

NCEA 2019

(National Certificate of Educational Achievement)

Is the main qualification for secondary school students in New Zealand





What is NCEA?

- **National qualifications** that replaced School Certificate, Sixth Form Certificate and Bursary in 2002.
- **Standards based** qualifications that measure performance against pre-set standards.
- **National Qualifications Framework (NQF)** is available at Level 1 (Year 11), Level 2 (Year 12), Level 3 (Year 13).
- **NCEA** is for all students whatever their pathway: university, tertiary study, apprenticeship or learning practical skills for a job after leaving school.



How is NCEA assessed?

- Courses are assessed in separate parts called **standards**. Standards are a summary of the **knowledge, understanding and skills that students must demonstrate**.
- **Internal assessments** are carried out throughout the year and are assessed by teachers.
- **External assessments** are carried out through national examinations or by a portfolio submission at the end of the year.
- **Achievement Standards** can be assessed by internal and external assessment based on the New Zealand Curriculum.
- **Unit Standards** are assessed internally and usually assess vocationally based skills and knowledge.
- **Each standard is worth credits** usually between 3 and 6. Credits are gathered to achieve a **qualification at NCEA Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3**.



How to gain NCEA?

- For Level 1 (Year 11) completion - **80 credits** including:
 - **10 Literacy credits** (reading and writing) in English or Te Reo Maori
 - **10 Numeracy credits**
- For Level 2 (Year 12) completion - **80 credits** including:
 - **60 credits** at Level 2
- For Level 3 (Year 13) completion – **80 credits** including:
 - **60 credits** at Level 3 and up to **20 credits** from Level 2
- Note that these totals are the minimum number of credits required to complete each level.



How do standards combine in a course?

- Courses may combine **internally assessed standards** (done at school) and **externally assessed standards** (examined at the end of year NZQA exams).
- Courses may combine **Unit Standards** or **Achievement Standards**.
- Each course will typically offer a total of **18 to 24**.



Unit Standards and Achievement Standards

- **Unit Standards** are all internally assessed and usually have only two possible levels of achievement:
 - **Achieved** (Pass); or
 - **Not Achieved** (Fail)
 - These are being removed by NZQA but will stay in industry based programmes:
- **Achievement Standards** can be internally or externally assessed and have four possible levels of achievement:
 - **Excellence** ↑ (Two steps above Achieved)
 - **Merit** ↑ (One step above Achieved)
 - **Achieved** ↑
 - **Not Achieved**



What are NCEA Endorsements?

- These reward students who achieve with **Merit** and **Excellence**.
- **Certificate Endorsement**
 - Endorsement with **Merit** requires **50 credits** at Merit or Excellence at the same level or higher in a Level.
 - Endorsement with **Excellence** requires **50 credits** at Excellence at the same level or higher in a Level.
- **Course Endorsement**
 - Individual course endorsements are awarded to students that get 14 credits or more at Merit or Excellence level for a single course in a single year.



How will students get NZ University Entrance (UE) from NCEA in 2019?

- **Level 1 (Numeracy):** 10 Level 1 (or above) Maths credits
plus
- **Level 2 (Literacy):** 5 Level 2 or Level 3 Reading credits
5 Level 2 or Level 3 Writing credits
plus
- **Level 3:** 14 Level 3 credits in three approved courses (minimum of 42 credits) and must have gained the NCEA Level 3 qualification ie 60 credits.
- It should be noted that UE is the minimum requirement for entry to degree programmes. Most university courses require a higher standard for entry.
- Eg. Auckland University's entry requirements:
 - UE plus 17 NCEA Level 2 or 3 English credits



What are 'approved' courses for UE for 2019?

- **Approved Courses:**

Biology	Business Studies	Calculus
Chemistry	Dance	DVC
Drama	English	French*
Geography	History	Japanese*
Media Studies*	Music Studies	Painting
Physical Education	Physics	Statistics
Technology (Fabric)	Te Reo Maori	

- * Subjects are by eLearning
- Note: Maths is **not compulsory** in Level 2 or Level 3
English is **highly recommended** in Level 2
English is **not compulsory** in Level 3
BUT Numeracy and Literacy credits are essential for UE



Rank Scores

- To gain entry to courses at Auckland University they calculate Rank Scores eg:
 - Bachelor of Arts requires 150 points
 - Bachelor of Science (Bio Med) requires 280 points
- To calculate an NCEA rank score:
 - Based on the student's best 80 credits in UE achieved over a maximum of 5 courses.
 - Approved courses at Level 3 (or higher), and weighted by the level of achievement.
- The scores awarded are:
 - 4 points for Excellence
 - 3 points for Merit
 - 2 points for Achieved
- The maximum possible score is 320.
- A maximum of 24 credits in each courses may be counted.



