



2027

LEVEL 1

SUBJECT SELECTION BOOKLET

SUBJECTS



- Students study 6 subjects.
- English and Mathematics are compulsory. Science is **highly recommended**.
- **All** subjects contribute towards gaining the GCFC.

ASSESSMENTS & EXAMS



- Students will be assessed via internal and external assessments.
- External assessments might be in the form of a timed examination or a portfolio submission.
- Assessments are in the following forms:
 - NCEA Unit Standard
 - NCEA Achievement Standard
 - GCFC Achievement or Unit Standard
- Unit Standards have Not Achieved or Achieved grades
- Achievement Standards have grades of Not Achieved, Achieved, Merit and Excellence.

CREDITS



- Assessments delivered in subjects are awarded 'credits'. Each assessment will have a credit value that is reflective of the teaching and learning time and evidence expectation. In Level 1, the most common credit value for an assessment is 5.
- Credits are accumulated throughout the year (internals) or via end of year exams or externally submitted portfolios (externals).

OBTAINMENT & ENDORSEMENTS



- Learners require 60 credits (NCEA or GCFC) to gain the GCFC.
- The GCFC will acknowledge if this has been obtained with or without the Literacy and Numeracy Corequisites.
- 50+ credits at Merit or Excellence, as well as the Literacy and Numeracy Corequisites, will indicate that a student has attained the GCFC with endorsement.

NCEA

LITERACY & NUMERACY CO-REQUISITES

A priority for all Year 11 students is to gain their NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Co-Requisites. The Co-Requisites only need to be achieved once, at any year level.

Several students will have gained part, or all, of the Co-Requisite requirements prior to starting Year 11. But for many, they will need to work towards passing all three exams that happen twice a year. Students who are unsuccessful in Year 11 will need to attempt again in Year 12.

If a student gains any of the Co-Requisite requirements prior to Year 11, this still contributes towards their foundational certificate



To gain the Literacy requirements of Level 1, students must gain 5 Reading credits and 5 Writing credits.

These credits most commonly come from the Reading and Writing Co-Requisite exams that happen twice a year.

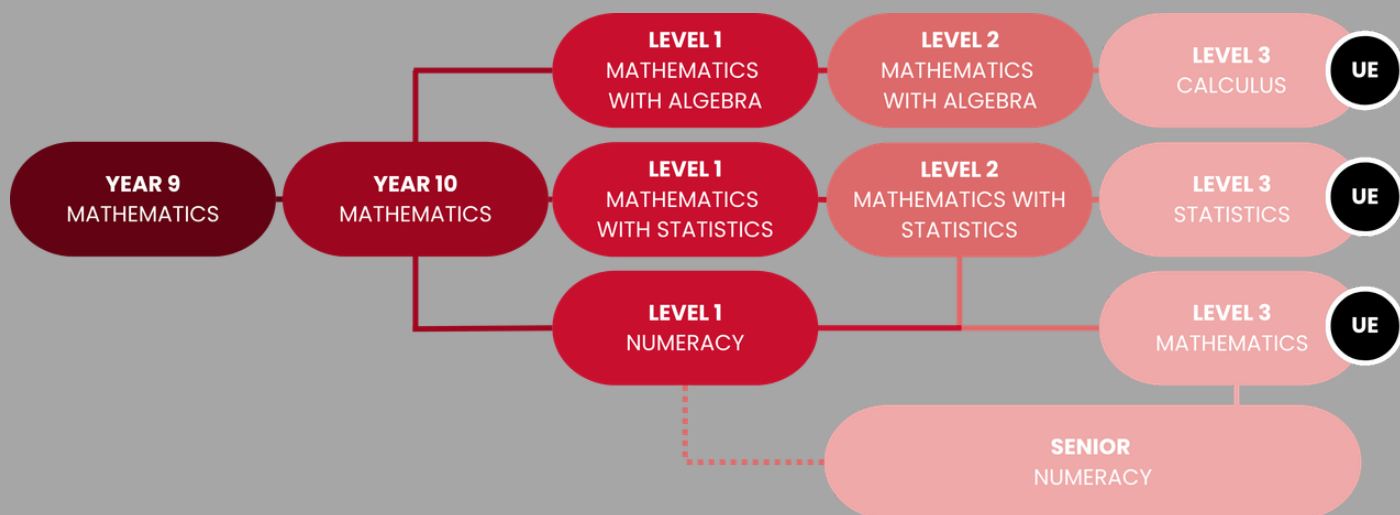
They might also come from literacy rich assessments in some subjects.

To gain the Numeracy requirements of Level 1, students must gain 10 Numeracy credits.

These credits most commonly come from the Numeracy Co-Requisite exam that happens twice a year.

They might also come from achieving two 5 credit assessments in any Mathematics course.

Note: It is compulsory to achieve the Co-Requisite requirements to be awarded any level of NCEA in the future.



MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICS WITH ALGEBRA

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Level 1 Mathematics with Algebra builds directly upon the foundations established in Years 9 and 10 while introducing advanced algebraic and geometric concepts. This course places a strong emphasis on abstract problem-solving and applying theoretical skills to real-world scenarios. It is specifically designed to prepare you for senior pathways, such as Calculus, that heavily rely on algebraic fluency while continuing to develop core statistical capabilities.
- Equipment: A scientific calculator is a compulsory tool required for daily learning and all assessments throughout the year.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Successful completion of this course guarantees advancement into senior mathematics courses. It unlocks entry into both Level 2 Mathematics with Algebra (Calculus Pathway) and Level 2 Mathematics with Statistics.

INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

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MATHEMATICS WITH STATISTICS

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Level 1 Mathematics with Statistics builds upon the foundations established in Years 9 and 10 while introducing advanced mathematical concepts. This course places a strong emphasis on practical problem-solving, encouraging you to apply your skills and knowledge to real-world situations. It is specifically structured to prepare you for the demands of Level 2 Mathematics, with a particular focus on developing high-level statistical literacy.
- Equipment: A scientific calculator is a compulsory tool required for daily learning and all assessments throughout the year.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

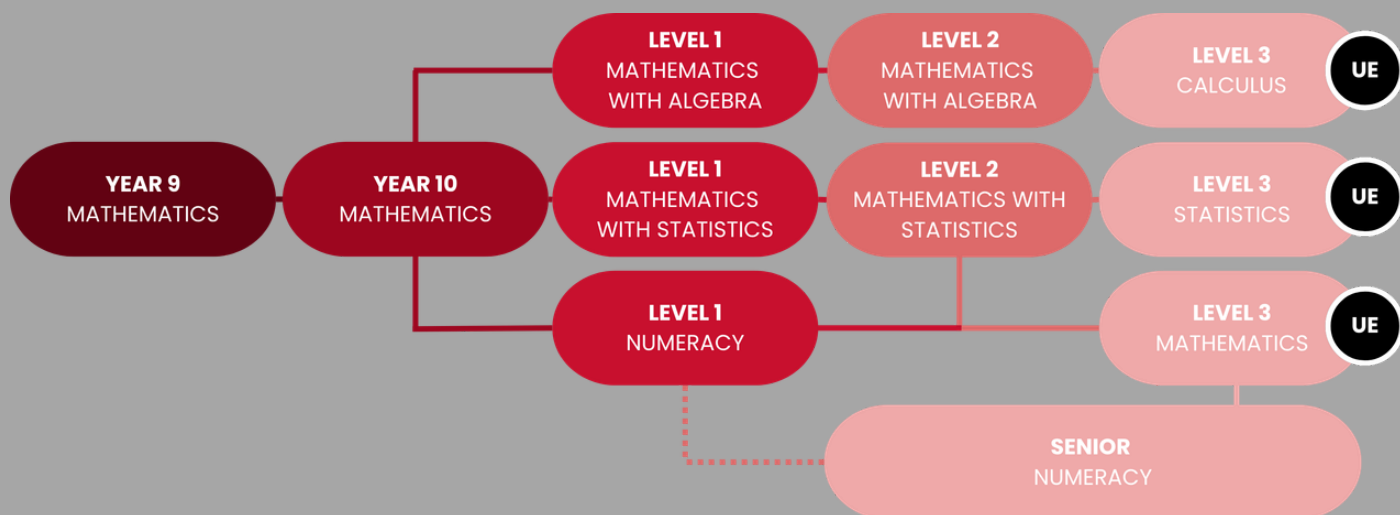
- Successful completion of this course is beneficial for advancement into Level 2 Mathematics with Statistics. It establishes the pipeline of knowledge required for senior data analysis and research methodologies.

INTERNAL

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NUMERACY

MATHEMATICS WITH NUMERACY

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- This course is specifically designed for students who have been identified as requiring targeted, additional support to achieve their compulsory Numeracy Co-Requisite. Attaining this Co-Requisite is an absolute requirement to gain any NCEA certificate.
- Please note that this is a directed placement course; students are placed into this course based on tracking data and teacher recommendations rather than self-selection.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Progress is closely monitored. Successful completion of the core numeracy milestones and any extension standards during this programme can open up a pathway into Level 2 Mathematics courses the following year.

