

Kia ora koutou

Dear Parents and Whānau

It was great to welcome back most of our students yesterday.

## NCEA Credits

We have received an update from NZQA on qualifications. The Government has decided that students disrupted by 16 days of COVID-19 lockdown this year will be eligible to receive Learning Recognition Credits (LCRs) at a rate of 1 LCR per 5 credits achieved through assessments this year, up to a cap of LRCs at NCEA Level 1 and 6 LRCs at Levels 2 and 3. The thresholds for being awarded endorsements and University Entrance will remain at their normal levels. Students will also benefit by the two week delay to end of year examinations.

For students impacted by the Auckland lockdown, additional concessions have been made. If needed, we will apply to NZQA for the full concessions offered.

- students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to 10 additional credits
- students at NCEA Levels 2 or 3 are eligible for up to eight additional credits.
- for Certificate Endorsements, a threshold of 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50
- for Course Endorsements, 12 credits at Achieved or Merit or Excellence level in a course rather than 14, but at least three credits must come from external assessment and three from internal assessment (where these requirements usually apply).
- to be awarded University Entrance, students need 12 rather than 14 credits in each of three University Entrance Approved Subjects
- students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements.

We are encouraging all students to keep striving for the best qualification they can achieve, regardless of the LCRs available, as the learning often sets the students up for the next step.

## Senior Reports

Senior reports were distributed this afternoon to all students who are currently attending. We will post out reports to those in the Auckland area. Reports will also be posted on the parent portal early next week. Any queries or concerns about reports, please direct to the Dean.

## Attendance

From the Ministry: At Alert Level 2, all children and young people can go to school. The only exceptions are those who are sick or have any COVID-19 symptoms, are in self-isolation, those who have been asked to stay at home by health authorities while awaiting the result of a test, and those who choose to remain at home because they are at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are not fully vaccinated. Those students need to be engaging in learning from home. We will continue to provide work on Google Classroom and via hard copies if this is needed.

## 2020 School Magazine

We apologise for the delay in the availability of last year's school magazine. As we no longer ask for school donations, which used to cover the cost of a magazine, there will be a charge of \$10. Students will be asked in River Time if they would like a copy and the cost will be charged to the student's account. We will stress to students that they must have asked permission from their parents before signing for a school magazine. For any feedback or queries, please contact Carolyn Purcell [exec@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:exec@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## Key Dates

Wednesday 22 September      Hauraki Rowing AGM (6pm Centennial Centre)  
Friday 1 October                End of Term 3

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