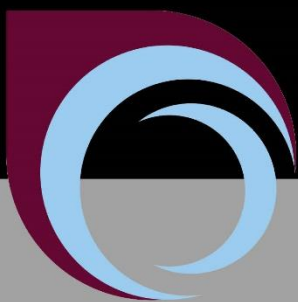


LEVELS 1 – 3 2025 INFORMATION BOOK



BOTANY DOWNS
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MESSAGE FROM MRS BRINDSEN

*This course selection booklet contains the information on all courses that **may be** offered at Botany Downs Secondary College in 2025 for our Level 1, 2 and 3 students. Your choice of courses will determine our senior school timetable structure and enable us to plan for resources and staffing. At Level 1 English, Mathematics and Science will be compulsory and students can choose three other options from a wide range of subjects. At Level 2 only English will be compulsory, and students can choose five other options. At Level 3 there are no compulsory subjects and students will choose 5 subjects.*

Your choice of courses may impact on opportunities in later years of study, so it is important that you keep your subject choices as varied as possible. Your college years are a time for exploring ideas and possibilities and finding out more about yourself. In making these decisions it is essential to look forward and consider carefully all the options. Your choice of courses will be influenced by your interests, abilities, and proposed career path. It is important that you are interested in and enjoy the courses you choose. Some courses which are not related strongly to a career may provide a base for a lifelong interest or hobby. Courses have value in the development of both specific and generic skills, not just knowledge content. Many students have not yet decided on a specific career path so it is important that you research the careers and vocational pathways that may interest you and discuss with or get advice from the Careers Advisor, your teachers, your mentor, and parents.

Changes to NCEA are scheduled for implementation starting with Level 1 and moving through to the other levels in subsequent years. Students entering Level 1 at Botany Downs Secondary College must realise that this year is the start of either a two or a three-year senior programme with the potential to lead to further tertiary studies. As a student of BDSC, you must be prepared to work hard and tackle the requirements of the rigorous, advanced courses on offer. In return the school guarantees that we will give the best teaching, guidance, and support to help all students achieve the highest level of success possible.

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) has a mixture of internal assessments and rigorous external examinations. NCEA is a highly regarded qualification both nationally and internationally and allows students the opportunities to excel in their own areas of strength. The reporting of individualised results, instead of giving a mark, provides a breakdown of student attainment in every aspect of the course. Students and parents are provided with more accurate information upon which to make decisions about future course choices and career pathways. This document contains information for you to familiarise yourself with NCEA. If students or parents want more information about NCEA please contact me at school.

Your Whanau Leaders and course teachers will expect you to be familiar with everything contained in this book so you can make informed decisions about your future courses.

The option selection process will commence on Monday 19 August (week 5). We ask that students have completed their course selection in the BDSC web portal by Friday 30 August (week 6). There will be an opportunity for students to make changes to their selected course later in the year if required. If not, enough students select a particular course, it may not be offered next year, or may be combined with another level.

We hope that this process will start you thinking about the avenues open to you. If you need more information, please contact the school to talk to one of our staff members who can assist.

Karen Brinsden
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INTRODUCTION

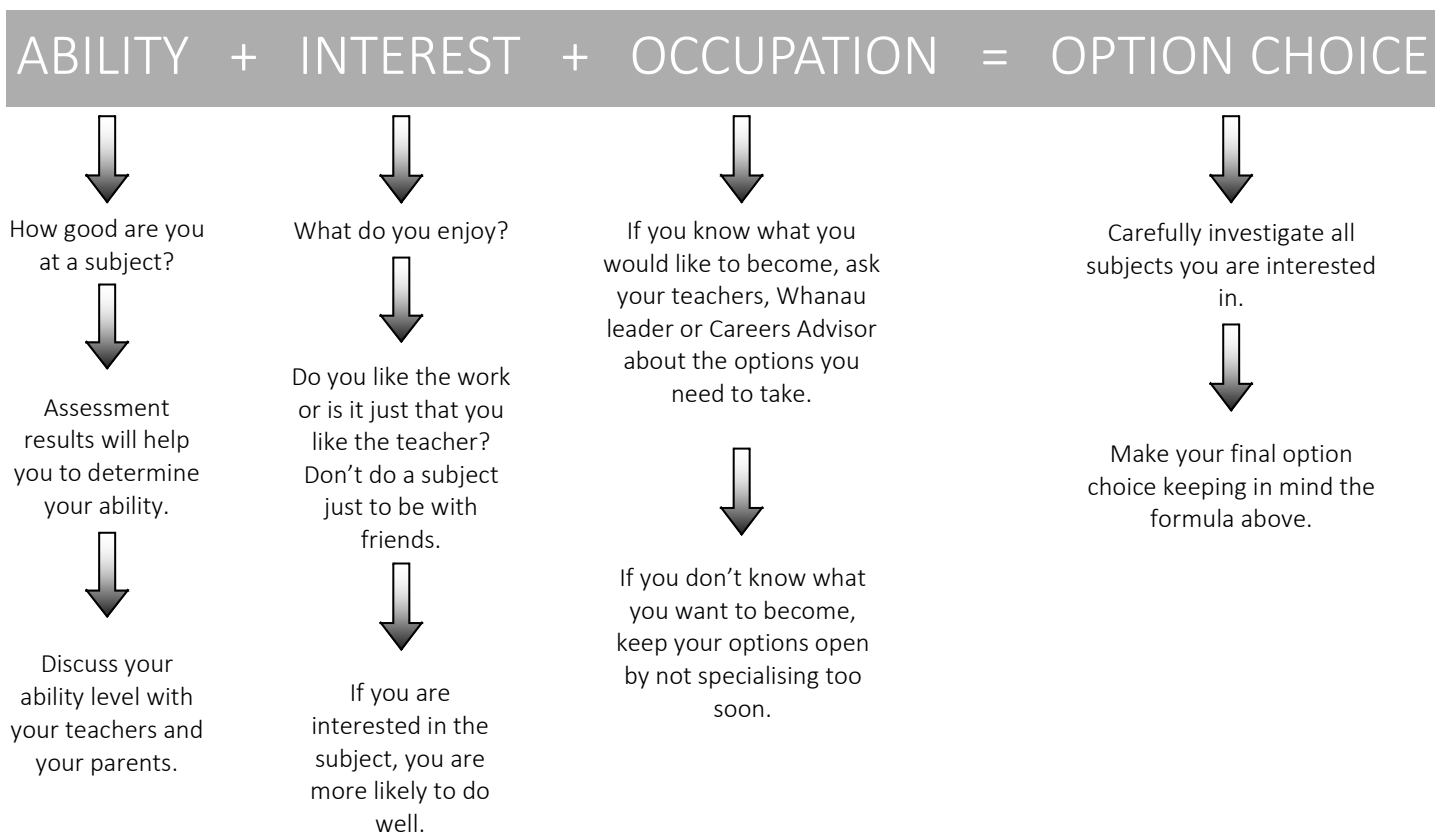
This option booklet provides senior students and parents/guardians with information about the subjects available in Levels 1, 2 and 3 at Botany Downs Secondary College. Students have a wide range of options to choose from and **it is critical that decisions about option choices are made carefully**. It becomes increasingly difficult for students to change academic direction as they progress further into senior secondary school and tertiary institutions. Students should endeavour to follow a broad-based general course of study for as long as possible. Early specialisation is not recommended.

As you plan your course and choose your options check:

- The level at which each subject stop
- The **prerequisites and co-requisites** for entry to each subject
- The number of credits generated by each subject
- The proportion of internal and external assessment in each subject
- Whether the subject offers **Achievement Standards** or **Unit Standards** or a combination
- Whether or not the subject is on the University approved list of subjects (see page 16)
- What subjects, credits, grades are required for entry to the University or Technical institute course you are interested in
- The total subject course costs including the cost of fieldwork
- That this subject equips you with skills, content, and understandings you need to enter a certain career path
- The pathway model to see what this subject will enable you to do in future years
- That you have sufficient flexibility to change your course design if your career goals change

To make good decisions you need the right information. Discuss your subject choices with your family, teachers, Whanau Leader and Careers Advisor. **Think carefully, consult widely, and choose wisely.**

All course contribution amounts are estimated.



THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT NCEA

NCEA is the national qualification for senior secondary school students in New Zealand. Individual subjects are subdivided into Achievement Standards some of which are assessed internally and some externally through NZQA national examinations. Each standard clearly identifies what a student must do to achieve the standard.

Students will complete courses at each level of the National Qualifications Framework and will be assessed on the learning attained in each course. Each assessment generates credits that contribute to a certificate at Level 1, 2 or 3 of the National Qualification Framework. These credits are achieved through: -

INTERNALLY ASSESSED ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS

These Achievement Standards are assessed as part of the learning programme e.g., research assignments, portfolios, practical work, tests.

EXTERNALLY ASSESSED ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS

These Achievement Standards assess knowledge and skills through a national external examination

UNIT STANDARDS

These are internally assessed standards that are assessed at the school during the year as learning takes place and can also contribute credits to the NCEA.

SUPPLEMENTARY COURSES DEVELOPED BY EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

These are courses that students can complete alongside their selected subjects e.g., Gateway. These courses can also contribute credits to the NCEA.

For most subjects there are two different levels of achievement for **Unit Standards**:

NOT ACHIEVED N OR NA

Students have not met the required standard.

ACHIEVED A

Students have met the required standard.

There are four different levels of Achievement for **Achievement Standards**:

NOT ACHIEVED N OR NA

Students have not met the required standard.

ACHIEVED A

Students have met the required standard.

MERIT M

Students have achieved the standard with Merit.

EXCELLENCE E

Students have achieved the standard with Excellence.

Reporting *Not Achieved*

Not Achieved results are reported on the results notice for both internally and externally assessed standards.

ENDORSEMENT OF CERTIFICATES

All successful students are awarded NCEA at the end of each year's study (Level 2, and Level 3). These results show that a student has achieved the required number of credits at a particular level (including specified literacy and numeracy requirements at Level 1). Each standard carries a specific number of credits which count towards the qualification.

To encourage students to do their best, those who gain sufficient credits at Merit (50 credits at Merit or above) or Excellence (50 credits at Excellence level) will have this recognised on their qualification*, for example a student can receive an NCEA Level 1 certificate with Merit or an NCEA Level 1 certificate with Excellence. In 2023:

- of 41,819 candidates gaining NCEA Level 1, 31.6% gained endorsement with Merit, and 16.7% gained endorsement with Excellence.
- of 42,418 candidates gaining NCEA Level 2, 24.1% gained endorsement with Merit, and 15.0%, gained endorsement with Excellence.
- of 30,313 candidates gaining NCEA Level 3, 26.2% gained endorsement with Merit and 13.6% gained endorsement with Excellence.