New Zealand Scholarship

- Prestigious awards for the most able and designed to satisfy their intellectual needs – a special feature of New Zealand education for NCEA candidates.
- Financial awards (ranging from \$500 per single course payment to \$10,000 each year for three years for Premier Scholars).
- Taken as additional examinations alongside NCEA or in November.
- Preparation and enrichment in Scholarship tutorial groups throughout the year.



How can you track your child's NCEA performance?

- Reports.
- Fees invoice and results sheet with progress sent out each month starting at the end of Term 1.
- Kamar Parental Portal – online updates.
- Student NZQA log-on with updates from April onwards.
- Result notice from NZQA in January.



Supporting NCEA Outcomes

- Please visit the Glenfield College website <https://www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz/> to download the full electronic copy of the:

Student and Parent Assessment Procedures Manual for information on:

- Extensions
- Further assessments
- Appeals
- Withdrawals
- Special assessment conditions
- Derived grades



Other things to consider.

- **Student responsibility for learning** is critical for NCEA success.
- **Pathways and targets** should be identified and followed (course entry to the next Level or access to employment).
- **Individual strengths and preferences** need consideration (eg. External vs. Internal standards, collecting Unit Standards or Achievement Standards; Vocational vs. Academic; Scholarship preparation).
- **Numeracy and Literacy** proficiency is essential.
- **Quality over quantity** (eg. University of Auckland rank score points).



NZQA Fees

- **Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 students** must pay the NZQA administration fee to have their credits registered by NZQA. This is not just a fee for external examinations.
- **Financial Assistance** information and application forms are available from the Student Centre and must be completed and returned before 9 August 2019.
- **Payments by Installments** – If you need to spread the costs, you can start an automatic payment earlier in the year to cover the NZQA fees.
- **NZQA fees** must be paid no later than 9 August 2019.

