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Dear Parents and Caregivers

### **Further changes to NCEA for students in Auckland**

The government has made additional changes to NCEA for students in Auckland, to recognise the days lost during the recent Alert Level 3 lockdown. These changes will ensure your child ensure has a fairer opportunity to achieve NCEA this year.

### **Extra Learning Recognition credits**

Learning Recognition (LR) credits were introduced this year to recognise the classroom time lost during the nationwide lockdown earlier this year. Extra LR credits are now available to students in Auckland because of the additional COVID disruption in August.

### **Changes to earning rate and LR credit maximums**

<b>NCEA Level</b>	<b>LR credit maximum</b>	<b>LR credit earning rate</b>	<b>Total number of credits required from assessment</b>
L1	Up to 16 LR credits	1 for 4 credits achieved	64
L2	Up to 12 LR credits	1 for 4 credits achieved	68 (48 + 20 from another level)
L3	Up to 12 LR credits	1 for 4 credits achieved	68 (48 + 20 from level 2 or higher)

These changes apply to all the credits you achieve in 2020, including credits earned before the recent lockdown, and cover internal assessment, exams and portfolios.

### **Changes to certificate endorsements**

Instead of 46 credits, you will now need 44 credits to earn Merit or Excellence Certificate Endorsements.

### **Preparing students for success**

If another COVID-19 disruption prevents your child from sitting end-of-year external examinations, there are steps in place to ensure they can still receive a grade. Staff have been gathering assessment evidence from the course work your child has been doing that shows whether they have met the requirements of the standard.

Changes to University Entrance (UE) were announced in June, meaning students need to achieve 12 credits, rather than 14 credits, in each of 3 University Entrance Approved Subjects. There are no extra changes to UE, but universities and other tertiary education providers are also taking the unique circumstances of 2020 into account in their discretionary entry requirements for 2021.

The school is pleased that the government has further recognised the stress and anxiety experienced by students, particularly in Auckland and welcome this news.

Yours faithfully

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