

INTRODUCTION

Edgewater College offers a wide range of subjects to students to meet both vocational and academic needs. Students need to study the subject flow chart, the information contained in this booklet, and also **seek advice** before making final subject choices.

Special Note:

There are practical restrictions that can change the subjects and assessments that are finally timetabled. These restrictions include the **number of students** applying to study a particular subject, your eligibility to take a course and **teacher availability**. **Students need to have 'back-up' choices ready.** Students will be informed of any changes.

- The Careers Advisor is always available to discuss qualifications and subjects required for future courses, work areas and entry to tertiary education institutions.
- Phone 576 9039 extension 852 or DDI 577 0406.

FEES

Each student will be given a printing and Internet account with funds in it so they can print from any computer they use and access the Internet. Once that fund is used up students will need to pay to be able to continue to print or use the Internet.

Some courses have a fee to cover take-home items such as course books or write-on notes and materials used in practical projects. These fees **must be paid** in order for a student to take that course. The fee is only a small part of the actual cost. Course materials are subsidised by the school. The amounts shown include GST.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

We offer the **three levels** of National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA).

- Year 11 NCEA Level 1 (80 credits including 8 numeracy and 8 literacy)
- Year 12 NCEA Level 2 (80 credits of which 60 plus must be at level 2 or more)
- Year 13 NCEA Level 3 (80 credits of which 60 plus must be at level 3 or more)

Students working at an advanced level may attempt the New Zealand Scholarship. They will receive advice from staff on whether they should enter for Scholarship.

Note: The New Zealand Scholarship is classed as an "Award", which brings monetary rewards for successful candidates.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO MOVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

- Students must show reasonable **success** before being admitted to a higher level so that they have a chance of succeeding in passing at the next level.
- Many subjects (e.g. Science, Mathematics and Languages) are **sequential** requiring mastering the previous stage before going on to the next level.
- Some subjects can be commenced at a higher level without previous study but usually there are requirements such as passes in English or a related subject.
- The usual entry level will be at least 14 to 16 credits
- If a student **does not meet** the requirements he/she may make special application to the appropriate Head of Department.
- The general rule is that if a student has **not 'passed'** he/she will be **required to repeat** the course and **re-sit the assessments**.

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS / COURSES

Year 11: NCEA Level 1

Students:

- **must** enrol in an English course (either Achievement Standards-assessed English or Alternative English) in order to gain at least 8 credits in 'literacy'.
- **must** enrol in a Mathematics course (either Achievement Standards-assessed Mathematics or Mathematics Applied) in order to gain at least 8 credits in 'numeracy'.
NOTE: If a student intends going on to university they must have 14 Level 1 Mathematics credits, or a combination of Level 1, 2 and 3 Mathematics totalling 14 credits.
- **Capable students will be advised** to enrol in a Science course

Year 12: NCEA Level 2

Students:

- **Will be placed** in an English course (either Achievement Standards-assessed English or Alternative English) to gain at least 8 credits in 'literacy' at Level 2.
- **are advised** to enrol in a Mathematics course (to keep job choices open).

Year 13: NCEA Level 3

Students:

- **should** aim for merits and excellences
- **All courses are optional**

What you need if you want to go to University

- **8 credits in Level 2 English Reading and Writing.**
- **14 credits in Level 1 Mathematics or a combination of Levels 1, 2 and 3 Mathematics, totalling 14 credits.**
- Some merits and excellences in 5 Achievement Standard courses.
- A minimum of 42 credits at Level 3, including a minimum of 14 credits at Level 3 in each of two subjects from an approved subject list, with a further 14 credits taken from no more than two additional domains on the National Qualifications Framework of **approved subjects**

Auckland University has Limited Entry and Individual Faculty Entry Requirements (highly sought-after university courses require more points to enter)

- Limited entry courses use grade point ranking (i.e. Achieved = 2 points, Merit = 3 points, Excellence = 4 points). You will be allocated a rank score based on your best 80 credits at level 3 or higher. For example, if you gained 8 Achieved credits that would count as 16 points (8x2), 8 Merit credits would be 24 points (8x3) and 4 Excellence credits would add 16 points (4x4).
- **Students intending to enrol at a particular tertiary institution should consult the Careers Advisor**, especially if unit standard courses are being taken.

Requirements for Overseas Students

- If a student attends a New Zealand school before applying to enter university then the NCEA Literacy requirement is obligatory.
- Students arriving for a Year 12 or Year 13 course of study will need to **include an English language course as one of their subjects** in order to gain the necessary credits to allow entrance to university.

- Note that **IELTS is no longer acceptable** on its own as a language qualification. Students **may** require IELTS for some tertiary providers but they **must** gain 8 Literacy credits in English at Level 2 or higher.

Credits can be gained over more than one year. Where a Unit Standard and an Achievement Standard both assess the same learning outcome only one counts.

| APPROVED SUBJECTS | |
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| Accounting | Japanese (Second Language) |
| Agriculture & Horticulture | Korean |
| Biology | Latin |
| Chemistry | Mathematics with Calculus |
| Chinese (Second Language) | Mathematics with Statistics |
| Classical Studies | Media Studies |
| Computing | Music Performance |
| Cook Islands Maori | Music Studies |
| Design (Practical Art) | Painting (Practical Art) |
| Drama | Photography (Practical Art) |
| Economics | Physical Education |
| English | Physics |
| French (Second Language) | Printmaking (Practical Art) |
| Geography | Samoan |
| German (Second Language) | Science |
| Graphics | Sculpture (Practical Art) |
| Health | Spanish (Second Language) |
| History | Social Studies |
| History of Art | Te Reo Rangatira or Te Reo Maori |
| Indonesian | Technology |

OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTES

Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT), Auckland University of Technology (AUT) and UNITEC provide a wide range of foundation, certificate, diploma and some degree courses.

Basic entry is **Numeracy:** Level 1 Mathematics (14 credits) and
Literacy: Level 2 English (8 credits).

Entry requirements:

- Certificate courses require Level 1 credits
- Diploma courses require Level 2 credits
- Degree courses require Level 3 credits

A wide range of short courses and direct employment-related courses is also available.