



Sacred Heart Girls' College
Manawa Tapu

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Tēnā koe

It has been wonderful to observe our students settle back into school so well. Daily, I am seeing students building on the success of Ako@Home and our community putting well-being first.

To support students in completing the NCEA qualification and University Entrance, the following changes are being made to the requirements for this year only:

- Students working towards an NCEA can gain additional credits, based on the number of credits they achieve during the 2020 school year. For every 5 credits a student achieves towards their NCEA through internal or external assessment, they can be awarded an additional 1 credit. Students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of 10 additional credits while those at Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of 8 additional credits. These will be known as Learning Recognition (LR) credits.
- Students will be awarded a certificate endorsement if they achieve 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50. Students achieving 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course – rather than 14 – will be awarded a course endorsement.
- Current UE requirements have been reduced to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects, from 14 credits in three approved subjects. Students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet the literacy and numeracy requirement to be awarded University Entrance.

Please note [external examinations](#) will begin a week later in Term 4. If you have any queries about the changes, please contact me. You can chat with your daughters GEMS teacher in Term 3 regarding this change at the Pathways interview.

Ngā mihi

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