* Credit values for different types of endorsement have historically been adjusted by NZQA to compensate students for disruption caused to learning by COVID school closures, rostering home, home isolation etc.

COURSE ENDORSEMENT

Students can gain further recognition for their achievements by gaining Merit or Excellence endorsement in individual courses. Students will receive an Excellence endorsement if they gain 14 or more credits* at Excellence level, while students gaining 14 or more credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence) will gain a Merit endorsement. For Course Endorsement, at least 3 of the 14 credits must be from internally assessed standards, and 3 from external assessment (national examinations), to demonstrate students are competent in both forms of assessment. This endorsement will be recorded on the student's Result Notice.

NCEA LEVEL 1 CREDIT OVERVIEW

All Level 1 students at Botany Downs Secondary College will take **six** subjects. Three of these are **compulsory** (Maths, English, and Science) and three are optional. To be awarded NCEA students must achieve the required literacy and numeracy co-requisites. These are discussed more fully on page 10.

- NCEA has changed substantially following sector feedback, and advice from the Ministry of Education, NZQA and the NCEA Professional Advisory Group (PAG), For further information please refer to: <https://ncea.education.govt.nz/what-ncea-change-programme>
- At BDSC we have made changes to our L1 NCEA programme to coincide with national changes to NCEA. Level 1 NCEA is not an exit qualification for most students at BDSC. In 2023 we moved away from offering a full NCEA Level 1 programme of 18-22 credits per subject. Our Level 1 courses provide rich learning that focuses on development of knowledge, skills, and capabilities. By reducing the number of assessments, students sit through the year, our focus will be on teaching and learning rather than credit collection.
- There are effectively two main types of courses at Level 1 - (1) the majority of courses offer one NCEA internal or external assessment (worth credits) and three school-based assessments that **do not award** NCEA credits., (2) Vocational Pathway subjects doing a range of unit standard-based assessments (worth credits) e.g., Trade Skills, Food and Hospitality. These courses offer a number of standards that will generate credits.
- A typical Year 11 programme will typically comprise 7 courses. English, Mathematics, Science and Active Well Being are compulsory for all students. Students will choose an additional 3 courses from those on offer. Each course will typically generate 3-5 credits. Most Year 11 students would therefore expect to gain 35-41 credits in their Year 11 programme. The exceptions to this are the differentiated courses noted in the bullet point above.
- Year 11 students will be eligible for the BDSC Year 11 Diploma. The BDSC Diploma will acknowledge a student's academic achievements throughout the year. It will reflect the level of achievement attained in NCEA and school-based assessments across subjects. To gain a Botany Downs Secondary College Year 11 Diploma, a student needs to meet each of the following criteria:
 - # Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite package,
 - # Attendance Rate (90%),
 - # Academic Pass Rate (70%)

ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS and BDSC STANDARDS		
Active Wellbeing Art - Digital Art - Practical Commerce Dance Design and Visual Communication Digital Technologies Drama English English – Alternative	English - Extension Fashion and Design Technology Food Technology French Geography Health Education History Japanese Mathematics and Statistics Mathematics & Statistics Alternative	Mathematics and Statistics Extended Media Studies Music Physical Education Science Science – Biology/Chemistry Science – Physics / Earth & Space Science Te Reo Māori Technology - Multi-materials
UNIT STANDARDS and BDSC STANDARDS		
English – Academic Course English – Language Course Food & Hospitality	Maths and Statistics - Foundation Outdoor Education	Trades Skills Work and Community Skills

There is a great deal of additional information available from the NZQA website: www.nzqa.govt.nz

NCEA LEVEL 2 CREDIT OVERVIEW

All Level 2 students at Botany Downs Secondary College will take **six** subjects. English is **compulsory** but the remaining five subjects are optional. Each subject generates between 15-21 possible credits. Students will therefore have the opportunity to achieve up to 126 possible credits. Some subjects have Unit Standards. These generate credits towards the qualification, but they generally do not gain Merit or Excellence grades.

ACHIEVING LEVEL 2 NCEA

To be awarded NCEA Level 2 students **must achieve 60 credits at Level 2** or above. They must also gain the **literacy and numeracy** requirements which sit alongside the NCEA qualification. The quality of the National Certificate for each student will depend on the total number of credits gained and the grades achieved.

OVERVIEW OF LEVEL 2 COURSES BY QUALIFICATION TYPE

ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS	COMBINATION	UNIT STANDARDS
Accounting Art History Biology Business Studies Chemistry Chinese Classical Studies Dance Design and Visual Communication Digital Technologies Digital Technologies - Programming Drama Economics English English - Extension Fashion and Design Technology Food Technology French Geography Health Education History Japanese Mathematics and Statistics Mathematics and Statistics Alternative Mathematics and Statistics Extended Mathematics - Calculus (accelerated) Media Studies Music Physical Education Physics Psychology Te Reo Māori Technology - Multi-materials Visual Art - Design Visual Art - Painting Visual Art - Photography	English Alternative (2ENA) Mathematics Numeracy Co-requisite (2MNC) Outdoor Education Outdoor Education - Alternative	Building Skills Early Childhood Education Engineering Skills English as an Additional Language (2EAC and 2ELC) Financial Studies Food and Hospitality Future Pathways Sports Studies Travel and Tourism Work and Community Skills

There is a great deal of additional information available from the NZQA website: www.nzqa.govt.nz

NCEA LEVEL 3 CREDIT OVERVIEW

All Level 3 students at Botany Downs Secondary College will take **five** subjects. There are **no compulsory subjects** at Level 3. Each subject generates between 15-24 possible credits. Students will therefore have the opportunity to achieve up to 120 possible credits. Some subjects have Unit Standards. These generate credits towards the qualification, but they do not gain Merit or Excellence grades.

ACHIEVING LEVEL 3 NCEA

To be awarded NCEA Level 3 students **must achieve 60 credits at Level 3** or above. They must also gain the **literacy and numeracy** requirements which sit alongside the NCEA qualification. The quality of the National Certificate for each student will depend on the total number of credits gained and the grades achieved.

OVERVIEW OF LEVEL 3 COURSES BY QUALIFICATION TYPE

ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS	COMBINATION	UNIT STANDARDS
Accounting Art History Art - Painting Biology Business Studies Calculus Chemistry Chinese Classical Studies Dance Design and Visual Communication Digital Technologies Digital Technology with Programming Drama Economics English English - Extended Fashion and Design Technology Food Technology French Geography Health Education History Japanese Mathematics Media Studies Music Studies Making Music (Practical) Physical Education Physics Psychology Statistics and Probability Statistics and Probability - Alternative Technology - Multi-materials Te Reo Māori Visual Art - Design Visual Art - Photography	English – Alternative (3ENB) Outdoor Education	Early Childhood Education English as an additional language (3EAC, 3ELC) Financial Studies Food and Hospitality Future Pathways Travel and Tourism Sports High Performance Sports Studies

There is a great deal of additional information available from the NZQA website: www.nzqa.govt.nz

LITERACY AND NUMERACY

To gain NCEA Levels 1-3 a student must reach a certain level of proficiency in literacy and numeracy. The new Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite package became mandatory in 2024. All learners must achieve Literacy and Numeracy to be awarded their NCEA qualification at any level. As part of a transition period government has announced that for 2024-2025, it is permitting students to gain literacy and numeracy through the corequisite standards or through a small group of mainly English and Mathematics Level 1-3 standards (see link below).

In 2025 all Year 10 students at BDSC will be expected to sit both the literacy and numeracy corequisite standards. Year 11-13 students will have the option to sit the corequisite literacy and numeracy standards if they have not yet achieved them by the end of Year 10.

Please follow the link below to see the full list of NCEA Level 1 standards that contribute towards literacy and numeracy - [2024-25AlternativeLitNumStandards.xlsx](#). Please note that if these standards are used to gain literacy or numeracy, they cannot also be used to contribute credits to an NCEA qualification.

The new literacy corequisite package consists of reading and writing unit standards, worth 5 literacy credits each. The new numeracy package consists of 10 Numeracy credits (total of 20 credits). Many learners may achieve the 20 credits in Year 10, but for others, it may be in Year 11 or beyond. These 20 credits are a corequisite and sit alongside the NCEA.

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority have provided a lot of information on their website about the new NCEA qualification and associated literacy and numeracy requirements. Please follow the following link to access this material – [Understanding how NCEA Requirements are Changing](#).

Te Reo Māori

* Māori is a language option available for students wishing to study the language at each year level.

The College has a qualified Te Reo specialist teacher who will teach Te Reo classes. Organisation of classes will be dependent on the number of students choosing to select this option.

NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship is an external assessment for top secondary students. Scholarship examines course material related to Level 3 standards derived from up to Level 8 of the New Zealand Curriculum that students study in Year 13. It does not attract credits nor contribute towards a qualification but the fact that a student has gained a Scholarship appears on the Record of Achievement. Scholarship assessments are demanding and require students to demonstrate high-level critical thinking and analytical skills, a comprehensive understanding of key content, skills, and ideas as well as advanced written language skills. About 3 per cent of Year 13 students studying each subject at Level 3 will get Scholarship, if they reach the standard that has been set. Each Scholarship assessment carries two passing grades – Scholarship (S) and Outstanding Scholarship (O).

Successful Scholarship students gain substantial monetary awards. A Scholarship in just one subject receives \$500, as a single payment. All the other awards result in payments spanning three years of successful tertiary study. These awards are outlined in the following table.

PREMIER AWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the very top 7 to 12 candidates. The minimum eligibility requirement to be considered for this award is at least three Scholarships at "Outstanding" level. The number of recipients for this award is restricted and achieving the minimum requirement will not guarantee an award.• \$10,000 each year for up to three years as long as candidates maintain at least a 'B' grade average in tertiary study.
OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR AWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the next 40-60 top candidates. The minimum eligibility requirement to be considered for this award is three Scholarships with at least two at "Outstanding" level or more than three Scholarships with at least one at "Outstanding". The number of recipients for this award is restricted and achieving the minimum requirement will not guarantee an award.• \$5,000 each year for three years as long as candidates maintain a 'B' grade average in tertiary study.
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For candidates who get Scholarship in three or more subjects.• \$2,000 each year for up to three years as long as candidates maintain a 'B' grade average in tertiary study.
TOP SUBJECT SCHOLAR AWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the top candidate in each one of the Scholarship subjects.• \$2,000 each year for up to three years as long as candidates maintain a 'B' grade average in tertiary study.
SINGLE SUBJECT AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For candidates who get Scholarship in one or two subjects.• A 'one-off' award of \$500 per subject (maximum payment \$1000).

