







Tēnā koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Ni sa bula vinaka, Taloha ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ni hao, Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, Namaste, and Warm Greetings.

Our national NCEA qualification is changing! This newsletter is the third in a series focusing on NCEA.

The first newsletter introduced the current NCEA levels and the re-introduction of changes (learning recognition credits) to support lost learning due to COVID in the early months of 2022.

The second newsletter focused on whanau tools to track your child's progress with NCEA.

This newsletter introduces:

-  The NCEA Change Programme
-  What our school is doing to get ready for the new styled qualification – the pilot subjects
-  JCHS is a Ministry of Education "Insight School"
-  How you can get involved.

Ngā mihi,



Maria Coyne
Deputy Principal – NCEA



KEY DATES

Home School Partnerships (HSP)
Tuesday 27th September

Art Exhibition Evening
Wednesday 28th September
4pm-6pm

School Ball
Saturday 15th October
School Ball permission forms at the Student Centre

End of Term 3 – Last day of School
Friday 30th September

Qualifying & NCEA Exam Schedules
Please see back page for schedule

PINNACLES HIKE AND OVERNIGHTER

The Services Academy and Level 3 Adventure Leadership classes recently made the 4 hour, 750m high climb to the top of the Pinnacles in the Coromandel forest park.

The hike was an amazing experience and the students really enjoyed spending time in the forest and camping out in the hut.



NCEA

WHAT IS THE NCEA CHANGE PROGRAMME?

The NCEA Change Programme is a work programme led by the Ministry of Education to deliver the package of seven changes aimed at strengthening NCEA.

The Ministry of Education are working with schools, young people, families/whānau and communities to deliver the NCEA changes.

The changes will be phased in over the next five years, with new achievement standards at Levels 1, 2 and 3 in place by 2026.

The NCEA Change Programme aims to deliver a package of seven changes aimed at strengthening NCEA:

- 1 Make NCEA more accessible
- 2 Equal status for mātauranga Māori in NCEA
- 3 Strengthen literacy and numeracy requirements and assessments
- 4 Fewer, larger standards
- 5 Simplify NCEA's structure
- 6 Clearer pathways to further education or work
- 7 Keep NCEA Level 1 optional

O LE Ā LE POLOKALAME O LE SUIGA O LE NCEA?

O le Polokalame o le Suiga o le NCEA o se polokalame galue e ta'ita'ia e le Matāgaluega o A'oa'oga e tu'uina mai ni vaega o suiga e fitu e fa'amoemoe e fa'amalosia ai le NCEA. O nei suiga na fa'ailoa mai i le tausaga atoa sa fa'atasi ai tagata lautele i se talanoaga i le 2018, ma fa'amaonia mai e le Mālō iā Fepuari 2020.

O lo'o matou galulue ma a'oga, tagata talavou, aiga/whānau ma fa'alāpotopotoga e fa'atinoina suiga ole NCEA. O nei suiga o le ā tu'u fa'atasia ma fa'agāsolo i le lima tausaga o sosoo ai, ma, o tulaga fa'atonuina fou lea i La'asaga 1, 2 ma le 3 o le ā ausia i le 2026.

E mafai ona va'ai i fa'asologa o taimi i le Polokalame o le Suiga o le NCEA i le tuātusi o le 'upega tafa'ilagi i lalo po'o le QR code.

For more information, go to:

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/what-ncea-change-programme>

9 September 2022
Term 3, Week 7

HOW IS JAMES COOK HIGH SCHOOL RESPONDING?

Our school is a national pilot school for the following subject areas:

- Literacy and Numeracy (in both English and Te reo Māori).
- Lea Faka Tonga (Level 1).
- Te Ao Haka (Level 1, 2 and 3).

Students involved in these pilots are able to use the credits achieved towards both their current and the new qualification.

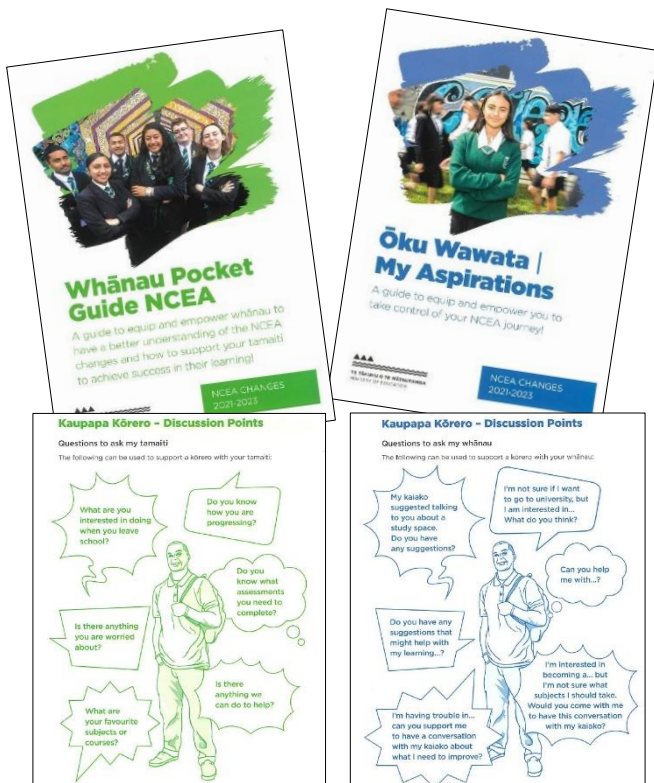
- Next year: Visual Arts pilot.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION'S "INSIGHT SCHOOL"

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has invited (and we enthusiastically accepted) the opportunity to be ONE of SIX "Insight Schools".

The Ministry regularly works with us to hear the thoughts of our students, teachers and whānau about the changes.

- ▲ **Students** are involved through workshops and discussions, providing feedback about their preferred ways of learning.
- ▲ **Teachers** ask questions, learn about new teaching resources and discuss their findings with the new assessments.
- ▲ **Parents** can be involved and talk to the Ministry people about their aspirations for their child's learning and career pathways.



HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

We want parents and caregivers to be part of this kōrero.

We need to hear what is important for you and your whānau for your child's education and future.

COMING NCEA EVENTS 2023

Next year we will have NCEA information evenings very early in Term 1. We will provide information about how the current NCEA programme - including the changes - is working for our children.

Information about these meetings will be shared in our newsletters, website and facebook pages.

Stay connected.....



For more information, visit:

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz>



NCEA IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3: Qualifying Exam fortnight

Weeks 8 & 9: Monday 12th – Friday 23th Sept.

Term 4: NZQA External Exams

Week 4 to 8: Monday 7th Nov to Friday 2nd Dec.

A full external exam schedule can be downloaded from www.nzqa.govt.nz.

SCHOOL APP

Great to see whānau still downloading the School App from Google Play or Apple store to check out the cool features and information in real-time, as the app updates regularly throughout the day.



We have had over **500 School App** downloads to date!

Please continue to share this App with whānau and friends who have rangatahi attending our kura!

