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NCEA

**(National Certificate of Educational
Achievement)**

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4. NCEA Level 2 and 3

In Year 12 and 13 students are able to gain NCEA Level 2 and 3, University more about the qualification on their [website](#).

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How NCEA Works



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- ▶ The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is the main qualification for secondary school students in New Zealand.
- ▶ NCEA is recognised by employers, and used for selection by universities and polytechnics, both here in New Zealand and overseas.
- ▶ The qualification is managed by **NZQA** (New Zealand Qualifications Authority)



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YEAR 10 & 11

- ▶ We don't focus on NCEA Level 1
- ▶ Some Year 11 courses offer a few Level 2 NCEA credits
- ▶ Year 10 students sit the digital literacy & numeracy exams. These are needed for NCEA Level 2 and Level 3

For more detail regarding the Literacy & Numeracy exams please refer to the "NCEA Literacy & Numeracy Explained Simply" on the school website (Students & Learning/NCEA)



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YEAR 11 & 12

- ▶ NCEA Level 2
- ▶ Students require:
 - ▶ 60 Level 2 (or 3) credits
 - ▶ 10 numeracy and 10 literacy credits – from Year 10 (digital exams)

YEAR 11 - recap

- ▶ Students study 12 x semester courses. Six in semester 1, six in semester 2
- ▶ Students must take two Mathematics and two English semester courses
- ▶ There are eight option semester courses. Even though Science is not compulsory, it is strongly recommended



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YEAR 12 - recap

- ▶ Students study six year-long courses.
- ▶ There are no compulsory courses, but English, Mathematics and Science courses are strongly recommended.



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YEAR 13

- ▶ NCEA Level 3
- ▶ Students require:
 - ▶ 60 Level 3 credits
 - ▶ 10 numeracy and 10 literacy credits – from Year 10 (digital exams)



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YEAR 13 - recap

- ▶ Students study five year-long courses.
- ▶ There are no compulsory courses.
- ▶ Students are assigned Independent Study (same number of hours as the other five courses, e.g., approximately four hours/week). They are not supervised during this time.



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University Entrance (UE) – the minimum requirement to gain entry to most university degrees

- **NCEA Level 3**
- &
- 14 credits in at **least three approved** University Entrance subjects (see Level 3 course details to see if a course is UE approved)
- &
- **UE literacy** - 10 Literacy credits at NCEA Level 2 or 3 made up of at least 5 in reading and 5 in writing (different to NCEA literacy)
- &
- **Numeracy** - 10 credits (same as NCEA numeracy, gained in Year 10)

Assessment Statements – see Kamar portal under Reports

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BIO301 Assessment Statement 2023

Fri. 24 Mar 2023

Science

Course is endorsable

Year : 13

Course : Biology

Mr W Tolhoek

Total Credits : 15

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No	Standard Number	Version	Level	Credits	Lit / Num	Full Title	Method of Assessment	Assessment Opportunities Offered	Approximate Date	Grade	Teacher Signature
1	91604	2	3	3	L1 Lit K Lit	Biology 3.4 - Demonstrate understanding of how an animal maintains a stable internal environment	Portfolio	1	24/03/2023		
2	91601	2	3	4	Num L1 Lit	Biology 3.1 - Carry out a practical investigation in a biological context, with guidance	Portfolio	1	26/05/2023		
3	91606	2	3	4	L1 Lit B Lit	Biology 3.6 - Demonstrate understanding of trends in human evolution	Exam	External			
4	91605	2	3	4	L1 Lit B Lit	Biology 3.5 - Demonstrate understanding of evolutionary processes leading to speciation	Exam	External			

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Indicates topic counts towards UE literacy (R = reading UE credit, W = writing UE credits, B = both reading & writing UE credits).



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Achievement Standards (topics) & Grades

Excellence

Merit

Achieved

Not Achieved

Internal (during the year) and **External** (end of the year) Assessments



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Unit Standards (topics) & Grades

Internally (during the year)
Assessed Only

Achieved

Not Achieved



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NCEA – Assessments

- ▶ **Internal Assessments** – are tests, assignments & performances set and marked by class teachers during the year.
- ▶ **External Assessments** – are the end of year exams or portfolios (e.g. Art or DVC folios).