To be eligible for the top awards a student must attain Scholarship in three subjects in the same year. In 2019 the New Zealand Government removed all NCEA examination fees for domestic students. International students will continue to pay the full fee \$383.30 (GST incl.) per year to access NCEA and \$102.20 (GST incl.) per Scholarship subject. (www.nzqa.govt.nz)

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority has collated useful resources to support Scholarship candidates including past examination papers and exemplars. These can be accessed through the individual subject pages on the NZQA web site.

Teachers in each subject area will endeavour to offer support to Scholarship students. This could take the form of providing supplementary resources, such as additional reading and study materials, as well as tutorials outside class time. The onus however remains on the student to complete the necessary work to prepare them effectively for this level of assessment. A final commitment to the Scholarship assessment is not required till the entry deadline in Term 3. Scholarship subjects supported at Botany Downs Secondary College include English, French, Japanese, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science, Statistics and Modelling, Mathematics with Calculus, Accounting, Art History, Drama, Media Studies, Music Studies, Visual Arts (Painting, Photography and Design), Economics, Geography, History, Classical Studies, Physical Education and Health Education, Technology and Design and Visual Communication. Prospective Scholarship students will either be invited to join Scholarship subject tutorials or students will be invited to give an expression of their interest during Term 2 of the school year.

In 2020 two BDSC students were awarded a Premier Scholarship from the twelve awarded nationwide. In the past two years we have had one BDSC student gain an Outstanding Scholar Award.

NCEA STANDARDS OVERVIEW

All Level 1, 2 and 3 students will be assessed against National Qualification Framework Achievement Standards or Unit Standards.

For each subject studied there are 5 – 9 Achievement Standards or Unit Standards. Each Achievement Standard and Unit Standard is worth a set number of credits, generally between 2 and 6 credits. Most subjects will offer courses of 15 – 21 possible credits. This booklet contains a list of the **possible** Achievement Standards and Unit Standards and their credit values, which could make up each subject next year. **The final choice of Standards for each course is at the discretion of each individual Head of Learning Area.** The standards selected will be published in the senior subject course outlines and issued to all students at the start of the new academic year.

For each subject studied there will be a list of Standards provided to the students in the course outline:

For example: This is the Level 1 NZ STUDIES list of Standards

Each subject is subdivided into approx 5-9 modules of work. These can be either Unit Standards or Achievement Standards.

*Some assessment is based on work completed and assessed at school (**Internal**) and some assessed by a national examination (**External**).*

If the standard is achieved, a student earns credits. The total number of credits available in each subject varies. For NZ STUDIES it is 24 credits.

An Achievement Standard will start with AS.

A Unit Standard will start with US.

NCEA Internal Achievement Standards/Unit Standards					
Number	Subject Reference	Title	Internal/ External	Credits	CODES
AS90210	History 1.2	Communicate historical ideas	Internal	4	L
AS90217	Social Studies 1.3	Conduct a Social Studies inquiry	Internal	6	W
AS90218	Social Studies 1.4	Examine differing values positions	Internal	4	
US5085		Describe and explain resource use	Internal	4	
US90208		Consider a work of fiction from a geographic perspective	Internal	2	
NCEA External Achievement Standards					
AS90211	History 1.3	Interpret historical resources	External	4	
Possible credits available				24 credits	

*Students will be assessed on what they achieve in their work during the year in these modules. The level of achievement needed to gain credit in each module is called its **Achievement Standard**.*

Level 1 & 2 Standards that contribute to Literacy and Numeracy are indicated by (L) = Literacy: (N) = Numeracy.

Level 2 & 3 Standards that contribute to UE literacy requirements are indicated by (R) = Reading: (W) = Writing.

ENTRY TO TERTIARY EDUCATION

Tertiary Education providers in New Zealand require certain entry criteria to be met before students are enrolled for a course. **This option booklet provides a general guideline, but students must check the specific course entry criteria for the tertiary institution they wish to attend.** The Careers Advisor has a detailed list of prerequisites for entry to courses run by tertiary providers in New Zealand.

COMMON ENTRANCE STANDARD REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY*:

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university. **To enter university**, you need:

- **NCEA Level 3** = 60 credits at Level 3 or above
- **Three approved** subjects
 - 14 credits per approved subject at Level 3
- **Literacy** - 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of:
 - 5 credits in reading
 - 5 credits in writing
- **Numeracy** - 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of:
 - Co-requisite standards or 10 credits from a small range of specified new achievement standards

Students wishing to attend University are strongly encouraged to take courses that offer achievement standards as Merit and Excellence grades will be used to rank and differentiate applicants for entry to some Tertiary courses.

FOR ENTRY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND...

It is important that you check the University web site for up-to-date information and the latest changes.

- All applicants must gain the Common Entrance Standard outline above and, in addition:
- All applicants will get a Rank Score according to their best 80 credits at Level 3 or higher over a maximum of five approved subjects from the approved subjects list (see following pages for list of approved subjects) weighted by the level of achievement attained in each set of credits. If you achieve less than 80 credits, the rank score will be based on your total Level 3 credits gained over a maximum of five approved subjects and weighted by the level of achievement.
- NB: Some courses also have special entry requirements e.g., BE(Hons), BHSc, BGlobalSt and BNurs require specific subjects at Level 3 NCEA.

Please refer to the University of Auckland admissions and enrolment site for further information on entry requirements and GPA requirements and calculations.

To meet the Rank Score for University of Auckland students should be doing 5 University Approved subjects

Information about University of Auckland for secondary school students can be accessed at:

<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/applications-and-admissions/entry-requirements/undergraduate-entry-requirements.html>

Academic English Language Requirement: In 2016 the University of Auckland introduced an Academic English Language Requirement into all its bachelor's degree programmes. This requirement is to ensure that all students have a sufficient level of competence in academic English to support their study at the University of Auckland. Students going to the University of Auckland must have gained the University Entrance Literacy Standard and a minimum of 17 credits in NCEA English at Level 2 and/or 3. This is not intended to exclude students from the University. If a student does not meet the 17 credits they must complete an additional approved course in academic English during the first year of university study.

<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/students/academic-information/aclr.html>

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE LITERACY – LEVEL 2

Below are the Level 2 Assessment Standards that contribute to University Entrance Literacy Requirements. To access the latest full list of applicable Level 2 and Level 3 standards follow the link – [University Entrance Literacy List, 22 June 2023](#)

KEY: INT=Internally assessed standard, EX- Externally assessed standard, Y=Yes, meets UE Literacy requirement for Level 2 Reading or Writing, N=No, does not meet the UE Literacy requirement for Level 2 Reading or Writing.

BDSC Course	ID	Subject reference	Credits	Int/Ext	Reading	Writing
L2 Art History	91180	Art History 2.1	4	EX	N	Y
	91182	Art History 2.3	4	EX	N	Y
	91184	Art History 2.5	4	IN	Y	N
L2 Biology	91156	Biology 2.4	4	EX	N	Y
	91157	Biology 2.5	4	EX	N	Y
L2 Classical Studies	91200	Classical Studies 2.1	4	EX	Y	Y
	91201	Classical Studies 2.2	4	EX	Y	Y
	91202	Classical Studies 2.3	4	IN	Y	N
	91203	Classical Studies 2.4	6	EX	Y	Y
	91204	Classical Studies 2.5	6	IN	Y	N
L2 Drama	91213	Drama 2.1	4	IN	Y	N
	91215	Drama 2.3	4	EX	Y	Y
	91216	Drama 2.4	4	IN	Y	N
	91217	Drama 2.5	4	IN	Y	N
	91218	Drama 2.6	5	IN	Y	N
	91220	Drama 2.8	4	IN	N	Y
	91221	Drama 2.9	4	IN	Y	N
L2 Economics	91225	Economics 2.4	4	IN	Y	N
	91227	Economics 2.6	6	IN	Y	N
	91228	Economics 2.7	4	IN	Y	N
L2 English	91098	English 2.1	4	EX	Y	Y
	91099	English 2.2	4	EX	N	Y
	91100	English 2.3	4	EX	Y	Y
	91101	English 2.4	6	IN	N	Y
	91105	English 2.8	4	IN	Y	N
	91106	English 2.9	4	IN	Y	N
L2 Geography	91240	Geography 2.1	4	EX	Y	N
	91242	Geography 2.3	4	EX	Y	N
L2 History	91229	History 2.1	4	IN	Y	N
	91230	History 2.2	5	IN	Y	N
	91231	History 2.3	4	EX	Y	Y
	91232	History 2.4	5	IN	Y	N
	91233	History 2.5	5	EX	Y	Y
	91234	History 2.6	5	EX	Y	Y
L2 Media Studies	91251	Media Studies 2.4	4	EX	Y	Y
L2 Music	91277	Music Studies 2.7	6	EX	N	Y
L2 Psychology	91844	Psychology 2.1	6	IN	Y	N
	91845	Psychology 2.2	3	IN	Y	N
	91846	Psychology 2.3	4	IN	Y	N
	91847	Psychology 2.4	5	IN	Y	N
	91848	Psychology 2.5	3	IN	Y	N
L2 Te Reo Māori	91286	Te Reo Māori 2.3	6	EX	Y	N
	91287	Te Reo Māori 2.4	6	IN	N	Y
	91288	Te Reo Māori 2.5	6	IN	N	Y

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE LITERACY – LEVEL 3

Level 3 Assessment Standards that contribute to University Entrance Literacy Requirements (Updated 2023).

KEY: Y=Yes meets UE Literacy requirement, N=No does not meet UE Literacy requirement.

