



## Rangiora High School



Whakautea  
**RESPECT**



Tohaina  
**CONTRIBUTE**



Wawatahia  
**ASPIRE**

**Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana**  
*A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the marae*

A child who learns values at home and is cherished within their family, will not only behave well amongst the family but also within society and throughout their life.

### Newsletter to parents/caregivers/whānau

2 September 2021

Kia ora koutou,

#### Alert Level 3

Wednesday saw the re-opening of school for Year 9-10 students whose parents are required to work. My thanks go to the staff who have helped set up these bubbles and to our relievers and kaiāwhina supporting our young people.

If your circumstances change and you are required to go back to work, please let us know that your Year 9 or Year 10 child will need to attend school by filling in [the form found here](#). Please allow 24 hours' notice before your child returns to school. We will contact you with information beforehand.

#### Changes to NCEA for 2021 - Information from NZQA and the Ministry of Education

[Please click here to find the information below in Te Reo](#)

Because being in COVID-19 lockdown has affected learning and assessment, changes have been made to NCEA, NZ Scholarship and University Entrance. These changes help give students a fair opportunity to gain the qualification they are aiming for. These changes will take effect if our school is in Alert Level 3 or 4 for a total of **20 or more school days** this year (i.e. if we were still in Alert Level 3 on **Tuesday 14 September**).

We will be posting out the information below to students tomorrow:

***What does this mean for students?*** *The more credits you achieve the more you are entitled to. For every 5 credits you achieve through internal or external assessment, you are entitled to 1 extra credit. These extra credits are called Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs)*

- *Up to 10 of your LRC's earned this year can be used towards the 80 you need for NCEA Level 1.*
- *Up to 8 LRC's earned this year can be used towards the 60 you need at Level 2 and Level 3.*

***Endorsements are still achievable.*** *To get a certificate endorsement you will need 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50. Your LRCs don't come with Merit or Excellence, so they can't count towards an endorsement.*

***University Entrance has been adjusted.*** *For 2021 the UE requirements have been adjusted from 14 down to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. You still need to have NCEA Level 3 and the usual literacy and numeracy standards.*

**You've got more time to study.** Most portfolio due dates and exams for NCEA and Scholarship have been moved later, to give more time for students to learn and prepare.

**What do I need to do?** Keep working to make sure that you achieve as many standards as you can. Your teachers will help you to track your progress. You don't need to do anything else to get your LRCs. NZQA will do the calculations before you get your results.

Make sure that you know when your portfolios are due, and double check [the new NZQA exam timetable](#). If you need any more information, talk your Wānanga Kaiako, email your Dean, or [email Mrs Lane](#) (who manages NCEA on behalf of NZQA) or you can phone NZQA on 0800 697 296.

### **Cybersecurity and content filtering for students learning from home**

- For personal devices, we encourage all parents/whānau to take advantage of Network 4 Learning's free simple but effective content filtering service [Switch on Safety](#) for students learning from home.
- It's important to note however that content filters are not a complete protection from online harm and should be used in conjunction with other cyber security precautions (for example, anti-virus software) and appropriate supervision.
  - [Netsafe](#) has a range of resources, quality advice and support for digital safety and security.
  - [Cert NZ](#) also provides advice on cybersecurity and any student experiencing incidents can report them directly.
  - Another great resource is the [Department of Internal Affairs' Keep it real online campaign](#).

### **Staying Connected**

- Please do encourage your students to join their House instagram accounts, read their emails and join their online classes. Being actively involved in their online classes is not only critical to support your child's learning but also provides an opportunity for your child to connect with their peers.
- Our Year 13 Student Leaders have, over the last week, developed a series of online activities. The Head Students are posting a daily lockdown video with useful hints. Today an online sports competition was sent out. A Talent Competition is underway - due to popular demand the deadline to enter has been extended to Sunday 5 September. We are looking forward to the show going online next week. In the meantime you may want to check out this [YouTube piano channel](#) created by one of our Year 10 students, Yohann Savry, and his young brother Emeric during lockdown.

Ngā mihi,

Karen Stewart

**Principal / Tumuaki**