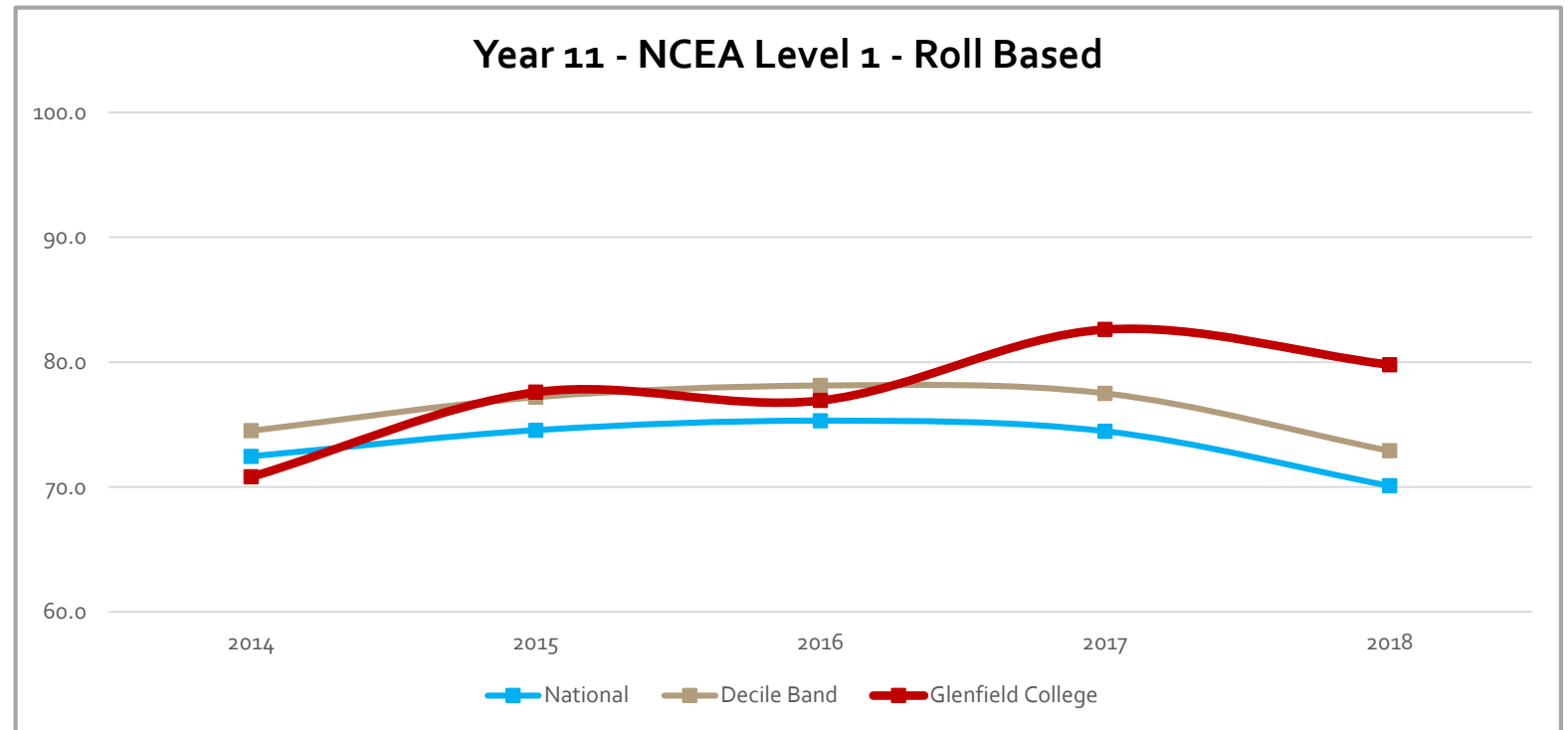


National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Fee

- Entry: Free
- Entry for all NQF standards: \$76.70 per candidate
- All Scholarship entries: \$30.00 per course
- Financial Assistance:
 - Eligible for beneficiary or income based assistance \$20.00 (1 child)
\$30.00 (2 or more children per family)
 - Not eligible for beneficiary or income based assistance Full fees
\$100.00 per child, a maximum of \$200.00 per family (family based assistance)
- Foreign Fee Payers' fee structure:
 - Entry for all NQF standards \$383.30 per candidate
 - All Scholarship entries \$102.20 per course