BDSC Course	ID	Subject reference	Credits	Int/Ext	Reading	Writing
L3 Accounting	91407	Accounting 3.4	5	IN	Y	Y
L3 Art History	91482	Art History 3.1	4	EX	Y	Y
	91483	Art History 3.2	4	EX	Y	Y
	91484	Art History 3.3	4	EX	Y	Y
	91485	Art History 3.4	4	IN	Y	N
	91486	Art History 3.5	4	IN	Y	N
	91487	Art History 3.6	4	IN	Y	N
L3 Biology	91602	Biology 3.2	3	IN	Y	Y
	91603	Biology 3.3	5	EX	Y	Y
	91604	Biology 3.4	3	IN	Y	N
	91605	Biology 3.5	4	EX	Y	Y
	91606	Biology 3.6	4	EX	Y	Y
L3 Business Studies	91379	Business Studies 3.1	4	EX	Y	Y
	91380	Business Studies 3.2	4	EX	Y	Y
	91383	Business Studies 3.5	3	IN	Y	N
L3 Classical Studies	91394	Classical Studies 3.1	4	EX	Y	Y
	91395	Classical Studies 3.2	4	EX	Y	Y
	91396	Classical Studies 3.3	6	EX	Y	Y
	91397	Classical Studies 3.4	6	IN	Y	N
	91398	Classical Studies 3.5	6	IN	Y	N
L3 Dance	91594	Dance 3.7	4	EX	N	Y
L3 Digital Technologies	91908	Digital Technologies 3.9	3	EX	N	Y
L3 Drama	91512	Drama 3.1	4	IN	Y	N
	91514	Drama 3.3	4	EX	Y	Y
	91515	Drama 3.4	4	IN	Y	N
	91516	Drama 3.5	4	IN	Y	N
	91517	Drama 3.6	5	IN	Y	N
	91518	Drama 3.7	4	EX	N	Y
	91519	Drama 3.8	5	IN	N	Y
	91520	Drama 3.9	5	IN	Y	N
L3 Economics	91400	Economics 3.2	4	EX	Y	Y
	91401	Economics 3.3	5	IN	Y	N
	91402	Economics 3.4	5	IN	Y	N
	91403	Economics 3.5	6	EX	Y	Y
L3 English	91472	English 3.1	4	EX	Y	Y
	91473	English 3.2	4	EX	Y	Y
	91474	English 3.3	4	EX	Y	Y
	91475	English 3.4	6	IN	N	Y
	91479	English 3.8	4	IN	Y	N
L3 English for Academic Purposes	22749	English for Academic Purposes	5	IN	N	Y
	22750	English for Academic Purposes	6	IN	Y	Y
L3 Geography	91426	Geography 3.1	4	EX	Y	Y
	91427	Geography 3.2	4	EX	Y	Y
	91428	Geography 3.3	3	IN	Y	N
	91429	Geography 3.4	4	EX	Y	Y
	91431	Geography 3.6	3	IN	Y	N
	91432	Geography 3.7	3	IN	Y	N
L3 Health Education	91461	Health 3.1	5	IN	Y	N
	91462	Health 3.2	5	EX	Y	Y
	91463	Health 3.3	5	IN	Y	N
	91464	Health 3.4	4	IN	Y	N
L3 History	91434	History 3.1	5	IN	Y	N
	91435	History 3.2	5	IN	Y	N
	91436	History 3.3	4	EX	Y	Y
	91437	History 3.4	5	IN	Y	N
	91438	History 3.5	6	EX	Y	Y
L3 Statistics	91584	Mathematics and Statistics 3.12	4	EX	N	Y
L3 Media Studies	91493	Media Studies 3.4	3	EX	Y	Y
L3 Music Studies	91423	Music Studies 3.8	4	IN	Y	Y
	91425	Music Studies 3.10	6	EX	Y	N
L3 Physical Education	91502	Physical Education 3.5	4	IN	Y	N
L3 Psychology	91872	Psychology 3.1	6	IN	Y	N
	91873	Psychology 3.2	3	IN	Y	N
	91874	Psychology 3.3	6	IN	Y	N
	91875	Psychology 3.4	4	IN	Y	N
	91876	Psychology 3.5	3	EX	Y	Y

NCEA LEVEL 3 APPROVED SUBJECT LIST [\(Level 3 UE Approved Subject List\)](#)

APPROVED SUBJECT	ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS
Accounting	91404, 91405, 91406, 91407, 91408, 91409
Agriculture & Horticulture	91528, 91529, 91530, 91531, 91532
Biology	91601, 91602, 91603, 91604, 91605, 91606, 91607, 91818, 91819
Business Studies	91380, 91381, 91382, 91384, 91385, 91869, 91870, 91871
Calculus	91573, 91574, 91575, 91576, 91577, 91578, 91579, 91587
Chemistry	91387, 91388, 91389, 91390, 91391, 91392, 91393
Chinese	91533, 91534, 91535, 91536, 91537
Classical Studies	91394, 91395, 91396, 91397, 91398
Construction and Mechanical Technologies	91620, 91621, 91622, 91623, 91624, 91625, 91626 and 91627, 91628, 91629, 91630, 91631, 91632, 91633, 91634, 91635, 91636, 91637, 91638, 91639, 91640, 91641, 91642, 91643, 91644 and 91608, 91609, 91610, 91611, 91612, 91613, 91614, 91615, 91616, 91617, 91618, 91619, 91386, 91387, 91838
Cook Islands Māori	91538, 91539, 91540, 91541, 91542
Dance	91588, 91589, 91590, 91591, 91592, 91593, 91594, 91595, 91850, 91851, 91852, 91853, 91854
Design (Practical Art)	91440, 91445, 91450, 91455, 91460, 91855, 91856, 91857, 91858, 91859
Design and Visual Communication	91627, 91628, 91629, 91630, 91631 (DVC), and 91620, 91621, 91622, 91623, 91624, 91625, 91626 (CMT), and 91632, 91633, 91634, 91635, 91636, 91637, 91638, 91639, 91640, 91641, 91642 (DigiTech) and 91643, 91644 (Processing Tech), and 91608, 91609, 91610, 91611, 91612, 91613, 91614, 91615, 91616, 91617, 91618, 91619, 91836, 91837, 91838
Digital Technologies	91632, 91633, 91634, 91635, 91636, 91637, 91638, 91639, 91640, 91641, 91642 (DigiTech), and 91627, 91628, 91629, 91630, 91631 (DVC) and 91620, 91621, 91622, 91623, 91624, 91625, 91626 (CMT) and 91643, 91644, and 91608, 91609, 91610, 91611, 91612, 91613, 91614, 91615, 91616, 91617, 91618, 91619, 91836, 91837, 91838
Drama	91512, 91513, 91514, 91515, 91516, 91517, 91518, 91519, 91520, 91850, 91851, 91852, 91853, 91854
Earth and Space Science	91410, 91411, 91412, 91413, 91414, 91415
Economics	91399, 91400, 91401, 91402, 91403, 91829
Education for Sustainability	90828, 90831, 90832, 91735, 91736, 91813, 91814, 91820, 91827, 91831
English	91472, 91473, 91474, 91475, 91476, 91477, 91478, 91479, 91480
French	91543, 91544, 91545, 91546, 91547
Geography	91426, 91427, 91428, 91429, 91430, 91431, 91432, 91433
German	91548, 91549, 91550, 91551, 91552
Health Education	91461, 91462, 91463, 91464, 91465, 91811, 91815, 91816
History	91434, 91435, 91436, 91437, 91438, 91439, 91830, 91834, 91835
History of Art	91482, 91483, 91484, 91485, 91488, 91486, 91487, 91489, 91855, 91856, 91857, 91858, 91859
Home Economics	91466, 91467, 91468, 91469, 91470, 91471
Indonesian	91645, 91646, 91647, 91648, 91649
Japanese	91553, 91554, 91555, 91556, 91557
Korean	91558, 91559, 91560, 91561, 91562
Latin	91506, 91507, 91508, 91509, 91510, 91511
Mathematics	91573, 91574, 91575, 91576, 91577, 91578, 91579, 91587 and 91580, 91581, 91582, 91583, 91584, 91585, 91586
Media Studies	91490, 91491, 91492, 91493, 91494, 91495, 91496, 91497
Music Studies	91417, 91418, 91419, 91421, 91424, 91416, 91420, 91422, 91423, 91425, 91849, 91860, 91861, 91862, 91863, 91864
Painting (Practical Art)	91441, 91446, 91451, 91456, and 91460, 91855, 91856, 91857, 91858, 91859
Photography (Practical Art)	91442, 91447, 91452, 91457 and 91460, 91855, 91856, 91857, 91858, 91859
Physical Education	91498, 91499, 91500, 91501, 91502, 91503, 91504, 91505, 91789, 91812
Physics	91521, 91522, 91523, 91524, 91525, 91526, 91527
Printmaking (Practical Art)	91443, 91448, 91453, 91458, and 91460, 91855, 91856, 91857, 91858, 91859, 91460
Processing Technologies	91643, 91644 (Processing Tech), and 91620, 91621, 91622, 91623, 91624, 91625, 91626 (CMT), and 91627, 91628, 91629, 91630, 91631 (DVC), and 91632, 91633, 91634, 91635, 91636, 91637, 91638, 91639, 91640, 91641, 91642 (DigiTech), and 91608, 91609, 91610, 91611, 91612, 91613, 91614, 91615, 91616, 91617, 91618, 91619, 91836, 91837, 91838 (Hangarau)
Psychology	91872, 91873, 91874, 91875, 91876
Religious Studies	90825, 90826, 90827, 91725
Samoan / Tongan	91563, 91564, 91565, 91566, 91567
Science	91601, 91602, 91603, 91604, 91605, 91606, 91607 (Biology), and 91387, 91388, 91389, 91390, 91391, 91392, 91393 (Chemistry), and 91410, 91411, 91412, 91413, 91414, 91415 (Earth and Space Science), and 90828, 90831, 90832, 91735, 91736, 91521, 91522, 91523, 91524, 91525, 91526, 91527 (Physics), and 91818, 91819, 91820, 91821 (Pūtaiao)
Sculpture (Practical Art)	91444, 91449, 91454, 91459, and 91460, 91855, 91856, 91857, 91858, 91859, 91460
Spanish	91568, 91569, 91570, 91571, 91572
Social Studies	91596, 91597, 91598, 91599, 91600, 91826, 91828, 91832, 91833, 91834, 91835
Statistics	91580, 91581, 91582, 91583, 91584, 91585, 91586
Technology	91620, 91621, 91622, 91623, 91624, 91625, 91626 (CMT), and 91627, 91628, 91629, 91630, 91631 (DVC), and 91632, 91633, 91634, 91635, 91636, 91637, 91638, 91639, 91640, 91641, 91642 (DigiTech), and 91643, 91644 (Processing Tech), 91608, 91609, 91610, 91611, 91612, 91613, 91614, 91615, 91616, 91617, 91618, 91619, 91836, 91837, 91838 (Hangarau)
Te Reo Māori/Rangatira	91650, 91651, 91652, 91653, 91654, / 91803, 91804, 91805, 91806, 91807, 91808, 91809, 91810, 91817

Applicants for some limited entry qualifications may be required to have taken certain subjects and achieved a specific number of credits in those subjects (refer to table below as a general guide). **All students must be very clear on what the entry requirements are for the specific course they wish to pursue at University or an Institute of Technology. Entry to these courses depends on the prerequisites being met.**

The rank score for entry to university will be based on a student's best 80 credits at Level 3 or higher over a maximum of 5 approved subjects. The credits are weighted by awarding four points for Excellence, three points for Merit and two points for Achieved for up to 24 credits in each approved subject. The maximum available score is 320. This system is used by all New Zealand universities but for the University of Auckland it is the basis of the Guaranteed Entry Score (GES).

The information below outlines specific entry prerequisites for a range of courses at **University of Auckland**.

