

# **Westlake Girls High School**

## **NCEA Information**

**Year 11 & 12**

**August 2017**

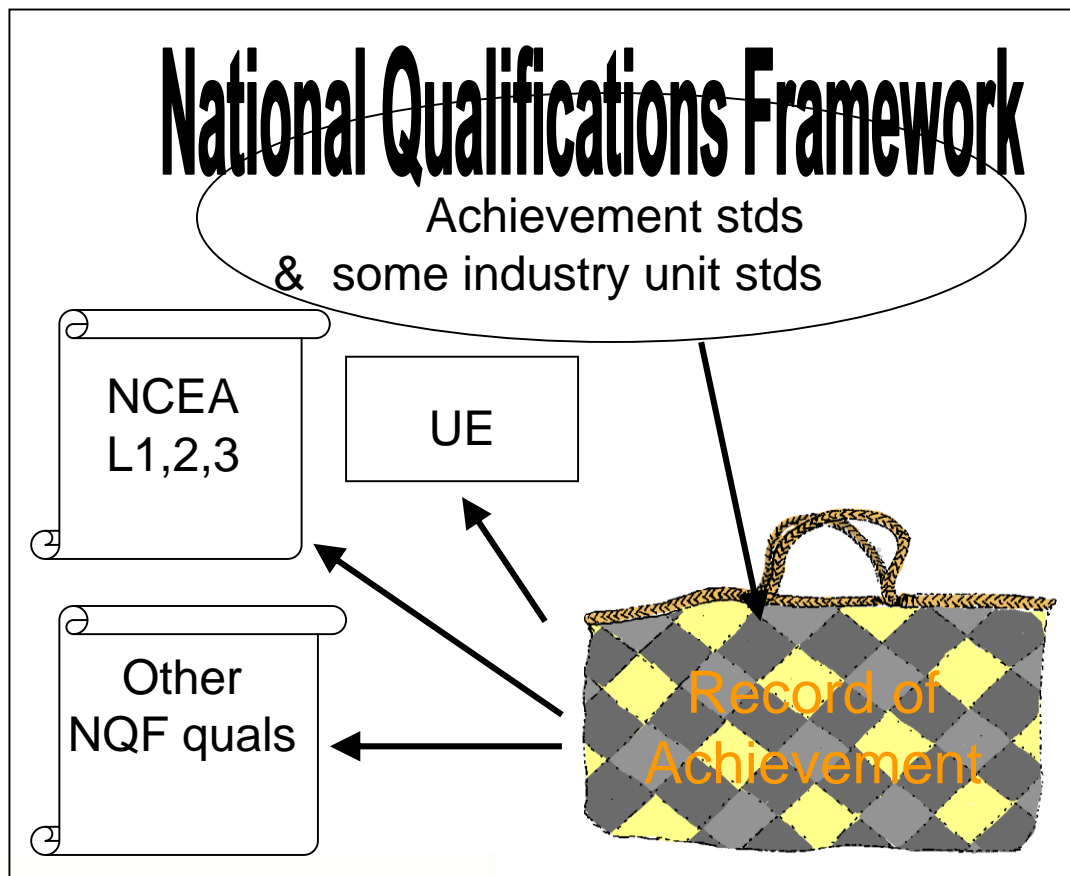


# Westlake Girls High School

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- How NCEA operates at Westlake - course planning, subject selection, careers, NCEA assessment rules & extra information.