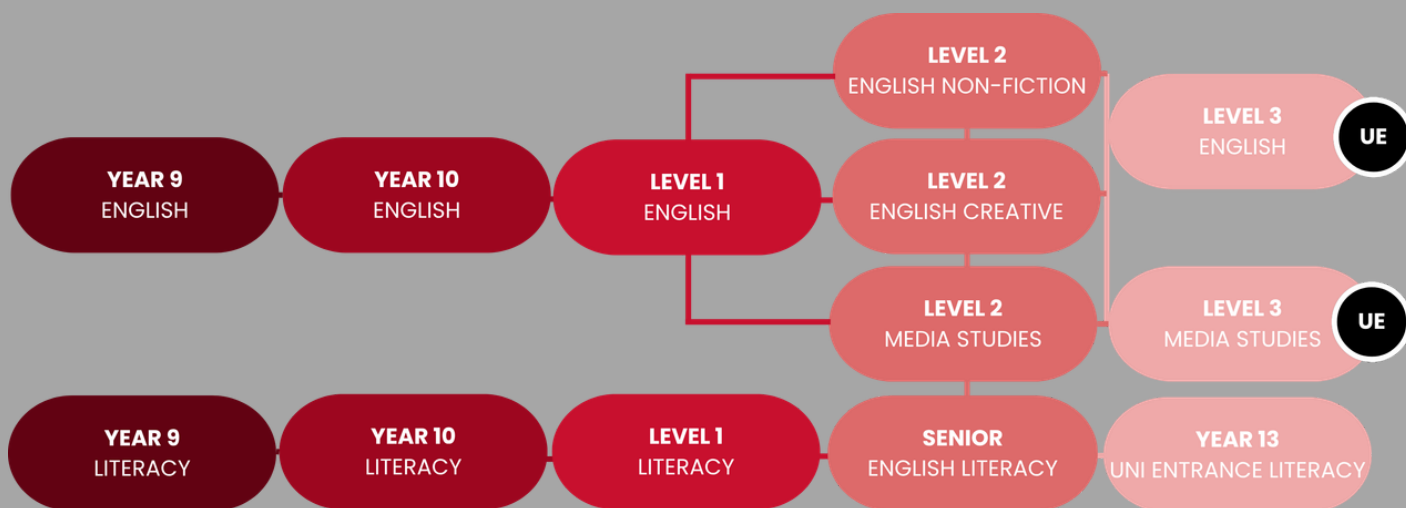
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*External credits are from the Co-Requisite Exam



ENGLISH

ENGLISH

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- The Level 1 English course develops critical thinking and reading and writing skills. It has been designed to set you up for higher levels of study so you will see success in Level 2 and 3 NCEA. Through the texts studied you will gain a deeper understanding of identity, human nature and the world around you. Central to this is the Glenfield Voices unit. In this course you will: write a personal essay in response to a text of your choice; analyse a novel and write a literary essay about it; develop creative writing skills; and examine how media can persuade and influence us.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- The strong focus in English on critical thinking, reading and developing written fluency makes the subject an excellent base for university study. English has a clear pathway into areas of media, communications (eg, journalism, politics, law and business) and the liberal arts (writing, film-making etc). It also proves useful in highly relational occupations such as teaching, counselling and social work. A recent study (June, 2026) by Forbes found a degree in English is the most flexible university qualification, as many English graduates have a skillset that cannot be replaced by A.I.

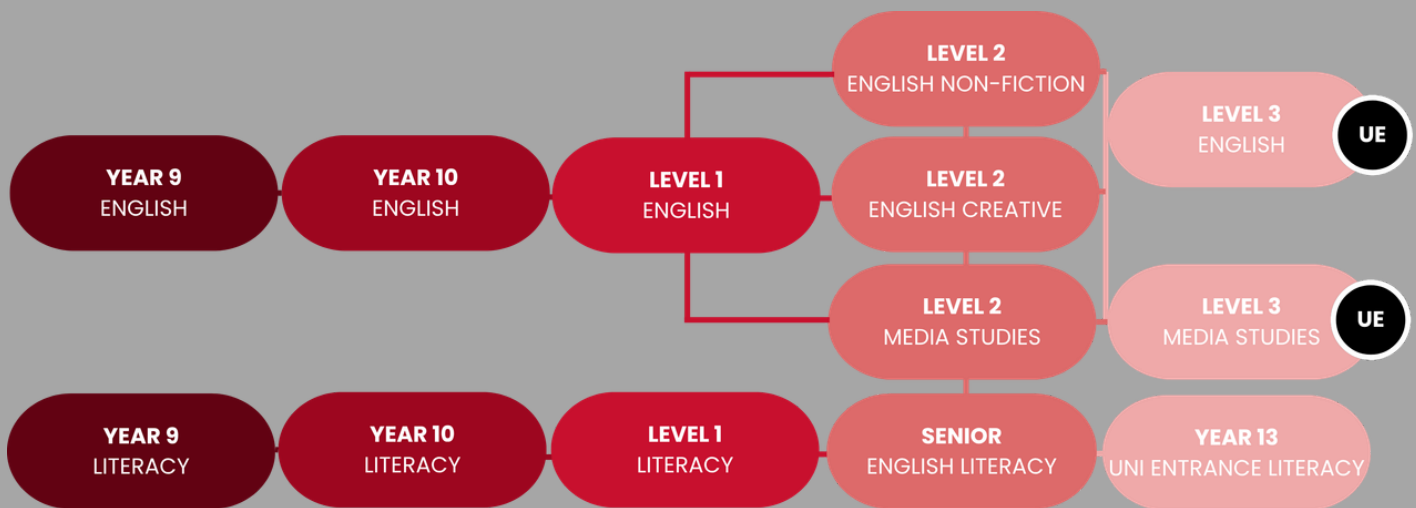
INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