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY – 2025 PROGRAMME, RANK SCORE, SUBJECT AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Programme	Rank Score
Bachelor of Advanced Science Honours (BAdvSciHons)	260
Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to the qualitative evaluation of a portfolio of creative work and written statement. 	230
Bachelor of Arts (BA)	150
Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)	165
Bachelor of Communication (BC)	180
Bachelor of Dance Studies (BDanceSt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to the qualitative evaluation of an audition. 	150
Bachelor of Design	180
Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies (BECSt)	150
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) (BE (Tchg)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to a satisfactory interview, police check, and referees' reports. (You may also be required to sit literacy, numeracy and IELTS assessments.) 	150
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE(Hons)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With 17 external Level 3 credits in Calculus and 16 external Level 3 credits in Physics. 	260
Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)	150
Bachelor of Global Studies (BGlobalSt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a minimum of 16 credits each from three approved subjects. Study of an additional language is encouraged. 	210
Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a minimum of 18 credits in one of English, Geography, History, Classical Studies, History of Art or Te Reo Māori and a minimum of 18 credits in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. 	250
Bachelor of Laws (LLB (Part I)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must apply for a conjoint or concurrent degrees and satisfy the conjoint score for the other Bachelor degree. 	
Bachelor of Music (BMus) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry to Creative Practice: Classical, Jazz or Popular Music is subject to the qualitative evaluation of an audition portfolio. 	150
Bachelor of Nursing (BNurs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a minimum of 18 credits in one of English, Geography, History, Classical Studies, History of Art or Te Reo Māori and a minimum of 18 credits in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics. 	230
Bachelor of Property (BProp)	165
Bachelor of Science (BSc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biomedical Science Food Science and Nutrition All other majors/specialisations 	280 200 165
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to a satisfactory police/safety checks and referees' reports. Interview may be required. 	150
Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education (BSportHPE)	150
Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours) (BUrbPlan (Hons))	180

NB: The entry prerequisites listed above are taken from the [University of Auckland 2025 Undergraduate Prospectus](#)

It is important that you regularly check updated entry requirements for all university courses in New Zealand.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE INFORMATION

Here is a guide to what Universities may be looking for. This will require you to think about the future to make sure you choose Level 1, 2 and 3 options that will lead you onto the correct options in future years.

ENGINEERING

University of Auckland—Level 3 NCEA course must include Mathematics with Calculus and Physics. A much higher level than the minimum University entry is required, and the Engineering School also expects to specify higher literacy standard requirements than the minimum. University of Canterbury—Level 3 NCEA must include Mathematics with Calculus, Physics (and for some specialisations) Chemistry.

LAW

Most universities have not stipulated any prerequisites, but a good mastery of written and spoken English is required so some Level 3 NCEA subjects such as English and language rich subjects are recommended. Law is open entry to Year 1 students at most universities. Direct entry at Waikato.

MEDICINE

University of Auckland—students will be required to enrol in either a Bachelor of Science (Biomedical) or a Bachelor of Health Sciences for their first year of study. Students will then be selected for Medical School at the end of their first year of study depending on their academic results, the UCAT test and an interview procedure. A much higher minimum level of literacy and numeracy will be required than for open entry to university and students must choose Year 13 subjects from a list provided by the university.

University of Otago—Students must enrol in Health Science in their first year. Applicants will also be required to pass the Health Sciences First Year English diagnostic test or have passed English 126. Selection into Medical School takes place at the end of the first year and those who reach the required academic level will be required to take a UCAT test.

NURSING

University Entrance is required including credits in Science to Level 2. University of Auckland requires a higher level than the minimum university entry, including a minimum of 18 credits in one of English, Geography, History, Classical Studies, History of Art or Te Reo Māori and 18 credits in either Biology or Physics or Chemistry.

OPTOMETRY

University of Auckland—There is no direct entry from Secondary School. Applicants must first complete Year 1 of a Bachelor of Science – Biomedical Science or Health Sciences First Year at the University of Otago.

PHARMACY

University of Otago—The same requirements as Medicine, a B average is required in the first year's papers. To access this course at University of Auckland applicants must complete an appropriate first year programme including the prescribed BPharm Part I courses (or equivalent) or have completed another degree approved by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. Biology, Chemistry and least 1 English rich subject are strongly recommended. Physics and Mathematics (MAC and/or SAP) are also useful.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

University of Otago—The same requirements as Medicine, a minimum B average required in the first year's papers.

AUT— University Entrance is required to enter the BHSc (Physiotherapy) programme. This is competitive entry. Students must be strong in subjects involving anatomy and physiology to be competitive and have a Rank Score of 250.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

University of Auckland — Students will be selected based on their rank score. In the third year of the degree there will also be a police check, interview, and referees' report. A good standard of both oral and written English is also required.

University of Otago – Biology and Physical Education are recommended. A higher level than minimum U.E. is likely to be required.

SCIENCES

Physics and Chemistry are very difficult to pick up at Tertiary level without a minimum of Year 12 and preferably some credits at Level 3 NCEA. For most Science courses minimum rank score of 165 is required.

TEACHING

University of Auckland—Rank score of 150. By selection only. Interview, Police check and referees' reports required. Applicants must be capable of meeting the Requirements of the New Zealand Teachers Council, including language proficiency.

VETERINARY

Massey University—A very good understanding of science is required so a Level 3 NCEA course including Chemistry and Biology and at least one of the mathematics subjects. Physics to at least Level 2 is recommended. Strong written and oral English skills are also important. There is open entry (i.e., the minimum University entrance qualification is required) to enrol in Semester 1, but selection into Semester 2 is based on grades in the compulsory Semester 1 papers and an aptitude test.

Students for whom English is not their first language may also be required to demonstrate their proficiency in English by achieving minimum scores in special tests.

RECOMMENDED SUBJECTS

This is a **guide only** for some study areas where a background in certain school subjects may be useful.

There are many other study areas that do not make any recommendations.

Note: ERS* = English Rich Subject (i.e., English, Geography, History, Classical Studies and Art History).

<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>
Architecture		
Art or DVC Mathematics Science	Design and/or Painting or DVC or DIT/or DIP/ or Mathematics Physics may be useful	Design and/or Painting or DVC or DIT or PHY may be useful. Maths and an English rich subject (ERS) are strongly recommended. Art, Design, Technology is advisable.
Business		
Mathematics Economics Accounting Business	Mathematics Economics Accounting Business	Statistics or Calculus (highly rec.) Economics (rec. but not essential) Accounting (rec. but not essential) Business (Select no more than 2 of the following - ACC, ECO, BUS)
Law		
No specific subjects	No specific subjects but English rich subjects are recommended	Minimum 1 English rich subject
Engineering		
Mathematics Science	Mathematics Physics Chemistry	Calculus (essential) Physics (essential) Chemistry (for Chemical Engineering) Biology or an English rich subject recommended
Biological Sciences – REL recommended		
Mathematics Science	Mathematics Biology Chemistry	Statistics Biology Chemistry English rich subject
Health Sciences <i>(Dentistry, Medicine, Medical Imaging, Medical Science, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Veterinary)</i>		
Mathematics Science	Mathematics Preferably 3 sciences; Biology, Chemistry, Physics (should at least do Biology and Chemistry)	Statistics Preferably 2 out of 3 sciences; Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1 English rich subject NB: Veterinary recommends Biology & Chemistry
Health Science (Nursing, Occupational Therapy)		
Mathematics Science	Mathematics (optional) Minimum 1 out of 3 sciences; Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Minimum 1 of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science, Mathematics Plus 1 English rich subject
Technology / Physical Sciences		
Mathematics Science	Mathematics Physics Chemistry	Calculus, Physics, Chemistry English rich subject is useful

Massey recommended subjects	Otago recommended subjects	Victoria recommended subjects
Waikato recommended subjects	UoA recommended subjects	

BDSC SUBJECT STRUCTURE for 2025

Bold Red—Compulsory subject
Italic—New subject for 2025

Learning Areas	Year 9	Year 10	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
English	English (9ENG) English Literacy Support (9ENA)	English (10ENG) English Literacy Support (10ENA) Media Studies (10MED)	English (11ENG) English - Alternative (11ENA) English - Literacy (11EL)	English (12ENG) English - Alternative (12ENA) English - Extension (12ENE)	English (13ENG) English Booster Course (13ENB- L3 US) English - Extension (13ENE)
	English Academic Course (9EAC) English Language Course (9ELC)	English Academic Course (10EAC) English Language Course (10ELC)	English Academic Course (11EAC) English Language Course (11LC) Media Studies (11MED)	English Academic Course (12EAC) English Language Course (12LC) Media Studies (12MED)	English Academic Course (13EAC) English Language Course (13LC) Media Studies (13MED)
Health & Physical Education	Health & PE (9HED/9PEC)	Health & PE (10HED/10PEC)	Active Wellbeing (11AWB)	Early Childhood Education (12ECE) Health Education (12HED) Outdoor Education (12OED) Physical Education Alternative (12ODA) Physical Education (12PED) Sports Studies (12SS)	Early Childhood Education (13ECE) Health Education (13HED) Outdoor Education (13OED) Physical Education (13PED) Sport High Performance (13SHP) Sports Studies (13SS)
Language	Chinese (9CHI) French (9FRE) Japanese (9JAP) Te Reo Māori (9MAO)	French (10FRE) Japanese (10JAP) Te Reo Māori (10MAO)	French (11FRE) Japanese (11JAP) Te Reo Māori (11MAO)	Chinese (12CHI) French (12FRE) Japanese (12JAP) Te Reo Māori (12MAO)	Chinese (13CHI) French (13FRE) Japanese (13JAP) Te Reo Māori (13MAO)
Mathematics	Mathematics and Statistics (9MAT) Mathematics Extension (9MAE)	Mathematics and Stats (10MAT) Mathematics and Stats - Alt (10MAN) Mathematics and Stats - Acc (10MAX) L1 standards for Y10 accelerated students	Mathematics and Statistics - Alt (11MAA) Maths and Stats - Foundation (11MAF) Mathematics and Statistics (11MAT) Mathematics and Statistics - Ext (11MAE) for L1 accelerated students	Mathematics and Statistics - Alt (12MAA) Mathematics and Statistics (12MAT) Mathematics and Statistics - Ext (12MAE) Mathematics Numeracy Corequisite (12MNC) Calculus - Accelerated (12MAC) for L2 accelerated students	Calculus (13MAC) Mathematics (13MAT) Statistics and Probability (13SAP) Statistics and Probability - Alt (13SPA)
Science	Science (9SC)	Science (10SC) Science - Acc (10SC) L1 Science course for Y10 accelerated students Electronics (10ELE)	Science - Compulsory (11SC or 11SCB and/or 11SCP) Science (11SCI) Biology/Chemistry (11SCB) Physics/Earth and Space Science (11SCP)	Biology (12BIO) Chemistry (12CHE) Physics (12PHY)	Biology (13BIO) Chemistry (13CHE) Physics (13PHY)
Social Sciences	Social Studies (9SOC)	Social Studies (10SOC) Ancient Civilisations (10ANC) Business Pathways (10BUS) Investigative Geography (10IGO)	Commerce (11COM) Geography (11GEO) History (11HIS)	Accounting (12ACC) Business Studies (12BUS) Classical Studies (12CLS) Economics (12ECO) Financial Studies (12FIN) Geography (12GEO) History (12HIS) Psychology (12PSY) Travel and Tourism (12TSM)	Accounting (13ACC) Business Studies (13BUS) Classical Studies (13CLS) Economics (13ECO) Financial Studies (13FIN) Geography (13GEO) History (13HIS) Psychology (13PSY) Travel and Tourism (13TSM)
Technology	Design and Visual Com. (9DVC) Food Technology (9FTF) Materials Technology (9MTY) Digital Technology (9DIT)	Design and Visual Com. (10DVC) Digital Technology (10DIT) Fashion and Design Technology (10FDN) Food Technology (10FTE) Multi Materials Technology (10TEM)	Design & Visual Communication (11DVC) Digital Technology (11DIT) Food and Hospitality (11FAH) Materials and Processing Technology - Fashion and Design Technology (11FDN) - Food Technology (11FTE) - Multi Materials Technology (11TEM) Trades Skills (11TSS)	Design & Visual Communication (12DVC) Digital Technology - Programming (12DIP) Digital Technology (12DIT) Fashion and Design Technology (12FDN) Food and Hospitality (12FAH) Food Technology (12FTE) Multi Materials Technology (12TEM)	Design and Visual Com. (13DVC) Digital Technology - Programming (13DIP) Digital Technology (13DIT) Fashion and Design Technology (13FDN) Food and Hospitality (13FAH) Food Technology (13FTE) Multi Materials Technology (13TEM)
The Arts	Dance (9DAN) Drama (9DRA) Music (9MUS) Visual Art (9ART)	Dance (10DAN) Drama (10DRA) Music (10MUS) Visual Art - Visual Art (10ART) - Digital Art (10DRT)	Dance (11DAN) Drama (11DRA) Music (11MUS) Visual Art - Visual Art (11ART) - Digital Art (11DRT)	Art History (12ARH) Dance (12DAN) Design (12DES) Drama (12DRA) Music (12MUS) Visual Art - Painting (12ART) Photography (12PHO)	Art History (13ARH) Dance (13DAN) Design (13DES) Drama (13DRA) Making Music (Practical) (13MUP) Music Studies (13MUS) Visual Art - Painting (13ART) Photography (13PHO)
Vocational & General Courses			Work and Community Studies (11WCS)	Future Pathways (12FPW) Work and Community Studies (12WCS)	Future Pathways (13FPW)

