



NCEA for Rodney College Students as of 16 October 2021

What you need to know for Term 4

There is still a great deal of uncertainty as to when we will be back to normal teaching conditions because of the current Covid-19 restrictions. Therefore, we want to make it clear to students why it is important to keep working towards achieving NCEA credits.

In the meantime, make sure you achieve the standards you need for your NCEA. Remember, if you continue to achieve, you will be able to gain LRCs (Learning Recognition Credits) that will count towards your NCEA. You don't need to do anything else. NZQA will do the calculations before you get your results.

LRCs will be calculated based on all the credits you have achieved in the 2021 academic year – this includes credits you earned before the COVID-19 lockdown, and in your end of year exams. (See table below)

An NCEA achieved or UE awarded in 2021 will be regarded the same as one achieved in any other year, allowing you to progress to the next level of study (including university for UE recipients) in 2022 or beyond.

Rodney College will continue to provide NZQA with grades from valid standard-specific evidence. This evidence will be used for a Derived Grade (e.g. if student is unwell on examination day) or unexpected event grade, if students are unable to sit end of year exams for a reason beyond their control (e.g. Covid-19 lockdown).

Students must still attempt and hand in some evidence showing their understanding of the standard. Teachers are providing material for this in the next few weeks. It is critical that students complete this work if they need grades from 2021 external standards for their overall achievement.

Basically, this means you need to do the work set by your teachers over the coming weeks so they have an idea of your level of understanding should the external exams not go ahead.

Rodney College wants to make it clear that attempting external standards is only essential for some subjects and some students. However, internal standards are still being offered in term 4 so all students can continue to gain credits.

Each student should talk to their AC teacher and subject teachers to ensure they are putting their efforts into the correct standards during this critical 4th term.

Learning Recognition Credits

The table below outlines the extra credits (LRCs) that will be awarded to students sitting NCEA in 2021 in the Auckland region.

	LRCs (Learning Recognition credits)		Endorsement thresholds		University Entrance
	NCEA Level 1	NCEA Levels 2 & 3	Certificate	Course (Each subject)	U E
pre-COVID	None	None	50 credits at Merit or Excellence level	14 credits at Achieved, Merit or Excellence level *At least three credits must come from external assessment and three from internal assessment (where these requirements usually apply).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 credits in each of three UE-approved subjects • NCEA Level 3 • Literacy and numeracy
Tāmaki Makaurau All Rodney College students taking NCEA in 2021	One for every four credits achieved, up to a maximum of 16 extra	One for every four credits achieved, up to a maximum of 12 extra	44 credits at Merit or Excellence level	12 credits at Achieved, Merit or Excellence level* *At least three credits must come from external assessment and three from internal assessment (where these requirements usually apply).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits in each of three UE-approved subjects • NCEA Level 3 • Literacy and numeracy

Examples of what a credit count could look like to attain L1, 2 or 3 Certificates in 2021

(Assuming the literacy and numeracy requirements are met)

Level 1 Certificate: 64 L1 credits + 16 LRCs = 80

Level 2 Certificate: 20 L1 credits + 48 L2 credits + 12LRCs = 80

Level 3 Certificate: 20 L2 credits + 48 L3 credits + 12LRCs = 80

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