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Internal Assessments

- ▶ Tests & Performances – done in class time
- ▶ Assignments - done in student's own time and at school

In general, handed in by 4 pm



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Internal Assessments

- These are run under NCEA conditions (refer to the Assessment Procedures Student Handbook on the school website and Kamar portal under Reports)
- Students receive written confirmation of due date or test date at least 2 weeks in advance from their subject teacher
- Students know about task requirements
- Students can appeal a result (with valid grounds, see Tutor, as per the Assessment Procedures Student Handbook)
- Students sign to accept results and accuracy of grades recorded for them

Aiming High – NCEA Level 2 & 3 Certificate Endorsements

– can be obtained across **more** than one year



▶ **Certificate Endorsement with Excellence**

- ▶ 50 credits at Excellence.
The student will also gain Lincoln High School Academic Colours.

▶ **Certificate Endorsement with Merit**

- ▶ 50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence). The student will also gain a Lincoln High School Academic Achievement Award.

In 2022, 42 % of Lincoln High School Year 12 achieved an Endorsement; it is not something that only the 'top' get!



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Aiming High – NCEA Level 2 & 3 Course Endorsement - obtained **within** the current year

Course Endorsement with Excellence

- 14 credits at Excellence, with at least 3 credits from internal and external assessments.

Course Endorsement with Merit

- 14 credits at Merit, or Merit and Excellence, with at least 3 credits from internal and external assessments.

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NCEA Level 2		English - War and Conflict				Course is endorsable Credits :18			
This course includes 8 credits that count towards University Entrance Literacy.									
Standard Number	Version	Level	Credits	Lit / Num	Full Title	Method of Assessment	Assessment Opportunities Offered	Approximate Date	Grade
91098	3	2	4	L1 Lit B Lit	English 2.1 - Analyse specified aspect(s) of studied written text(s), supported by evidence	Exam	E		
91099	4	2	4	L1 Lit W Lit	English 2.2 - Analyse specified aspect(s) of studied visual or oral text(s), supported by evidence	Exam	E		
91104	2	2	4	L1 Lit	English 2.7 - Analyse significant connections across texts, supported by evidence	Assignment	1	14/08/2023	
91103	3	2	3	L1 Lit	English 2.6 - Create a crafted and controlled visual and verbal text	Assignment	1	30/06/2023	
91107	2	2	3	L1 Lit	English 2.10 - Analyse aspects of visual and/or oral text(s) through close viewing and/or listening, supported by evidence	Assignment	1	31/03/2023	

Lit/Num indicators:
L1 Lit denotes Level 1 literacy, L1 Num denotes L1 and UE numeracy
W Lit denotes UE writing literacy, R Lit denotes UE reading literacy, B Lit denotes UE reading or writing literacy.

Record grades to track certificate or course endorsement progression



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Missed Assessments: Internals – during the year

(refer to the Assessment Procedures Student Handbook on the school website and Kamar portal under Reports)

- To get a catch-up opportunity (sit the test) or get an extension of time for an assignment students must:
 - Message on Teams the Tutor if they are unwell. They may be asked to gain a medical certificate, provide some brief details regarding illness, subject, teacher and assessment.
 - If they have a sports tournament etc message on Teams the Tutor giving dates and the assessment, teacher and subject in advance of the tournament.

They will **not be eligible** for an extension/resit due to family holidays.

External Assessments – end of year



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- ▶ External Assessments are usually exams sat in November. Every student in New Zealand sits these at the same time. At Lincoln High School this is for NCEA Level 2 and 3
- ▶ External Examination Timetable is available on the NZQA website

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/national-secondary-examinations-timetable/>

or, Google “NCEA 2023 exam timetable”.



Year Level Tutors

- ▶ Encourage your student to come and see their Tutor in Careers Hub regarding NCEA matters. Message them on Teams.

- ▶ If you have any questions, you can email the Tutors:

Year 11 Diane Walker dwa@lincoln.school.nz

Year 12 Susan Johnson sjn@lincoln.school.nz

Year 13 Bronwyn Gardiner bga@lincoln.school.nz



How you could support your student?

- ▶ Monitor progress using Assessment Statements (Kamar portal in the Reports section) and record results
- ▶ Access results from the Kamar portal
- ▶ Access the NZQA website to access past exam papers and answers
- ▶ If your student is concerned, encourage them to talk to their teacher
- ▶ Encourage your student to attend tutorials and/or the Homework group on Thursdays after school
- ▶ Attend parent interviews/ Linc teacher conference with student
- ▶ Display and monitor study plans during exams
- ▶ Encourage your student to access NCEA related tutorial websites (e.g. No Brain too Small, Learn Coach etc)



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Further information

NZQA Information page

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works>