BDSC COURSE CODES

CODE	COURSE	9	10	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Learning Area
ACC	Accounting				L2	L3	SOS
ANC	Ancient Civilizations		10				SOS
ARH	Art History				L2	L3	VPA
ART	Art - Practical	9	10	L1	L2	L3	VPA
AWB	Active Well Being			L1			HPE
BSS	Building Skills				L2		TEC
BIO	Biology				L2	L3	SCI
BUP	Business Pathways		10				SOS
BUS	Business Studies				L2	L3	SOS
CHE	Chemistry				L2	L3	SCI
CHI	Chinese	9			L2	L3	LAN
CLS	Classical studies				L2	L3	SOS
COM	Commerce			L1			SOS
DAN	Dance	9	10	L1	L2	L3	VPA
DES	Design				L2	L3	VPA
DIP	Digital Technologies with Programming				L2	L3	TEC
DIT	Digital Technologies	9	10	L1	L2	L3	TEC
DRA	Drama	9	10	L1	L2	L3	VPA
DRT	Digital Art		10	L1			VPA
DVC	Design and Visual Communication	9	10	L1	L2	L3	TEC
EAC	English Academic Course	9	10	L1	L2	L3	ENG
ECE	Early Childhood Education				L2	L3	HPE
ECO	Economics				L2	L3	SOS
ELC	English Language Course	9	10	L1	L2	L3	ENG
ELE	Electronics		10				SCI
ENA	English - Literacy Support	9	10	L1	L2		ENG
ENB	English - Booster course for L3					L3	ENG
ENE	English - Extension				L2	L3	ENG
ENG	English	9	10	L1	L2	L3	ENG
ENL	English - Literacy			L1			ENG
ESS	Engineering Skills				L2		TEC
FAH	Food and Hospitality			L1	L2	L3	TEC
FDN	Fashion and Design Technology		10	L1	L2	L3	TEC
FIN	Financial Studies				L2	L3	SOS
FPS	Future Pathways				L2	L3	VGC
FRE	French	9	10	L1	L2	L3	LAN
GEO	Geography			L1	L2	L3	SOS
HED	Health Education	9	10	L1	L2	L3	HPE
HIS	History			L1	L2	L3	SOS
IGO	Investigative Geography		10				SOS
JAP	Japanese	9	10	L1	L2	L3	LAN
MAA	Mathematics and Statistics - Alternative			L1	L2		MAT
MAC	Mathematics with Calculus					L3	MAT
MAE	Mathematics and Statistics - Extended	9			L2		MAT
MAF	Mathematics and Statistics - Foundation			L1			MAT
MAO	Te Reo Māori	9	10	L1	L2	L3	LAN
MAT	Mathematics	9	10	L1	L2	L3	MAT
MAX	Mathematics and Statistics - Accelerated		10	L1	L2		MAT
MCS	Calculus - Scholarship					L3	MAT
MED	Media Studies		10	L1	L2	L3	ENG
MNC	Maths – Numeracy Co-requisite				L2		MAT
MNU	Maths Numeracy		10	L1			MAT
MTY	Material Technology	9					TEC
MUP	Music Practical					L3	VPA
MUS	Music Studies	9	10	L1	L2	L3	VPA
ODA	Outdoor Education - Alternative				L2		HPE

CODE	COURSE	9	10	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Learning Area
OED	Outdoor Education		10	L1	L2	L3	HPE
PEC	Core Physical Education	9	10				HPE
PED	Physical Education		10	L1	L2	L3	HPE
PHO	Photography				L2	L3	VPA
PHY	Physics				L2	L3	SCI
PSY	Psychology				L2	L3	SOS
SAP	Statistics and Probability					L3	MAT
SCI	Science	9	10	L1			SCI
SCB	Science – Biology / Chemistry			L1			SCI
SCP	Science – Physics / Earth&Space Science			L1			SCI
SCX	Science - Accelerated	9	10				SCI
SHP	Sports – High Performance					L3	HPE
SOS	Social Studies	9	10				SOS
SPA	Statistics and Probability - Alternative					L3	MAT
SPS	Sports Studies				L2	L3	HPE
TEF	Food Technology	9	10	L1	L2	L3	TEC
TEM	Multi materials Technology		10	L1	L2	L3	TEC
TSM	Travel and Tourism				L2	L3	SOS
TSS	Trades Skills			L1			TEC
WCS	Work and Community Studies			L1	L2		VGC

Not all courses offered will run. Course availability will depend on the number of students selecting the course, the availability of staffing and the availability of specialist rooming.

Select courses carefully as it may be difficult to change courses later.

There is an opportunity for students to take a course in Te Reo Māori at each level. The nature of the course and manner of delivery will be determined when numbers are available.

If you have any queries about the option selection process that can't be dealt with by your administration tutor, mentor, or Whanau Leader, you should see Mr Van Kralingen.

Remember...make a **planned choice** of your subjects.

Consider all the information carefully. Study the university and other tertiary training institutions' admission requirements. Look at the different subject pathways in the option book and plan how you will get to your desired Level 2 or Level 3 destination. Read the subject descriptors and prerequisites and know exactly what requirements you will have to meet to enter any course.

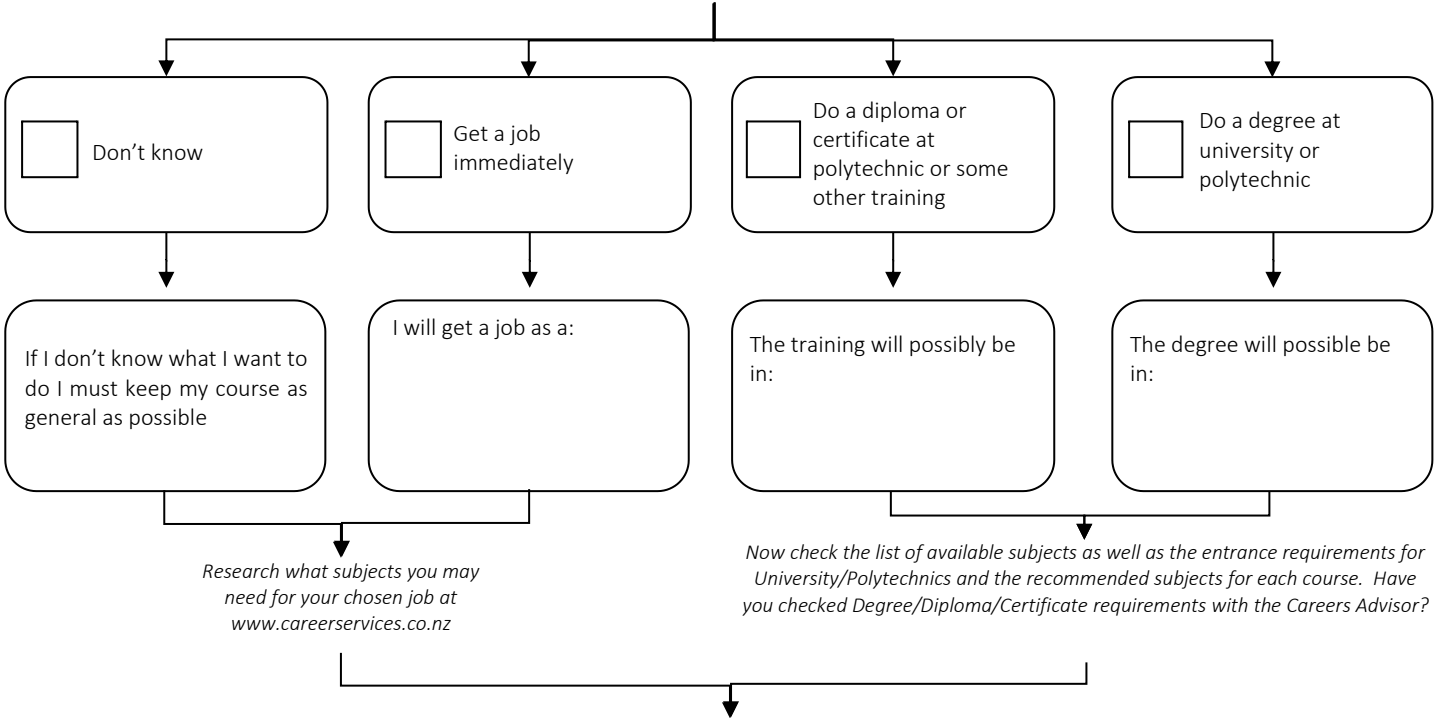
Carefully consider the following factors before deciding on your final option selection.

