



WAIMEA COLLEGE

Senior

Curriculum Guide 2023

Waimea College Vision and Mission Statement

Our Vision

Waimea College develops life-long learners who strive to impact the world for good.

Mission Statement

Waimea College is a place where:

- People from diverse backgrounds are supported and cared for.
- A broad spectrum of learning opportunities are catered to unique needs and delivered with excellence.
- Each person is inspired to increase their confidence, expand their expectations.

Waimea College Values and Behaviour Expectations



Caring - Manaakitanga

We always strive to care for ourselves, others and the environment.

Be kind to others
Use polite language
Look after your school environment



Belonging – Whanaungatanga

We take pride in being part of Waimea College and respect and celebrate our differences.

Be proud of your school
Wear your uniform correctly
Support and include others



Learning - Akoranga

We always strive to learn and grow.

Be ready to learn
Have a positive attitude
Display a growth mindset

Please note:-

- Students are deemed in law to be under the school's authority from the time they leave home in the morning until they return after school.
- Students attending or participating in any school activity outside normal school hours are bound by the school rules e.g. trips, weekend or evening sporting or cultural events.

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Information for Students in Year 11, 12 & 13, 2023

The following information is for students studying NCEA. Most students will study Level 1 in Year 11, Level 2 in Year 12 and Level 3 in Year 13. However, the College operates a multi-level timetable that allows students to choose subjects from more than one level. Students should feel free to choose subjects at a level that is different to their year level, if that is appropriate.

Remember

1. Think more than one year ahead – for example if you are in Year 12 next year, think what you will be doing the year after that – have you got enough subjects that follow on? If you have some specific careers in mind, get advice on your subject selection.
2. If you don't have any particular jobs or tertiary course in mind, try to keep your subject selection as wide as possible – don't close off future possibilities for yourself.
3. Choose subjects that you want to do and that you are good at.

Computing Device

Most subjects will incorporate the use of a computing device in their courses. Please refer to the College website and newsletters for further information.

**We always try to place students into their preferred options, however all courses are dependent on reaching minimum student numbers and staffing availability.
Students will be advised if the school is unable to provide the subjects they select.
If a course is over subscribed, students will be required to take part in a selection process.**



Information for Year 11 Students, 2023

- All students in Year 11 will need to choose a total of **six** subjects. Your course must include:
- 1. **English:** All students will study English. Students will choose one of the following options after discussion with their Year 10 English teacher. You can choose between English and English Literacy.
- 2. **Mathematics:** All students will study Mathematics. Students will choose one of the following options after discussion with their Year 10 Mathematics teacher. You can choose between Pure Mathematics, Mathematics and Mathematics Numeracy.
- 3. The remaining **four** subjects should be chosen so that the student has a broad course that meets the requirements of the National Curriculum. College staff will check the chosen course, try to ensure that it is appropriate to the student, and that it meets all requirements. Most students will be required to choose their four subjects from at least three different optional curriculum areas on the subject choice sheet.

Information for Year 12 Students, 2023

- All students in Year 12 will need to choose a total of **six** subjects.
- All courses are optional, however you are strongly encouraged to take English or a subject that leads to University Entrance Literacy (in both Reading and Writing).
- Choose the remainder of your subjects from Year 12 options (or Year 11 options if you don't meet the criteria).
- Employment Skills counts as two subjects.
- If you have a particular career or tertiary course in mind, you should have your course checked by one of the Careers staff.
- Trades Academy students must also study English.
- Trades Academy students must choose a different Trades subject to their Waimea College course (e.g. students taking Hospitality at school cannot study Hospitality at Trades Academy).
- Gateway is available on application to Mr Crossley.

