

Future Focused Learning

For most students at Ormiston Senior College NCEA Level 1 is not a qualification they will be aiming for. When they arrive at the start of Year 11 they begin a two year pathway to NCEA Level 2.

What credits will they be aiming for in Year 11?

- Year 11 students at Ormiston Senior College will aim to get 20 NCEA Level 1 Numeracy and Literacy credits and a small number of extra credits ideally at a Level 2 standard. Students will not be aiming for the 80 credits needed to attain NCEA Level 1. If students have gained Level 2 standards in their first year at Ormiston these will be carried over to the following year which means they will have fewer credits to gain in Year 12.

How the Year 11 year will look?

- All Year 11 students will do a full year of English and Maths, and 8 other subjects split into two semesters. Within each semester course students may be offered one NCEA assessment.
- Time will be provided for in depth learning and choice of subjects will enable students to follow an interest or passion. They may also be able to work across their courses on a project thus connecting their learning.

Rationale for shifting away from NCEA Level 1:

- New Zealand is one of the only countries in the world to have three years of national assessment. Years 11 - 13 is crowded out by assessment. Continual measurement does not leave enough time for in depth learning.
- The present government has completed a review of NCEA and has indicated that one of their changes is for NCEA Level 1 to be optional. We have taken up this option.
- The continual stress of over-assessment is having an effect on the mental health of our teenagers.
- We want to provide time and opportunities to develop the skills employers are looking for in the 21st century workplace - resilience, collaboration, creativity, problem solving and caring.
- We want to provide time for students to be able to follow their passions and interests at school.

PLANNING SHEET

Please complete this sheet and bring it with you to the course selection morning. Refer to student.ormiston.school.nz for current courses.

My future interests include

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To achieve this, I would like to choose the following subjects for 2023:

For Year 11 Students

Apart from Maths and English, you can choose a further EIGHT courses which can include up to 4 Sciences. The order of which your course will end up in will be determined by our timetabling team based on staffing and numbers and not necessarily by the order you enter it here.

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Due to subject availability please select a further 2 subjects.

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For Year 12 Students

Please select 6 subjects.

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For Year 13 Students

Please select 5 subjects.

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