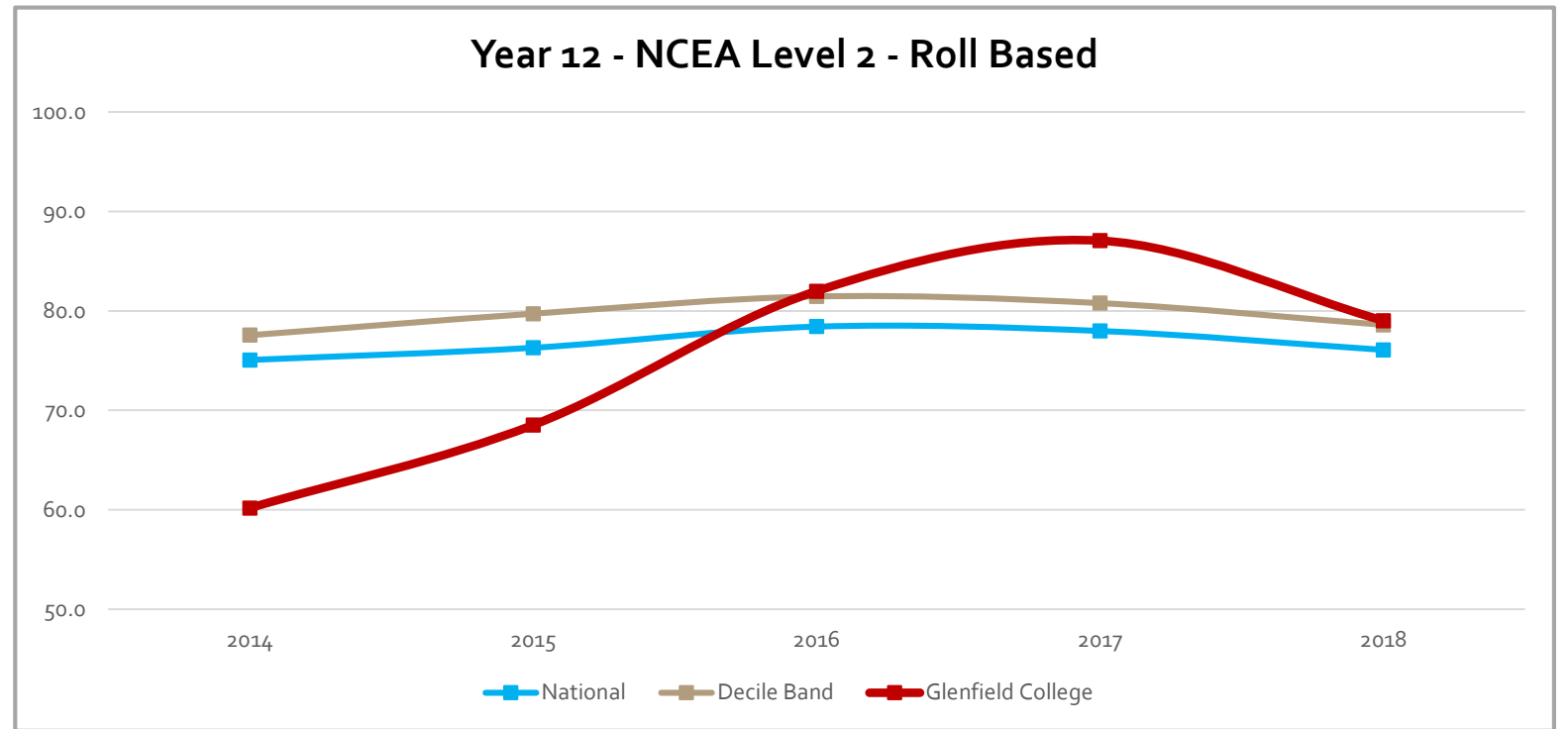


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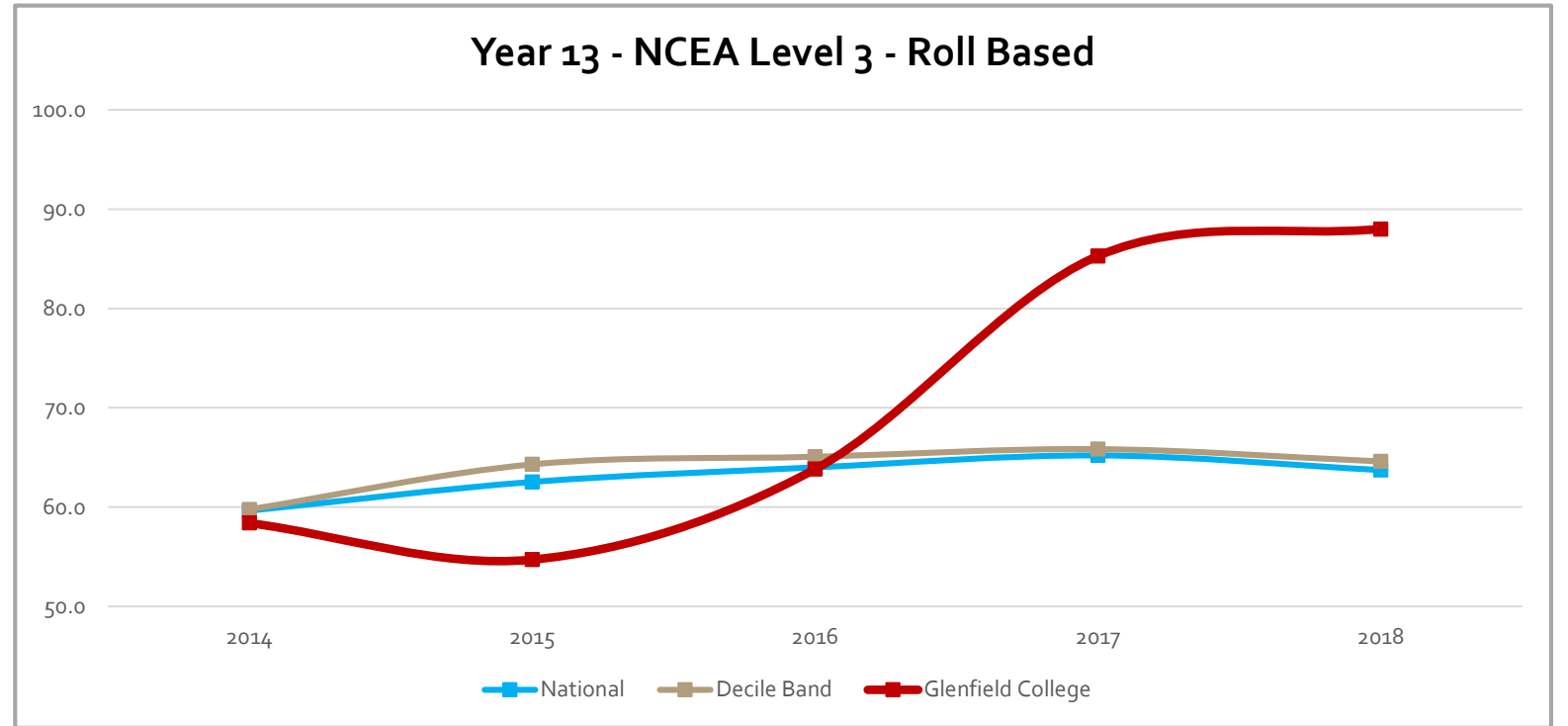