# National Qualifications Framework



# Credits needed for an NCEA

Minimum 80 credits, awarded at the level of the top 60 credits

Level 1: 80 credits at any level including 10 in Literacy and 10 in Numeracy *(there are specific achievement standards across a range of subjects that contribute to meeting Literacy and Numeracy – not just English and Mathematics)*

Level 2: 80 credits of which a minimum of 60 at Level 2 or higher

Level 3: 80 credits of which a minimum of 60 at Level 3 or higher and a maximum of 20 credits at Level 2



# Mode of Assessment

- Internally-assessed standards:

Work is assessed by the teacher with national quality checks (moderation)

- Externally-assessed standards:

Work is assessed by a marker from outside the school in written examinations (each November) or portfolio submission e.g. Visual Arts, Technology, Graphics



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## **Norm-referenced**

- Compared the individual's performance against others
- Reported grades or percentages
- Success was rationed to imply consistency between years
- Results were scaled or mark schedules adjusted to fit a normal or predetermined distribution

## **Standards-based**

- Measures individual performance against preset standards
- Measures real levels of achievement
- Students know what is required to reach the standard
- The performance of other students does not affect the individual's result
- Students are not in competition for limited grades or pass rates
- Provides a profile of achievement of skills and knowledge



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## **Mainly external examination-based**

- One-off silent exam per subject
- Some subjects included an internally-assessed component whose mark was adjusted to the group's exam marks
- Some subjects provided one-off assessment of submitted folios or assignments (eg Visual Arts)

## **A mix of external and internal; exams and other appropriate assessments**

- Teacher observations
- Exercise books
- Journals or logbooks
- Running records or checklists
- Performances
- Essays
- Tests
- Exams
- Reports
- Assignments
- Portfolios



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# University Entrance

**14 credits at  
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+ Level 3 NCEA

+ 10 credits in Mathematics at Level 1 or higher

+ 5 credits at Level 2 or above in Reading

+ 5 credits at Level 2 or above in Writing

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# The Certificate



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## NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

### EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Level 2

*This is to certify that in April 2005*

**JOHN SMITH**

*was awarded this qualification.*



National Certificate of Educational Achievement  
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For details of standards achieved by the holder of this certificate, refer to the Record of Learning issued by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, 125 The Terrace, PO Box 480, Wellington 6005, New Zealand



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# Certificate Endorsements

- Endorsement with Merit

Students require 50 credits at Merit or Excellence at the same level or higher

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Students require 50 credits at Excellence at the same level or higher



# Course Endorsements

Students will gain an endorsement for a course where they achieve:

- 14 or more credits at Merit or Excellence at the lower level that supports the endorsement
- at least 3 credits from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from *internally*\* assessed standards
- sufficient credits in a single school year.

