



Rangiora High School




Newsletter to students

3 September 2021

Kia ora koutou,

Here's a useful graphic reminding us of ways we can work together while learning from home:

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Te Kura Tuarua Rangiora

Ways we can work together while learning from home

Students

- plan your work - have a schedule
- aim to complete 2-3 hours a day (seniors) or 1-2 (juniors)
- attend any Google Meets that your teacher has scheduled
- if you are stuck, ask your teacher - email, message, Meet
- if you are worried, stressed or concerned - let your Wānanga kaiako know or contact Guidance

Wānanga Kaiako


- check in with your students at least once a week via a Meet
- update whanau regularly
- keep track of student engagement
- let your Dean or Head of House know if you have concerns

Teachers

- work collaboratively with your teams - AKO and Curriculum
- schedule one live Meet a week with each class
- set work regularly for each class
- keep track of student engagement with the work
- notify the Pastoral team if you have concerns that a student is not engaging with the work - record this on Kamar
- attend Learning Area meetings that your Leader of Learning sets

Whānau

- check emails and notices from the school and your child's teachers
- check in with your child as to how much work they have to do each week
- get in touch with your child's Wānanga kaiako if you have any concerns about your child's learning



Adapted from Papatoetoe High School infographic

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 you 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**).

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.*

Finally, 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.

Finally as you know, unfortunately, we have had to cancel these upcoming school events:

- Fashion Revolution Show (3 September) - still at Alert Level 3
- Year 9 Ngata House Camp (6-8 September) - still at Alert Level 3
- House Choir Competition (10 September) - no time to prepare/rehearse choirs

Take care. Have a relaxing weekend.

Ngā mihi,

Karen Stewart

Principal / Tumuaki