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LITERACY

ENGLISH LITERACY

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- This course is for students who have demonstrated across Years 9 and 10 that they require additional literacy support to earn the Literacy Co-Requisites. Achieving this specific qualification is necessary for earning any NCEA certificate in future years. Students are placed in this course.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- This course is not designed to have a future pathway. However, if students do not gain the Literacy Co-Requisites, they will be placed in a Senior Literacy course the following year.

INTERNAL

EXTERNAL

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*External credits are from the Co-Requisite Exam

SENIOR EAP**
ENGLISH FOR
ACADEMIC PURPOSES

YEAR 9
SPANISH

YEAR 9
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

YEAR 10
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SENIOR INTERMEDIATE*
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SENIOR ELEMENTARY *
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SENIOR FOUNDATION*
FOUNDATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TRANSITION ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SHORT COURSE)
FOR NEW ARRIVALS WHO ARE NOT READY FOR A FULL TIMETABLE DUE TO ENGLISH ABILITY

*senior students are placed in an English Language course based on ability not year level

**senior course designed to support NCEA literacy requirements

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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L1

L2

FOUNDATION COURSE OVERVIEW

- This is a 30 week language course designed for students who have recently arrived in New Zealand. The aim is for you to establish basic English language skills and work towards using English language effectively. The course focus will be establishing essential reading, writing, speaking and listening skills so you can continue to learn from a solid foundation.

ELEMENTARY & INTERMEDIATE COURSE OVERVIEW

- These year-long courses are designed to help ESOL students to improve their English language skills. In these courses you will consolidate foundational literacy skills and also gain an understanding of being a citizen in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

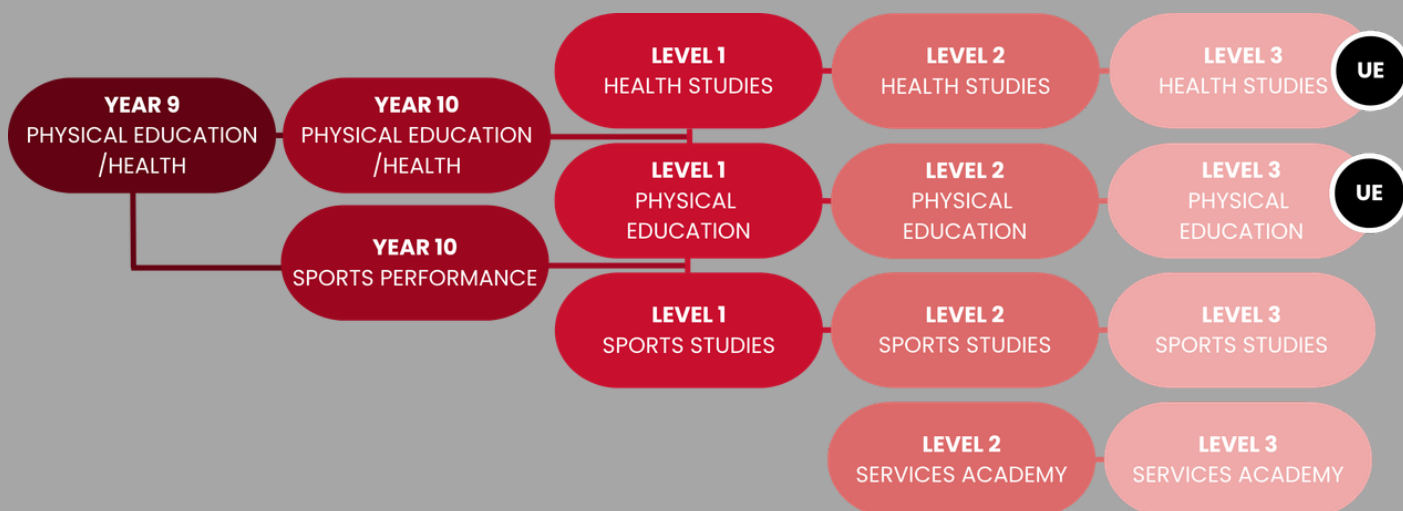
- English Language courses are designed to support ESOL student success in all classes.
- The programme begins at foundation and progresses to elementary, intermediate and then English for academic purposes.

INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

*assessments are offered by ability



PE & HEALTH

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Level 1 Physical Education is a university approved subject. It combines practical skills with theoretical components that help you understand how and why the body moves. Throughout the year, you will develop your physical performance, knowledge of biophysical principals, kotahitanga and understanding of sport and fitness principles. Success in this subject requires consistent effort, both practically and in the classroom.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- This subject provides an excellent stepping stone to Level 2 and Level 3 Physical Education. It also opens doors to a wide range of university and career pathways, including: sport and exercise science, physiotherapy, teaching, health promotion, coaching and fitness training. The knowledge, practical experiences and transferable skills developed throughout the subject will support success across a variety of future study and career opportunities as well.

INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

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SPORTS STUDIES

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L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Level 1 Sports Studies is a practical, hands-on Unit Standard subject. It combines physical participation with the theory needed to understand fitness, training, coaching and teamwork. The course focuses on active participation, leadership, communication and applying practical skills in real-world sporting contexts. To succeed in this subject you will need to bring energy, effort and a positive attitude. The more you put in, the more you will get out.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Level 1 Sports Studies provides the foundational knowledge required for further study in Level 2 and Level 3 Sports Studies. This subject is a valuable stepping stone into careers such as personal training, gym instruction, sport coaching, outdoor leadership and other roles in sport, fitness, recreation and youth development pathways.

INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

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HEALTH STUDIES

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Level 1 Health Studies is a university approved subject that combines critical thinking, real-world issues and reflective learning. You will investigate topics such as mental health, sexuality education, relationships, drug and alcohol issues, media portrayals and health promotion. To succeed in this subject you will need to be open to asking questions about the topics and embrace sharing your ideas.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

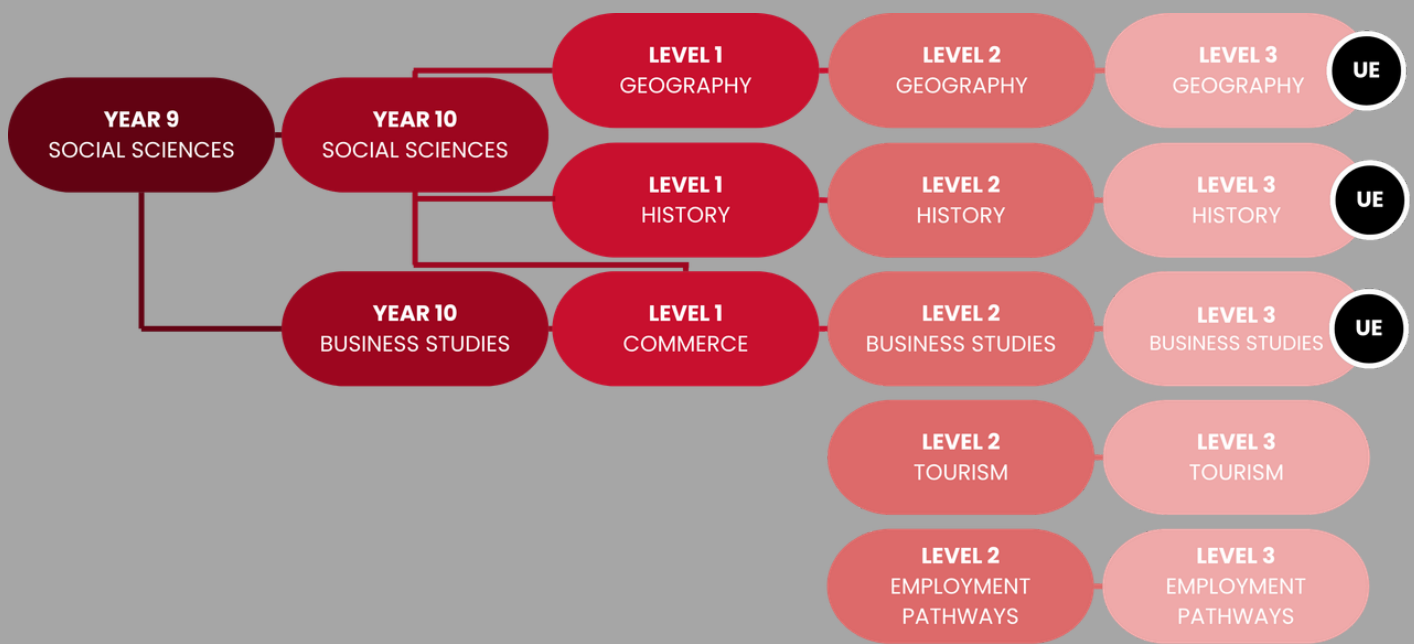
- This subject provides an excellent foundation of knowledge and skills that will be built on in Level 2 and Level 3 Health Studies. It also prepares you for further study at university in a wide range of fields, including: health sciences, public health, nursing, social work, counselling, psychology, health promotion, youth work and education, particularly Health and Physical Education teaching.

INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

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SOCIAL SCIENCES

GEOGRAPHY

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Geography aims to develop a range of practical and analytical skills through the study of the world around us. We focus on both the physical and human environments around us as well as the interaction between the two. In Level 1 Geography, you will look at topics such as extreme natural events, the natural processes of rivers, the formation of caves and dark tourism. A highlight of this course is the overnight trip to the Waitomo caves.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Level 2 Geography.

INTERNAL

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HISTORY

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- This course introduces the discipline of history and history skills. History is about more than just the past, it is about the choices people make, why change happens in societies and big ideas which have influenced the world.
- In Level 1 History, you will learn about the construction of the past by analysing examples of historic social injustice including: the American Civil Rights Movement, the Dawn Raids, 1975 Land March and the 1981 Springbok Tour.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Level 2 History.

INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

COMMERCE

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Level 1 Commerce is a foundational course that invites learners to explore accounting, economic and commercial concepts.
- You will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and values essential for navigating a real-world business environment.
- You will learn an economic language of models and concepts to support you to understand the economic world.
- This course explores the complex financial interdependence among whānau, communities and organisations, recognising the interconnectedness that shapes economic relationships and dynamics. You will develop the skills to make informed financial and non-financial decisions, foster sustainable resource utilisation and generate positive outcomes for stakeholders.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

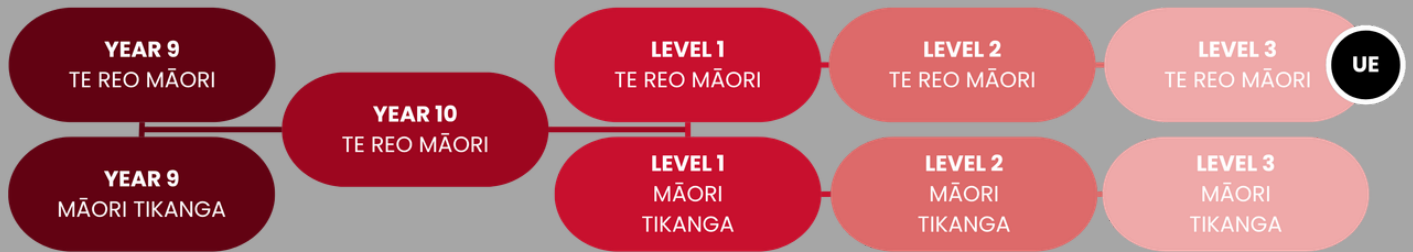
- Level 2 Business Studies.

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MĀORI STUDIES

TE REO MĀORI

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Level 1 Te Reo will test your learning from the Year 9 and 10 Te Reo courses. We will do listening, speaking, reading and writing assessments to cover a holistic approach to literacy in Te Reo Māori. Your understanding of Te Reo structure will be paramount in passing Level 1 Te Reo Māori.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- This course leads to careers in the following sectors:
 - Education: bilingual teaching, curriculum development or educational leadership.
 - Public Sector: policy analysis, iwi liaison and community health or Whānau Ora services.
 - Private Sector: Te Reo treaty alignment, Te Reo course facilitator, cultural consultation or advocate, iwi representation.
 - Media & Arts: journalism, broadcasting, cultural advising or arts administration.

INTERNAL

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COURSE OVERVIEW

- Tikanga Māori is an immersive, hands-on journey into Te Ao Māori where you will live, practice and carry Māori culture forward through interactive experiences, creative arts and real-world trips. The only way to learn the story is to walk the land, swim the waters and climb the mountain. You will run both the Marae and Wharekai for the school, hosting different groups from the community and beyond. You will participate in practical workshops and projects, cook traditional meals and create authentic works. Multiple field trips will take you into diverse community spaces and marae to put your knowledge into practice.
- You will building lifelong cultural confidence. Stand tall in Te Ao Māori. Join us.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- A foundation in Tikanga Maori will provide a grounding to any space here in Aotearoa. To understand the land you walk on and its histories, to be culturally competent in the many spaces of Te Ao Maori and walk confidently is a treasure.

INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

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I should keep my subjects
broad if I am unsure what I
want to do in the future





TECHNOLOGIES

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Level 1 Digital Technologies transitions you from a consumer of technology into a designer, web creator and software developer.
- Throughout the year, you will complete three hands-on projects. You will learn the full digital creation process: designing intuitive user interfaces, coding functional websites and using the programming language C to create your own visual novel.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Digital skills are a modern superpower and will open doors to virtually every industry, from medical technology and environmental conservation, to creative arts, fashion, business and game development. Learning digital technology isn't about boring office work, it is about making things people actually use everyday. From interface designers who make apps like TikTok and Spotify, to web developers bringing cool site layouts to life and coding interactive stories and game engines. Digital Technologies lets you turn your creativity into reality.

