



OUR JUNIOR DIPLOMA

Junior students at James Cook High School work throughout the year towards their respective JC9 Diploma or JC10 Diploma.

The Diploma is achieved by students earning **JC Credits** for completing work in all their different subjects. These could be projects, presentations, reports, artworks, fitness tests – it all depends on the subject. The tasks will be relevant to the student’s class and the work that they do.

Assessments allow students to earn credits at **Achieved**, **Merit** and **Excellence** level. If their grade is **Not Yet Achieved**, then there will be opportunities for them to work to improve this.

Students and whānau are regularly updated about progress, and students who successfully complete this work are awarded their Diploma at the end of the school year.

Why do we have the JC Diplomas?

- It gives students lots of opportunities for success
- It promotes positive work habits, and rewards hard work and effort (with prizes!)
- It introduces students to the requirements of a qualification system, like NCEA that they start in Year 11
- It means that all the work they do during the year is “worth” something
- It gives teachers really good information to discuss with students and whānau about their progress

Scholars who are focused on their Diploma:

- Care, Contribute, Endeavour and Learn
- Work towards the best possible grades
- Ask teachers for help and trust their guidance
- Are in the right place at the right time, all day, every day!

The key to success in the Diploma is hard work and focus – students doing their best!



How it works

- In each subject that they do, there will be different assessment tasks throughout the year. These could be tests, projects, artworks, fitness tests – it all depends on the subject.
- Each of those assessments will be worth **JC credits** - in most cases, 3 or 4. The teachers explain to the students how many credits are available in their subject during the year.
- The tasks will be relevant to the student's class and the work that they do. The actual task may differ from another class's task, but they will all have the same amount of credits available to work towards.

JC9 Diploma Targets

- Students need to pass 75% of the credits available to them during the year
- Students have to get some credits in every subject they do in order to earn their Diploma
- Most assessments allow them to earn Achieved, Merit and Excellence level
- Students can also earn Diploma Endorsement:
 - **Merit:** 75 Credits at Merit and/or Excellence
 - **Excellence:** 75 Credits at Excellence
 - **Distinction:** 100% pass (every piece of assessment this year!)

JC10 Diploma Targets

- The target this year is 100 credits in order for students to earn their JC10 Diploma
- Students have to get some credits in every subject they do in order to earn their Diploma, and must sit all end of year exams (in subjects that have them)
- Most assessments allow them to earn Achieved, Merit and Excellence level
- Students can also earn Diploma Endorsement:
 - **Merit:** 65 Credits at Merit and/or Excellence
 - **Excellence:** 75 Credits at Excellence
 - **Distinction:** 100% pass (every piece of assessment this year!)

We Care | We Contribute | We Endeavour | We Learn

Contact us

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and ask.

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