- ☒ Ability – what can you realistically achieve? What subjects are you good at?
- ☒ Interest – what do you enjoy learning?
- ☒ Qualification – what grades do you need? What endorsement would you like to achieve?
- ☒ Career pathway – what qualifications do you need? What subjects do you need?
- ☒ Prerequisites – what are the prerequisites for your chosen subjects? Do you meet the requirements?
- ☒ Preferred learning style – does this subject cater to your learning needs?
- ☒ Preferred assessment mode – will this help you to achieve your best results?
- ☒ Flexibility – can you go in a different direction if your initial plan doesn't work out?

PLANNING PAGE

Over the next few weeks, you must fill in this chart, in consultation with your parents, teachers, Heads of Learning and the Careers Advisor. The more information you gather about your career options the more informed your final decisions will be:

When I leave school, I hope to..... (Choose one path)



WORKING BACKWARDS

For this plan to work I will need to take the following subjects in **NCEA Level 3**:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

So, I will need to take the following subjects in **NCEA Level 2**:

1 **ENGLISH**

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And I will need to take the following subjects in **NCEA Level 1**:

1 **ENGLISH**

2 **MATHEMATICS**

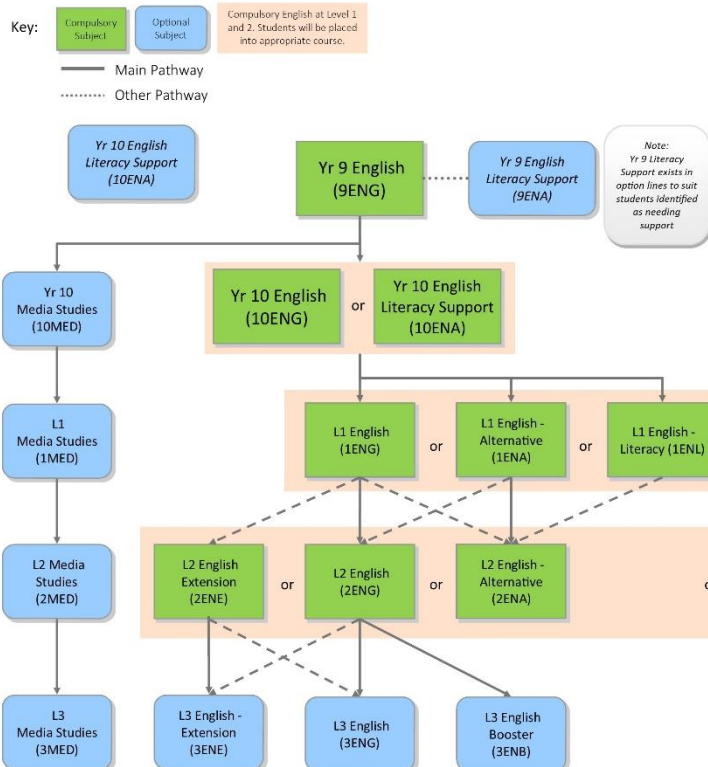
3 **SCIENCE (SCI or SCB or SCP)**

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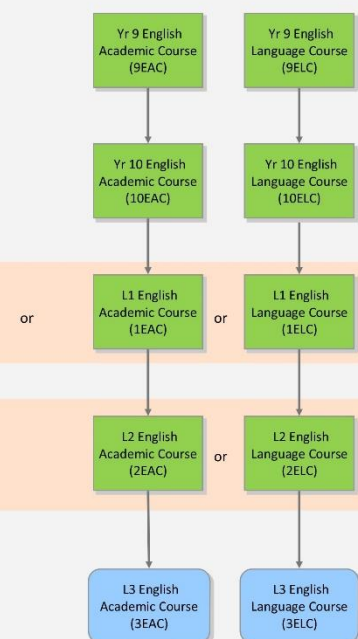
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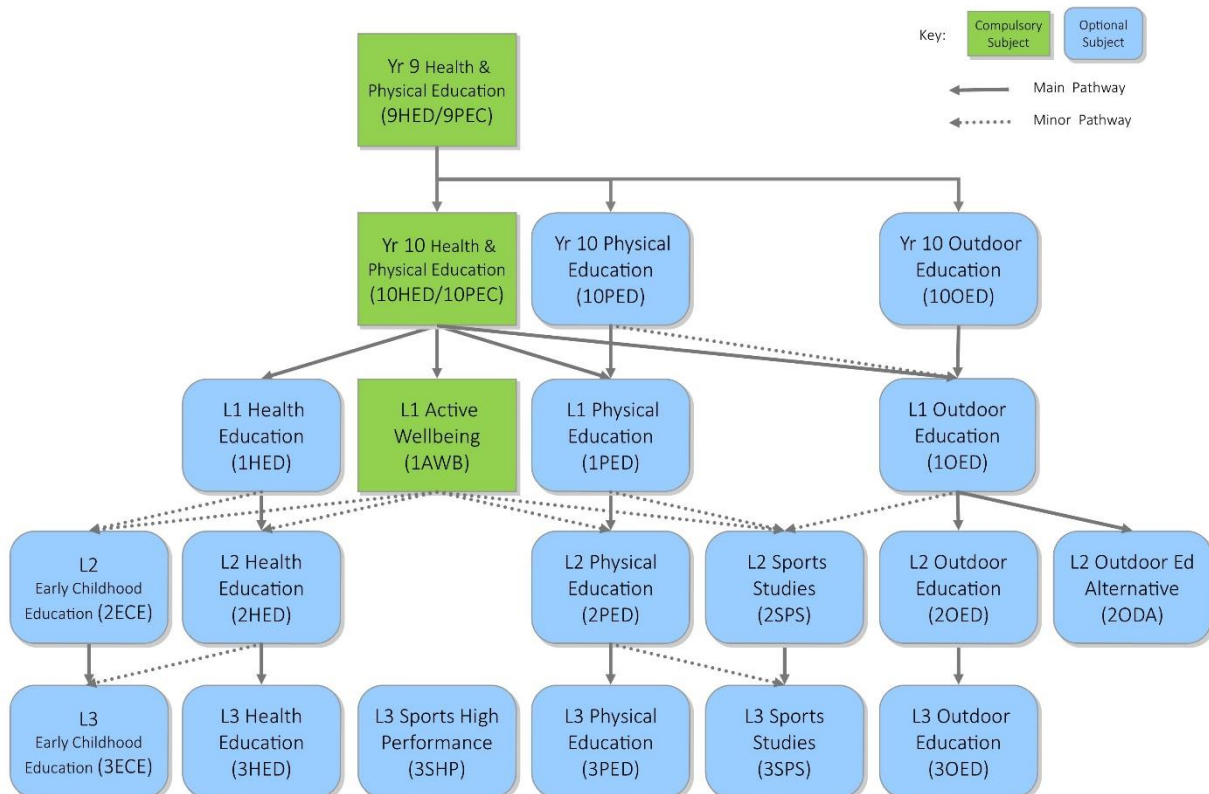
ENGLISH AS ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL) FLOWCHART 2025

At Year 9/10, identified students may be removed from a Year 9 or a Year 10 option line to attend the English Language Course (ELC). Students in 9/10 EAC will attend 9/10 ENG as well.