INTERNAL

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DESIGN & VISUAL COMMUNICATION (DVC)

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- In Level 1 Design and Visual Communication (DVC), you will create portfolios of work that utilise a range of skills used by real-life designers.
- You will learn design sketching, rendering and computer software to complete designs for a waharoa: a Māori gateway that is an entrance to a sacred space and outdoor seating that compliments the waharoa. You will then produce a poster that presents your best design using CAD software.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- This course equips students with the knowledge and practical skills required to succeed in Level 2 and Level 3 Design and Visual Communication. Through the development of visual communication techniques, design thinking and problem-solving skills, students gain a strong foundation for senior study.
- Success in Level 1 DVC also opens pathways into both Level 2 DVC and Level 2 Art Design, allowing students to choose a direction that best suits their interests and strengths.

INTERNAL

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HOSPITALITY

US

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- The Hospitality programme is designed by industry and education experts and links to a career pathway in cooking and culinary skills. You will learn the theory and practical skills to progress towards a job and to build a great career. The course is nationally recognised and industry endorsed.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- The course provides apprenticeship style training that helps you gain skills and experience to kick-start a career in the services industry when you leave school. Many of the country's finest young cooks and award-winning chefs have gained the essential repertoire of culinary skills and knowledge from completing a hospitality programme.

INTERNAL

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HARD MATERIALS (WOOD & METAL)

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L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- This course covers both the wood and metal workshops. It provides you with a practical, full-year programme that develops knowledge and skills in workshop processes, techniques, tool use and workshop and workplace health and safety.
- You will design and manufacture products while applying safe working practices and developing problem-solving and practical skills. The course includes BCATS (Building, Construction and Allied Trades Skills) and Engineering Unit Standards, providing a pathway to Level 2 Automotive (MITO) and Level 2 Construction (BCATS).
- Within the learning area, there is a strong focus on industry-based learning that prepares you for tertiary study, apprenticeships and careers in the trades.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- This course provides an excellent foundation for Level 2 Automotive and Level 2 Construction (BCATS) and aligns with careers in engineering, building and construction, joinery, fabrication, mechanical engineering and other vocational trade pathways.

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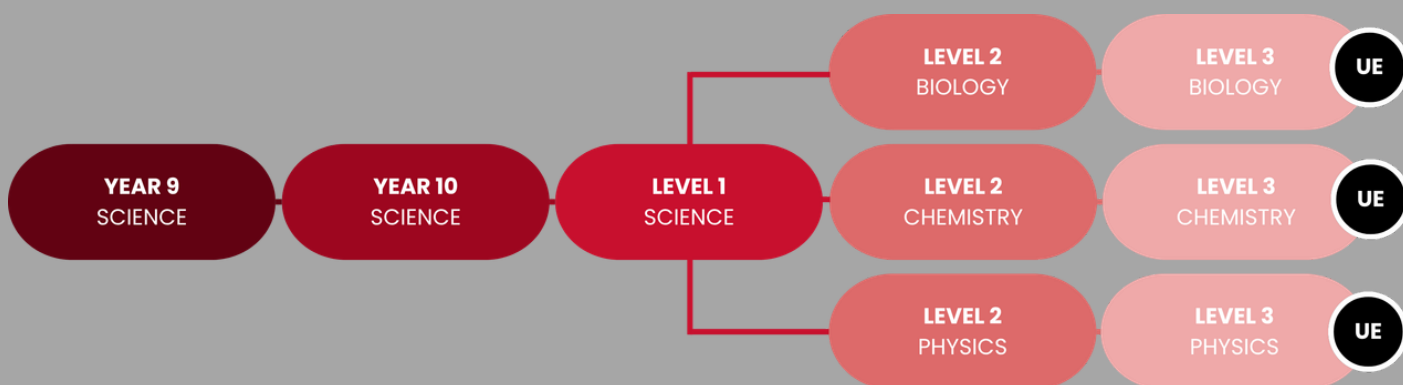
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UE

Look for the UE symbol
on the subject flowcharts
if you are thinking about
attending University in
the future!

You must take 4 UE
subjects in year 13 so
don't limit yourself!



SCIENCE

SCIENCE (GENERAL)

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Year 11 General Science is a foundational course designed to spark curiosity and develop a deep understanding of the natural and physical world. This course introduces you to the core disciplines of science through engaging, real-world contexts. In biology, students will explore the vital role of enzymes in action within life processes, gaining insight into how living organisms function and survive. The chemistry component allows students to investigate a variety of chemical reactions through practical laboratory work, learning how matter interacts and transforms. In physics, students will examine the fundamental principles of forces, motion and energy that govern the physical universe. Throughout the year, you will refine your critical thinking, learn to design rigorous scientific investigations and evaluate complex socio-scientific issues.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- This course serves as the critical stepping stone for senior sciences and tertiary education. Successful completion of this course provides direct entry into Level 2 NCEA Biology, Chemistry and Physics. These advanced subjects establish the academic prerequisites required for Level 3 NCEA and university entrance across a range of highly competitive fields. By mastering the core principles in Year 11, you lay the groundwork for tertiary study, university degrees and future careers in health science, engineering, veterinary medicine, architecture and environmental science. Whether you aspire to become medical professionals, research scientists, innovators in technology or environmental advocates, this course marks the beginning of your professional pathway.