*\*PE and Level 3 Visual Arts – bullet point 2 exempt*



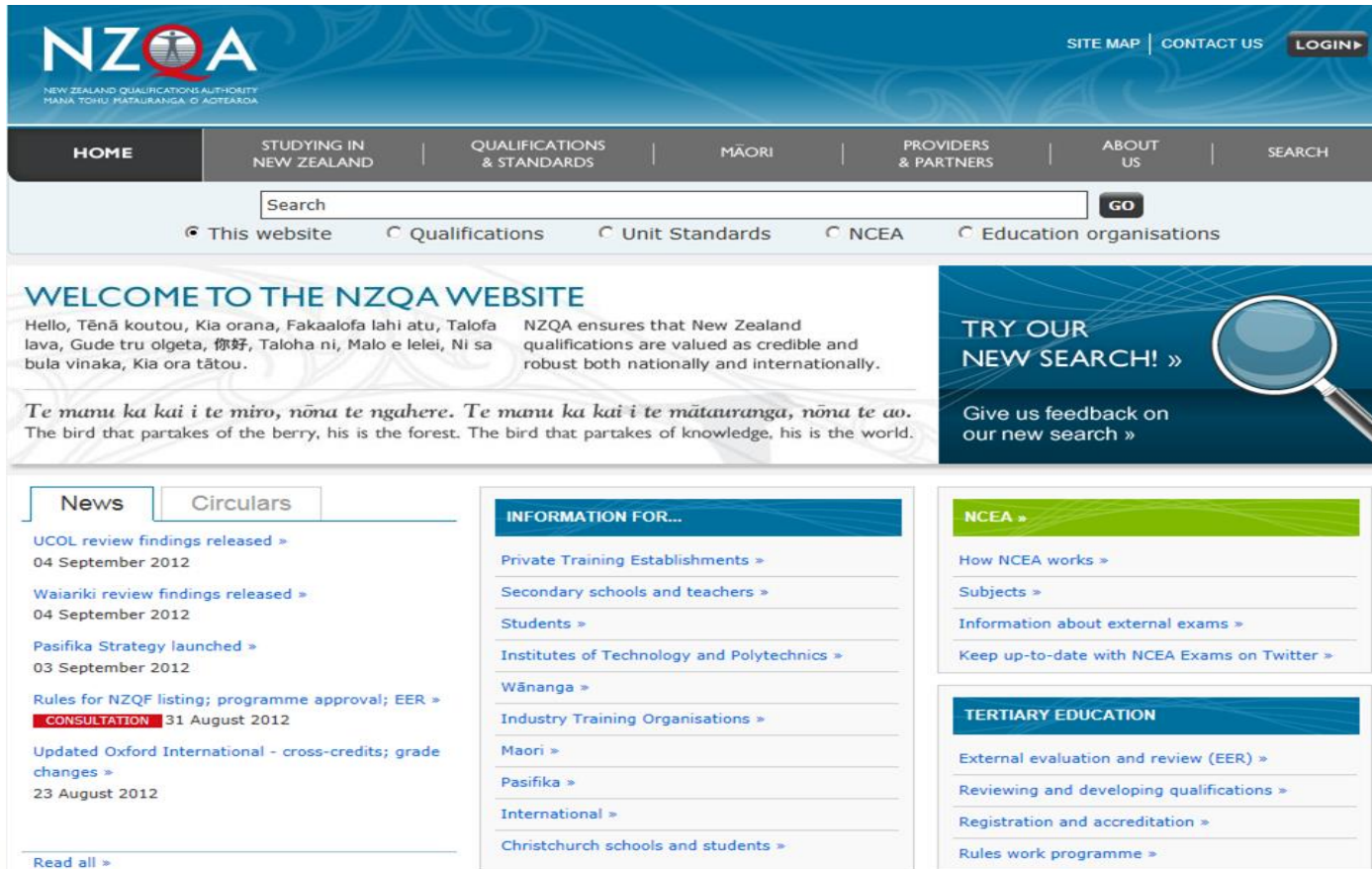
# How Parents/Caregivers can help

- Help students maintain regular attendance and homework and assignment completion
- Assessment timetable & time management
- Monitor progress- talk with students about their learning and assessments. Ask them to show you what they are doing and explain it to you
- Regularly ask about their results and check portal
- Encourage them to register for Learner Login
- Regular encouragement
- NCEA apps for parents and students can be downloaded from app stores, for tracking & goals.



# Where can I find out more?

www.nzqa.govt.nz



The screenshot shows the NZQA website homepage. At the top is the NZQA logo with the text 'NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY' and 'MANA TOHU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA'. Navigation links include 'HOME', 'STUDYING IN NEW ZEALAND', 'QUALIFICATIONS & STANDARDS', 'MĀORI', 'PROVIDERS & PARTNERS', 'ABOUT US', and 'SEARCH'. A search bar is present with a 'GO' button. Below the search bar are filters for 'This website', 'Qualifications', 'Unit Standards', 'NCEA', and 'Education organisations'. The main content area features a 'WELCOME TO THE NZQA WEBSITE' section with a greeting in English and Māori, and a quote: 'Te manu ka kai i te miro, nōna te ngahere. Te manu ka kai i te mātauranga, nōna te ao. The bird that partakes of the berry, his is the forest. The bird that partakes of knowledge, his is the world.' To the right is a 'TRY OUR NEW SEARCH!' banner with a magnifying glass icon and a link to 'Give us feedback on our new search'. Below this are three columns of content: 'News' and 'Circulars' tabs with a list of recent news items; an 'INFORMATION FOR...' section with links for various groups like Private Training Establishments, Secondary schools, Students, etc.; and an 'NCEA' section with links for 'How NCEA works', 'Subjects', and 'Information about external exams'. A 'TERTIARY EDUCATION' section is also visible at the bottom right.

