates in Educational Achievement (NCEA)

For a Course Endorsement a student will need to achieve at least 14 credits at Merit or Excellence in a particular subject (regarded as a course by NZQA) and at a specific level. Credits will be needed from both internal and external assessments (minimum of 3 credits from both internal and external assessments)

More information on the details can be found on the NZQA website www.nzqa.govt.nz and follow the links for NCEA.

Sancta Maria College Academic Honours

In Term 1 at the start of every academic year we celebrate our student's academic achievements with a prestigious Academic Honours badge ceremony. This is where each child who has achieved the following in their NCEA results will be awarded a badge to match their outstanding NCEA achievement.

NCEA Level 1 Academic Honours - GOLD	50 credits at Excellence at the level of the certificate or above
NCEA Level 1 Academic Honours - SILVER	50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence) at the level of the certificate or above
NCEA Level 2 Academic Honours - GOLD	50 credits at Excellence at the level of the certificate or above
NCEA Level 2 Academic Honours - SILVER	50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence) at the level of the certificate or above
NCEA Level 3 Academic Honours - GOLD	50 credits at Excellence at the level of the certificate or above
NCEA Level 3 Academic Honours - SILVER	50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence) at the level of the certificate or above

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Scholars Badge

NCEA Level 1 Academic Honours SCHOLARS BADGE	= Minimum FOUR SUBJECTS with Excellence Endorsement Students will gain an endorsement for a course if, in a single school year, they achieve: 14 or more credits at Excellence, and at least 3 of these credits from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards.
NCEA Level 2 Academic Honours SCHOLARS BADGE	= Minimum FOUR SUBJECTS with Excellence Endorsement Students will gain an endorsement for a course if, in a single school year, they achieve: 14 or more credits at Excellence, and at least 3 of these credits from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards.
NCEA Level 3 Academic Honours SCHOLARS BADGE	= Minimum FOUR SUBJECTS with Excellence Endorsement Students will gain an endorsement for a course if, in a single school year, they achieve: 14 or more credits at Excellence, and at least 3 of these credits from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards.

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