INTERNAL

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PERFORMING ARTS

DANCE

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Dance is a university approved subject. Throughout the year, you are introduced to a variety of dance genres including: jazz, hip hop, contemporary and creative dance. You will develop your techniques in these genres and explore the elements of dance in a range of creative tasks. You will also develop choreographic skills in a range of briefs and have the opportunity to learn from both your teacher, as well as guest instructors.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Dance leads to pathways in choreography, performance, research and related areas such as: creative arts, design, movement practices, arts administration, education, movement therapy, cultural, social or historical studies.

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DRAMA

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- In this course, you will explore script, drama techniques and drama elements as you perform as part of a pantomime performance for an invited audience. In class you will create and perform your own devised drama in a small group. Throughout the course, you will be encouraged to use stage technologies such as lighting, sound and costume to enhance your performance work. You will also view a live, professional drama performance on a school-organised trip which you will discuss in your examination.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Drama leads to pathways in drama and related disciplines, such as creative industries, law, communication, humanities and education.

INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

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MUSIC

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Level 1 Music focusses on further development of performance skills, understanding of music works and theory concepts. Music composition is one of the essential activities at this level. It is crucial that you have a musical instrument at home to practise your performance music regularly. Attendance at school-based or private tuition lessons is compulsory.

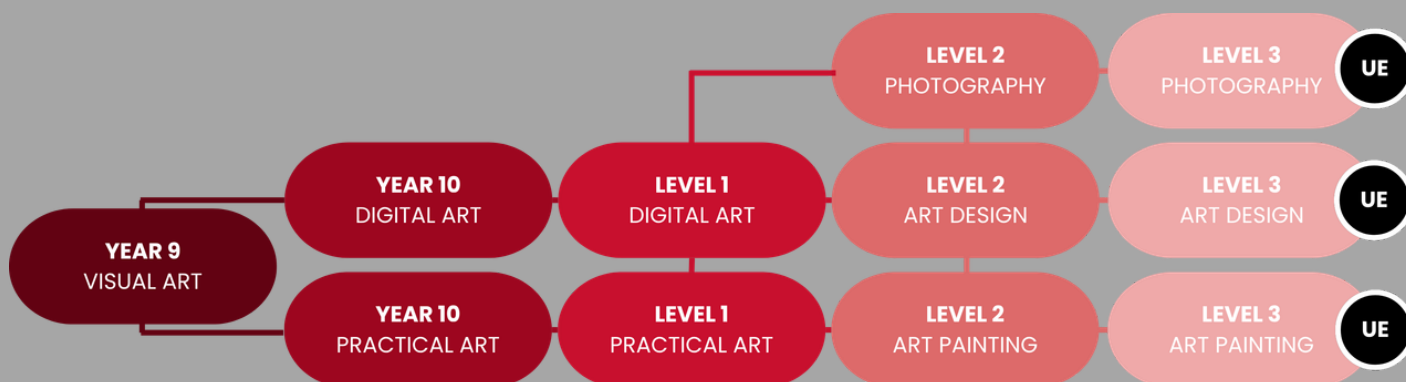
FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Level 1 Music provides important learning and knowledge for progression to Level 2 Music.

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VISUAL ARTS

DIGITAL ART

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Level 1 Digital Art develops creativity and digital art skills through research, experimentation and practical projects. You will investigate the work of artists, photographers and graphic designers. You will also use Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator to create original digital artworks. Throughout the course, you will document your ideas through annotations and reflections, develop artworks inspired by New Zealand artists and complete a mini folio that explores your identity and creative journey.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- This course provides a strong foundation for Level 2 Art Design and Photography. It also supports future pathways in graphic design, photography, animation, digital media, illustration, advertising and other creative industries.

INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

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This indicates that a course is offers
mostly Unit Standard Assessments. Unit
Standards commonly only offer
Not Achieved or Achieved results



PRACTICAL ART

L1

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Practical Art is a subject that covers a range of traditional art mediums. The course takes you through an exploration of current and historical Aotearoa and international artists, using these to inform your own art making. A range of artistic processes are investigated throughout the course, leading you to create a series of artworks that expresses your unique style. These artistic processes include in-depth explorations of drawing, printmaking and painting.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Level 1 Practical Art provides useful skills to carry into Level 2 Painting and conceptual foundations for Level 2 Photography and Design. The course creates pathways into many careers in areas such as gallery curation, illustration, art conservation and restoration, art history, photography and marketing.

INTERNAL

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EXTERNAL

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