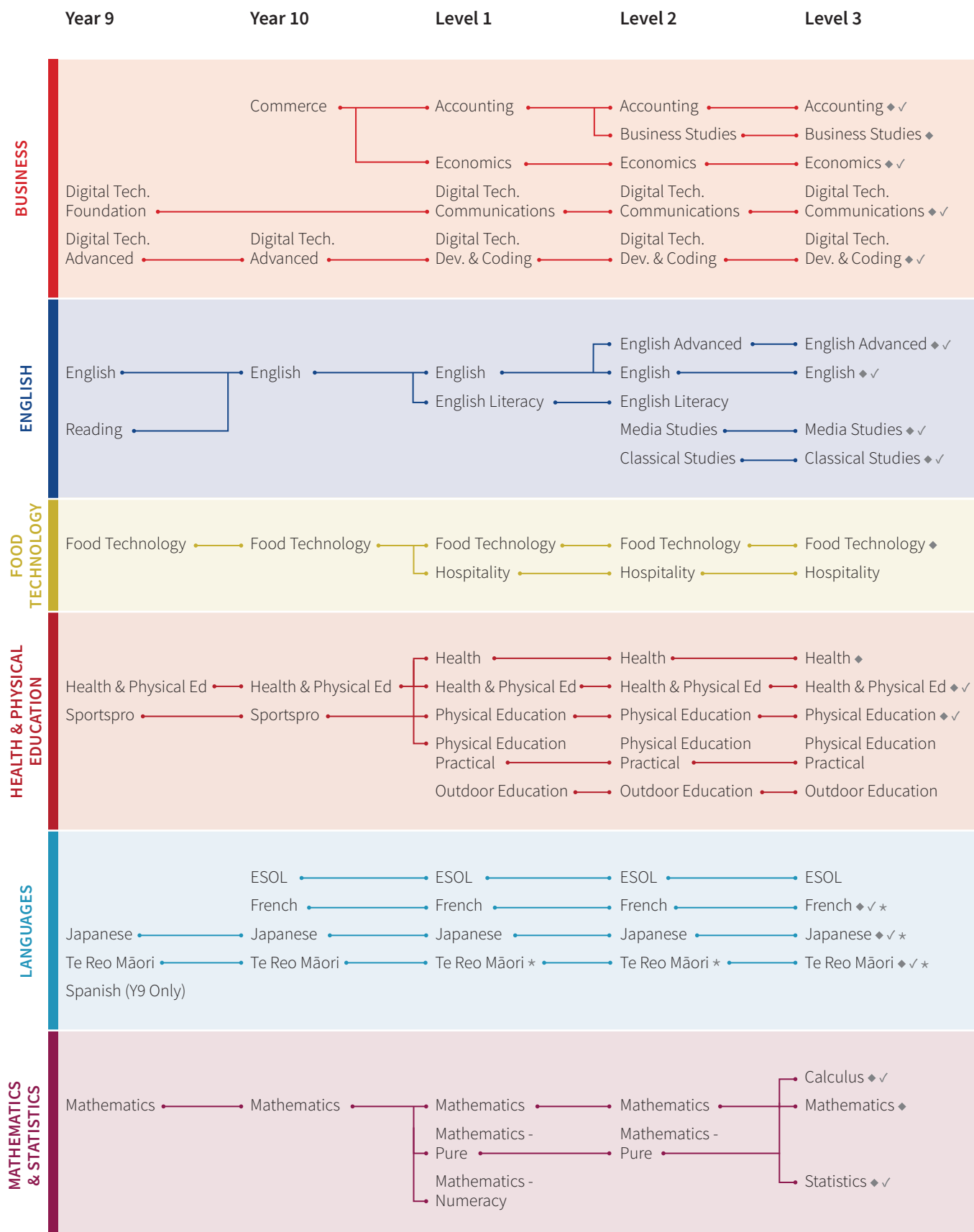
Information for Year 13 Students, 2023

- All students in Year 13 will need to choose a total of **five** subjects.
- Gateway is available on application.
- Students wishing to do six subjects should obtain advice from the Year 13 Deans, and they will need to apply to take this course of study.
- There are no compulsory subjects.
- If you do not meet the criteria for a Year 13 course, you may choose a Year 11 or Year 12 course in which you do meet the criteria. Please discuss this with a Dean or Careers staff.
- If you want to gain University Entrance your course must include a minimum of three of the subjects marked with (♦) – see subject code list.
- Trades Academy students must choose a different Trades subject to their Waimea College course (e.g. students taking Hospitality at school cannot study Hospitality at Trades Academy).
- Scholarship is available in many subjects. These have a (✓) next to them in the subject code list.