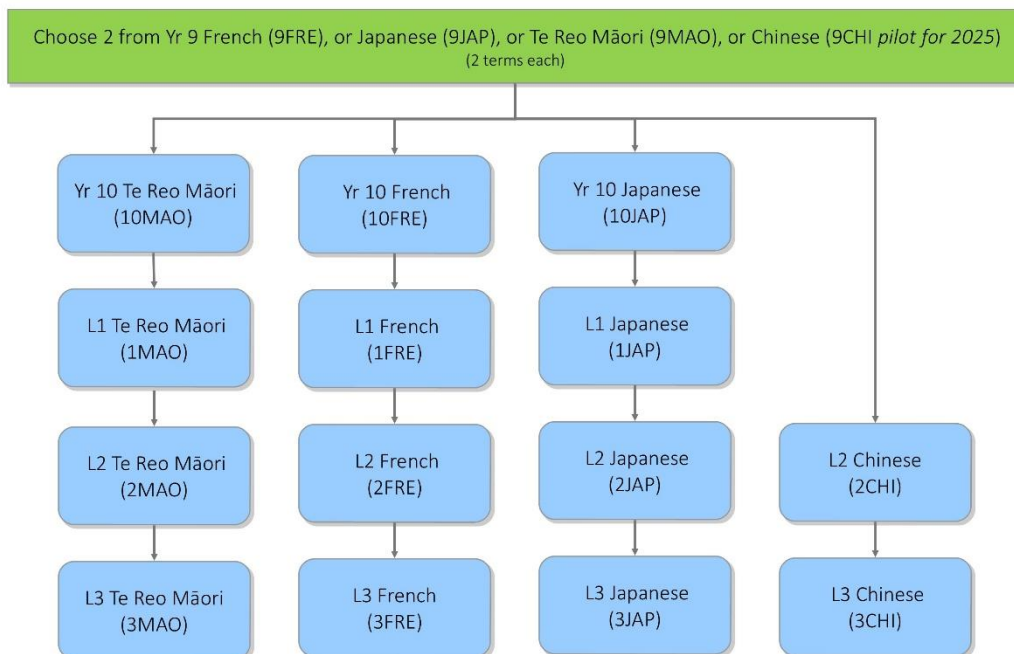
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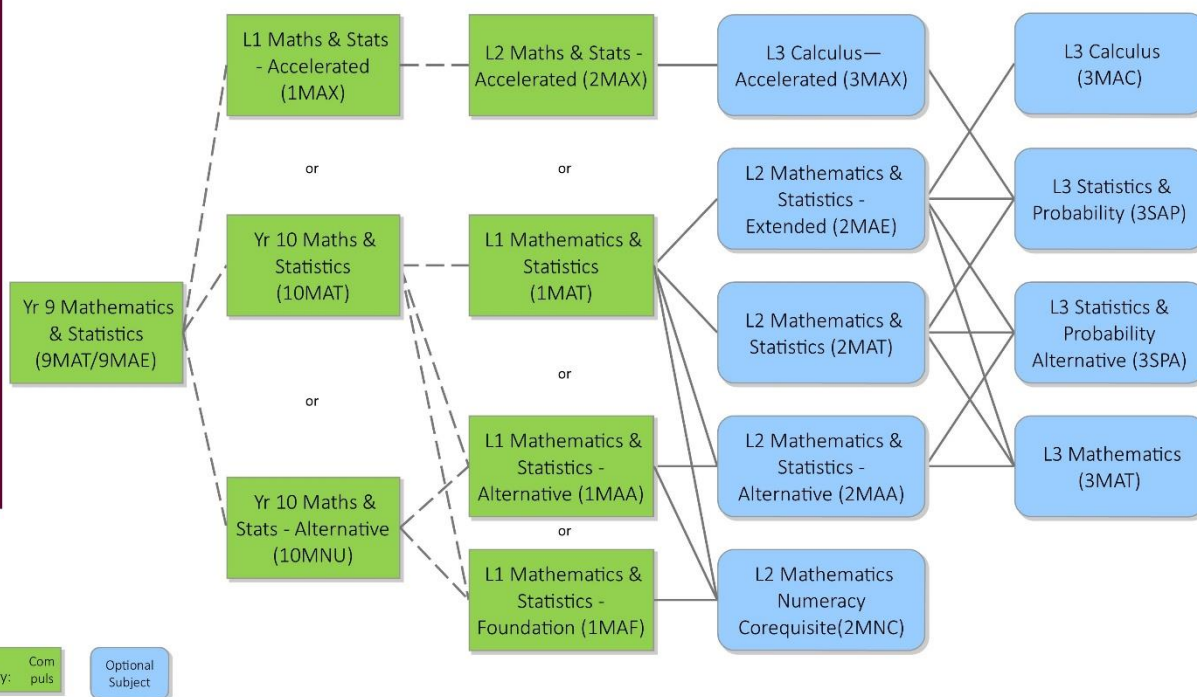
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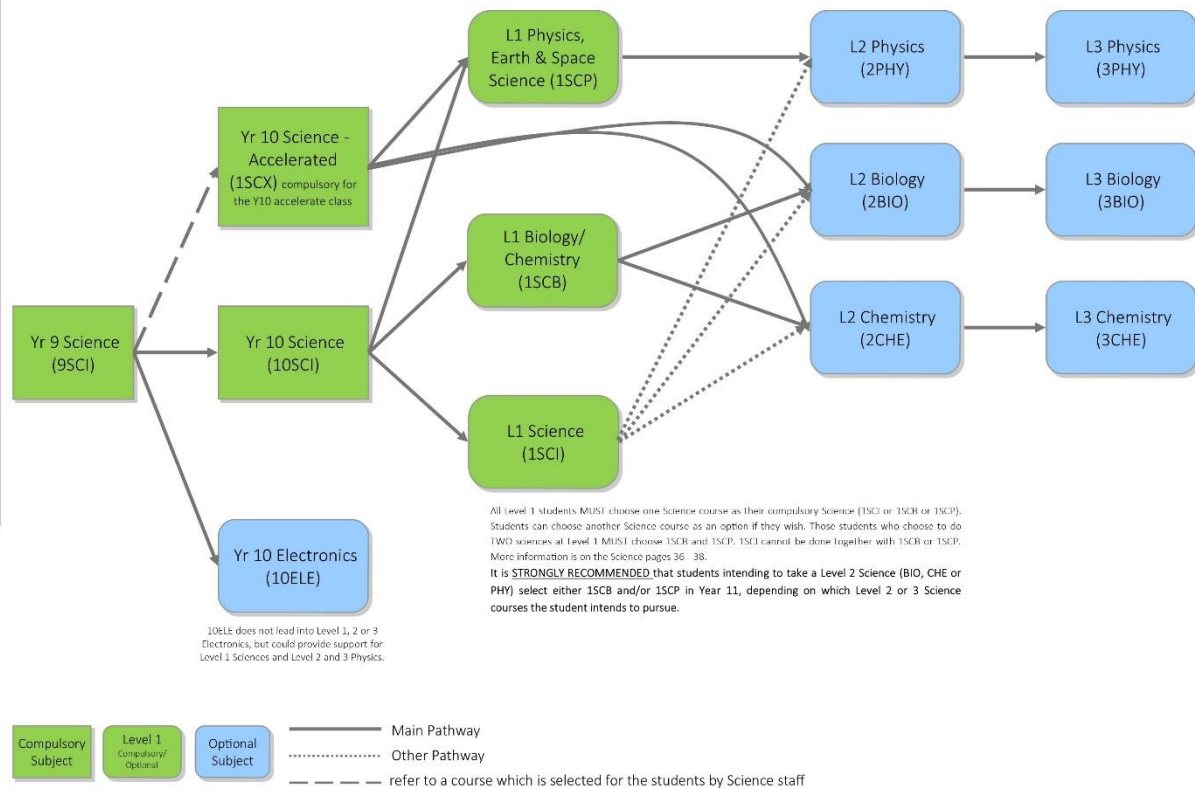
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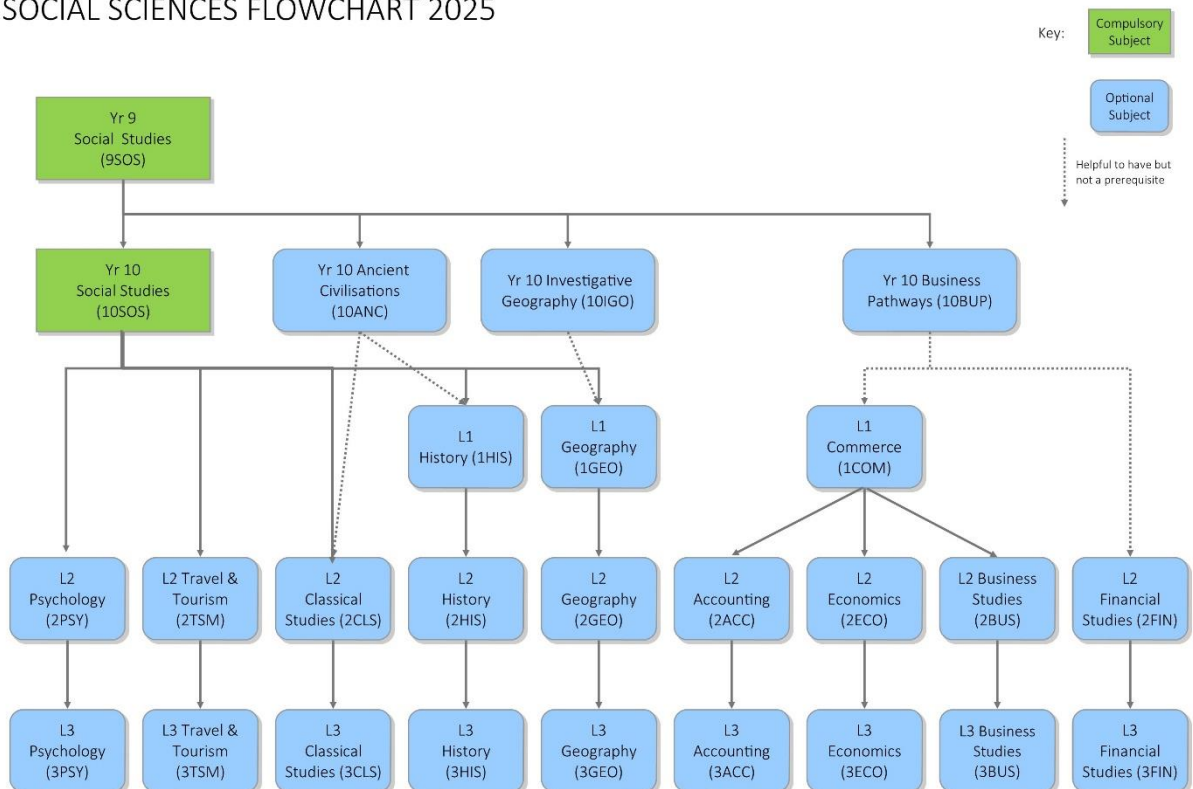
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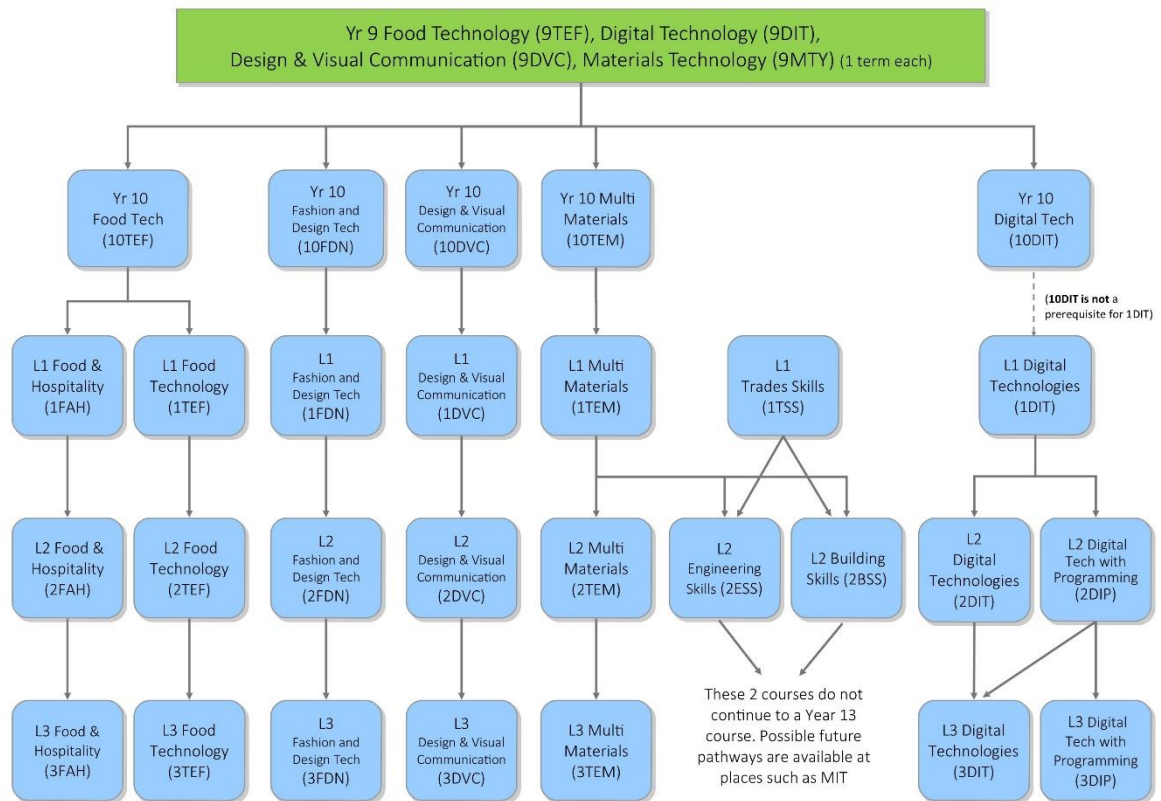
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