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# Course Planning

- 6 courses in Year 12 but 5 courses at Year 13
- Each course is comprised of achievement standards (usually 5 or 6, although this can vary – around 20-24 credits per course)
- Approximately 3 of the standards in each course will be externally assessed (examination in November or by way of portfolio) and the remainder will be internally assessed
- Mode in internal assessment will vary e.g. assignment, assessment in class over several days, practical task, oral presentation



# Subject Selections Online

- Subjects will be selected online through the portal
- You will have received an email with instructions (these are also on the Year groups google classroom)
- Subject choices can be made between Monday 14 August and Friday 1 September



# Pre-Requisites

- These are entry requirements for courses at year 12 and 13.
- Check the course information online carefully.
- You may not be able to select subjects if you have not taken them previously.





# Thinking Ahead

- How do I know if I have chosen the right subjects?
- There are no right or wrong subjects individually but which subjects will work together towards a goal is an important consideration
- Play to your strengths. Keep your options open if unsure.



# Goal Setting

- Academic - 50 credits at Merit or Excellence for a level endorsement.
- Future - Be aware of pre-requisites for specific school and university courses.



# Further study

- At Year 13 you can still keep several options for further study open.
- UE gives you entrance to university but not necessarily to all courses
- Some university courses have subject requirements from school - check these carefully on the university web sites or in the brochures



- Auckland University has an English Language Requirement which is different to UE Literacy
- Some university courses use a Rank Score - based on your top 80 credits

Excellence credits = 4

Merit credits = 3

Achieved credits = 2



# Beyond School

- University might not be for you.
- Talk to careers about other possible options and career paths.
- Do make sure you have met minimum requirements you may need for a course or job entry. Level 1 Literacy & numeracy or attaining Level 2 in future years



# End of Year Examinations

- Week 8 and 9 of this term.
- Are important preparation.
- Study.
- Refine your examination technique.
- Know the examination timetable.
- They could be used for derived grades.



# Subject Counselling

- You will have individual subject counselling with your Deans following examinations.
- Changes of mind can be made at this point, but not after 30 November.



# Need any help?

- Read the course information on the portal where you make selections
- Talk with your subject teacher
- Go to the Careers Department
- If you cannot access the portal from home, use a computer at school (Library or Careers department)





# Assessment Opportunities

- For most standards there will be only **one** assessment opportunity for each internally assessed standard
- In some cases (where appropriate), students may be allowed to resubmit a small part of their assessment where there is a small error that they can fix without help
- Best advice – Be prepared for your assessment



# Westlake GHS NQF Policy

- All students involved in NQF assessment will receive a “general information sheet” which includes school policy on assessment, further assessment opportunities, authenticity of student work, appeals, rescheduling of assessments, extensions to assignments, misconduct etc at the beginning of each year.



# Westlake GHS NQF Policy

- Please read this document when you receive it and ensure that you are aware of procedures to follow when your daughter misses an assessment due to illness etc.
- In many cases a medical certificate may be required
- Students who take holidays during term time will not be able to have assessments rescheduled



# NZQA Examination Fees

- Every year you sit NCEA **externals**, you must pay NZQA fees.
- Ensure that you have paid your NZQA fees to the payments office or the school website (\$76.70) so that we can pass this payment onto NZQA. Extra international fees.
- Otherwise late fee payments (\$76.70 + \$50) must be made directly to NZQA after early September



# Don't Panic!

- Your course selection at Year 11 should still be broad. It will not define you for life. Aim at a well balanced education.
- NCEA allows flexibility, focus on gaining good overall results and building your skills.
- You have until Friday 1 September to make your selections.



# Detailed information

Course choices - The portal has good information to read prior to making a choice.

More details - The school website contains links to other websites:

[www.westlakegirls.school.nz](http://www.westlakegirls.school.nz)

under the tab curriculum/NCEA.