Note: There is a restriction on the number of Technology subjects that students can study. See online course descriptions for more details.

Subject pathways

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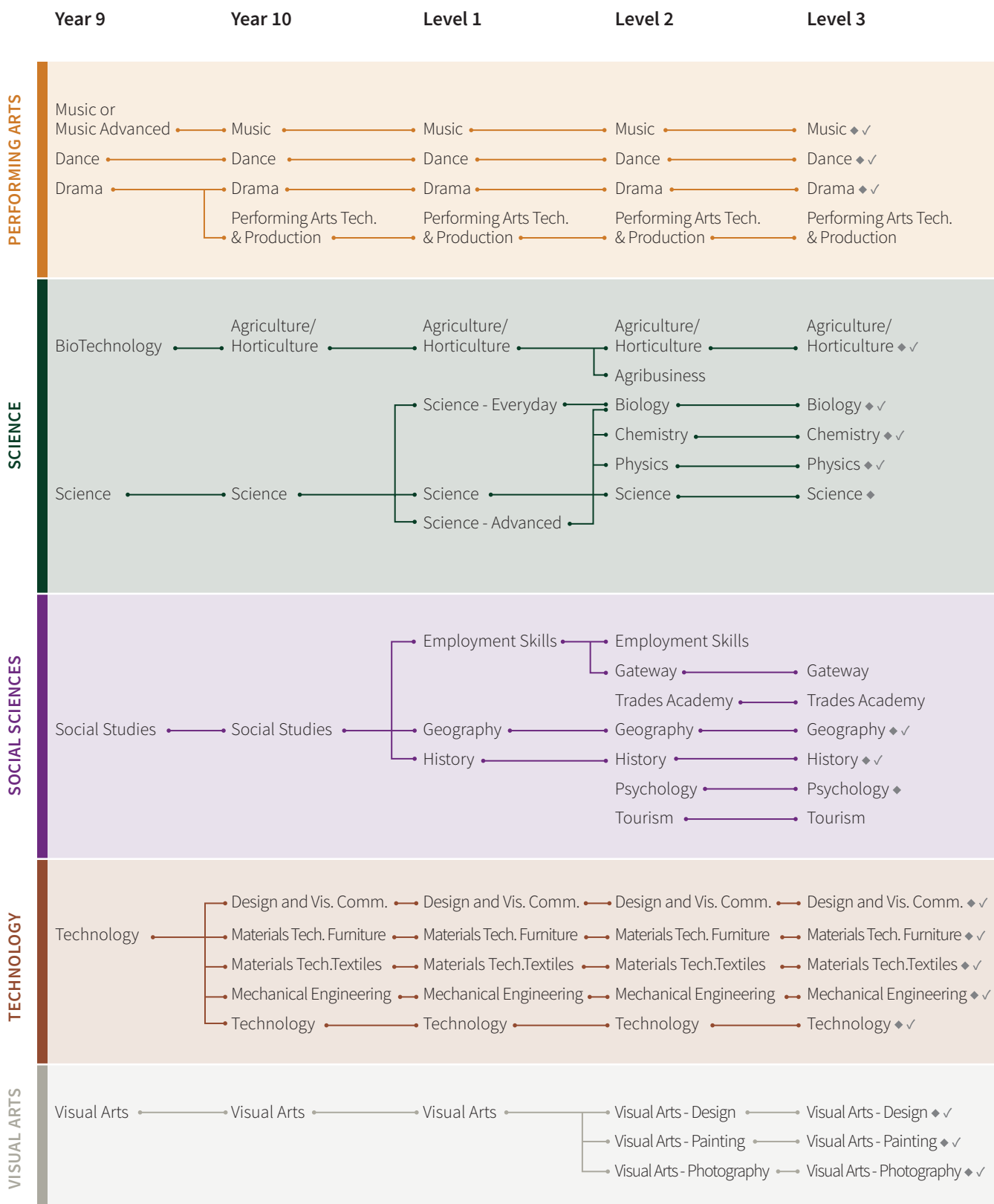


Year 9 and 10 Enrichment courses that focus on Key Competencies and Cross-Curricular teaching and learning are also part of all junior programmes.