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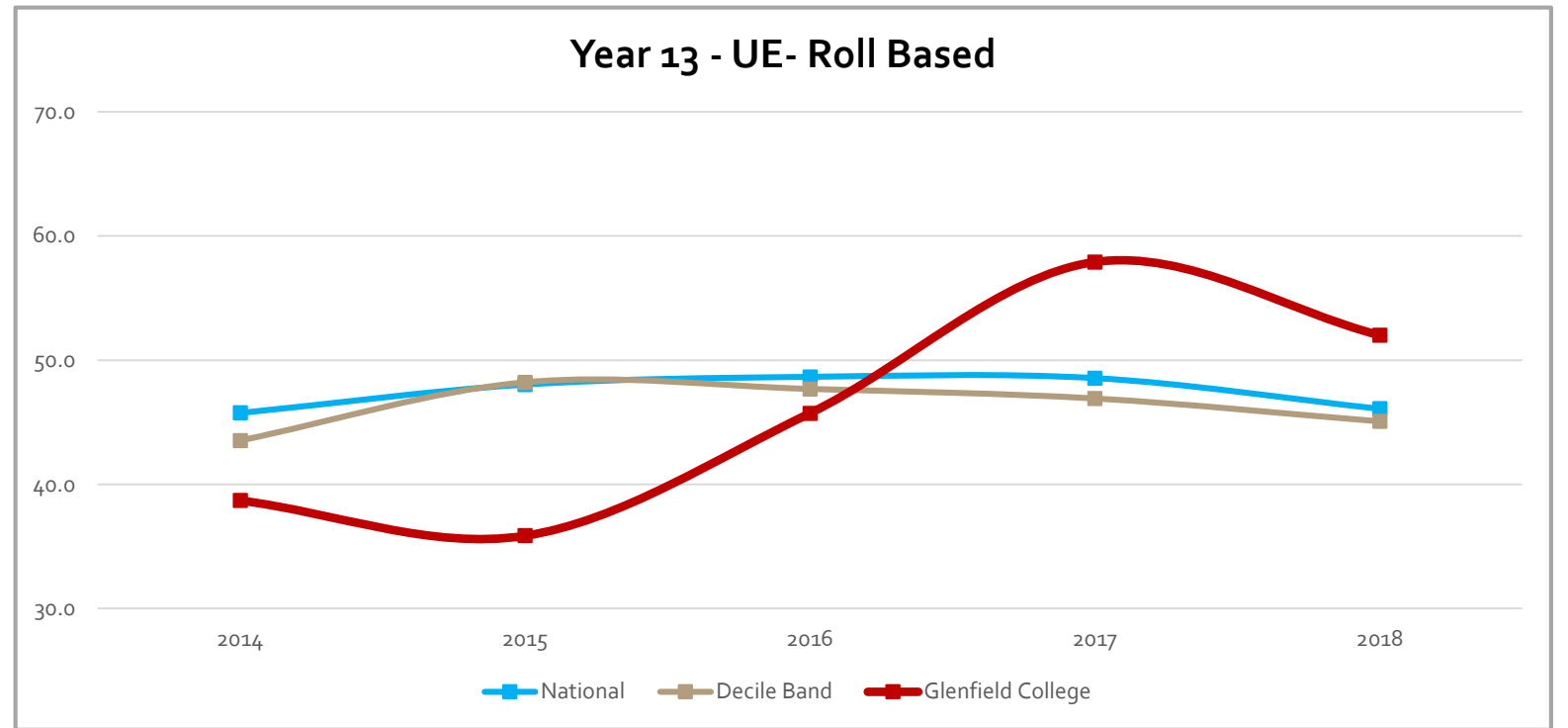


Level 3





University Entrance





Further NCEA Information

- Please collect a booklet on your way out. They are available in several languages.
- Please visit the Glenfield College website:
<https://www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz/>
- Please visit the NZQA website:
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/>
- There is also a free Phone App that is a use full quick reference:



- Thank you for coming. The Senior Leadership Team will be available if you have any questions.