

NEW YEAR 11 PROGRAMME FOR 2023

What is NCEA? (<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/about-ncea>)

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is the main school-leaving qualification in Aotearoa New Zealand.

NCEA has three levels:

- Level 1 — usually in Year 11
- Level 2 — usually in Year 12
- Level 3 — usually in Year 13

Following sector feedback, and advice from the Ministry of Education, NZQA and his NCEA Professional Advisory Group (PAG), NCEA will undergo 7 key changes which you can read about here: <https://ncea.education.govt.nz/what-ncea-change-programme>

The national changes pertinent to students at BDSC are:

- A reduction from 80 credits to 60 at each level (NCEA L2 in 2025 and L3 in 2026)
- Introduction of the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite package (20 credits in total)
- A reduction to 4 assessment standards in each subject
- Keeping NCEA L1 optional

At BDSC we are making changes to our L1 NCEA programme for implementation in 2023 and will move away from offering 18-22 credits per subject, where students have been attempting four to five assessments per subject, many obtaining in excess of 120 credits in a year.

Why are we doing this?

While we are supportive of NCEA as our national qualification, NCEA Level 1 is not an exit qualification for most of our students. In our new Year 11 programme, we will be designing courses that will better prepare our students for an ever-changing world. Our changes will promote deep, rich learning that focuses on knowledge, skills, and capabilities and prepares our students for the future. By reducing the number of assessments students will have to sit through the year, our focus will be on teaching and learning rather than credit collection. More time for teaching and learning will reduce the pressure created by a heavy assessment workload. This can both enhance well-being and joy in learning.

How are we going to do this?

Level 1 courses will have one NCEA internal or external assessment (worth credits)* and three school-based assessments that do not award NCEA credits. The exception to this is our Vocational Pathway subjects doing unit standard-based assessments e.g. Trade Skills, Food and Hospitality. This new programme allows for greater flexibility and a wider variety of assessment methods. Assessment methods may include: paired/group assessment, creating a

product/artefact, subject tests, common assessment tasks, performances, essays, research, inquiry, laboratory practical sessions, digital portfolios, product design, visual and oral presentations and collaborative projects.

What will a year 11 student programme typically look like?

Students will still study six courses and Active Wellbeing.

SUBJECTS	Achievement Standards	Credit Value
English (C.)	AS 90851	4 credits (ext)
Mathematics (C.) *	AS 91944 AS 91945 AS 91946	5 credits (int) 5 credits (int) 5 credits (ext)
Science (C x 1)	AS 90935	4 credits (int)
Health & PE (C.)	AS 90962	5 credits (int)
Option 1: Health Studies	AS 90994	4 credits (int)
Option 2: Drama	AS 90009	5 credits (int)
Option 3: History	AS 91001	4 credits (int)
TOTAL		41 credits

What will our Year 11 Diploma look like?

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.

Students will gain Level 1 NCEA credits through a variety of internal and external Achievement Standard assessments throughout the year (approximately 30-40 credits maximum).

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%)

Literacy and Numeracy package

Year 10, students will sit the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite package. All learners must achieve the Literacy and Numeracy package to be awarded their NCEA qualification at any level. This consists of reading and writing unit standards worth 5 literacy credits each, and 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.

Learners will be able to continue on their learning programme towards NCEA while they work towards achieving the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite. However, they need to achieve the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite to be awarded the NCEA qualification. This means they will want to achieve them before finishing their NCEA studies.

This package becomes mandatory for Level 1 in 2024, Level 2 in 2025 and Level 3 in 2026.