Note: all courses are offered subject to sufficient enrolments.

Key:

- ◆ University Entrance subject
- ✓ Scholarship subject
- ★ May be offered by Correspondence



Qualifications

In 2023 to gain NCEA at each level students need to:

1. NCEA Level 1

To gain this qualification you need 60 or more credits at Level 1. Students also need to gain the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite, each worth 10 credits.

2. NCEA Level 2

To gain this qualification you need Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy and a total of 60 or more credits at Level 2 or higher.

3. NCEA Level 3

To gain this qualification you need Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy and a total of 60 or more credits at Level 3 or higher.

4. University Entrance

To gain this qualification you must gain NCEA Level 3 **and**:

At least 42 credits must be from:

- Three subjects – at Level 3 or above, made up of 14 credits each, in three university approved subjects.

In addition, you must have

- a. Numeracy: a minimum of 10 credits at Level 1 or above
- and b. Literacy: a minimum of 5 reading credits and 5 writing credits in Level 2 or above.

KEY:

L1 Lit	=	Level 1 Literacy
Num	=	Level 1 Numeracy
W Lit	=	University Entrance Writing
R Lit	=	University Entrance Reading
B Lit	=	University Entrance Reading and Writing

Please note:

At time of printing every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this booklet is accurate. However, it is possible that some course/assessment structures will change after printing.

Financial Matters

School Donation

Your donation covers a variety of activities and is used to enhance the educational opportunities for students of Waimea College. It covers sports equipment, library resources, cultural activities and equipment, improved technology, helps subsidise costs in some materials provided for students, and assists with our student services and facilities, lunch time activities and student house group activities.

The donation for 2023:	1 student	\$190.00
	2 or more students	\$270.00

Curriculum Donation

Your donation is used to assist in meeting the cost of classroom curriculum delivery. It covers such items as photocopying of resources, some internet access, food technology ingredients, art supplies, technology materials, performing arts costumes, first aid tuition etc.

The donation for 2023:	\$75.00 per student
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****Remember both the school and curriculum donations qualify for a 33.3% tax credit**

Other Fees

Other subject fees should be paid for as requested. Some of the subjects that require such a fee are Physical Education, Music, Outdoor Education, OnTrack and Employment Skills.

Financial Assistance

Some financial assistance is available for families in difficult circumstances. Further information and advice is available from the Associate Deputy Principal of Guidance.



How to Select Your Subjects (For students already enrolled at Waimea College)

Your subject choices need to be entered on the Portal, which is available through the quick link on the Waimea College website: www.waimea.school.nz or from <https://pastoral.waimea.school.nz/> and then click on the **Subject Selection** link. All parents have been sent the access codes for this. If you require assistance with entering these option choices please telephone the Office at Waimea College Reception 03 544 6099 or email main.office@waimea.school.nz.

How to choose my Courses:

1. At the Parent Portal page, sign in as below:
 - Your access code is your Student Network Logon e.g. jrsmith
 - Student or caregiver password (this is the password that has been emailed to parents OR the student network password)
 - This will take you to SchoolPoint. Then click on the **Subject Selection** link.
2. Navigate to **My Courses/Courses for me** on the left hand side. A list of courses available to you, based on your timetable or Year Level, will appear.
3. Click on a course that you are interested in taking next year. You will be taken to a page that includes useful information such as course description, pathway and recommended prior learning.
4. Click on the **+ Select as one of my Courses** button to add this course to your Selected list. Click the same button to remove it.
5. *If you will be in Year 11 next year, you will be prompted to choose your compulsory English and Maths courses before you choose your options.*
6. Click on the **View my Courses** to view a summary of your courses.
7. You can also choose the **Add to your Favourites Courses** button to add this course to your favourite list. Click the same button to view a list of your Favourite Courses. Click on the name of the course to remove it.
8. Some courses will require you to write a note (or application) because of restricted numbers.
9. If you are studying a mixed Level course, you can request an exemption to study courses at higher than your Year Level.



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