



WAIMEA COLLEGE

Senior

Curriculum Handbook 2026

# Waimea College

## Information for Students in Year 11, 12 & 13, 2026

Most students will study NCEA 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. If you don't have any particular employment or tertiary course in mind, try to keep your subject selection as wide as possible.
2. 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.
3. Choose subjects that you want to do and that you are good at.

### Qualifications

In 2026 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. How do I gain entrance to a New Zealand university?

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum requirement for getting into a New Zealand university. Many universities and other tertiary courses have further specific entry requirements. You'll need to find out the exact requirements for individual courses, including those with limited entry requirements.

To gain UE you will need:

- NCEA Level 3
- 14 credits in each of three UE approved subjects
- Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of:
  - 5 credits in reading standards
  - 5 credits in writing standards
- Numeracy – 10 numeracy credits at Level 1 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:

The details of each course are available on the Waimea College website, curriculum link. However, it is possible that some course/assessment structures may change.

**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 oversubscribed, students will be required to take part in a selection process.**

## Information for Year 11 Students, 2026

- 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 English option after discussion with their Year 10 English teacher. You can choose between English and Literacy.
- 2. Mathematics:** All students will study Mathematics. Students will choose one Mathematics option after discussion with their Year 10 Mathematics teacher. You can choose between 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. 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, 2026

- All students in Year 12 will need to choose a total of **six** subjects.
- If you have not yet gained Level 1 Literacy credits you will be required to take the Level 2 Literacy class.
- 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, or take Employment Skills. This will be decided in consultation with staff.
- 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.
- Trades Academy and Gateway subjects have limited numbers. Students will need to go through a selection process.

## Information for Year 13 Students, 2026

- All students in Year 13 will need to choose a total of **five** subjects. There are no compulsory subjects.
- Gateway is available on application.
- Students wishing to do six subjects should obtain advice from their Deans, and they will also need to apply to take this course of study.
- 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.
- 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 detail.

## Financial Matters

- **School Donation**  
Waimea College has joined the Ministry of Education School Donations Scheme and therefore the school does not ask parents or caregivers for a contribution towards the provision of additional support and resources for students.
- **Voluntary Donations**  
Families still have the option to make voluntary tax-deductible donations to the school. Further information is available from the Waimea College Finance Centre.
- **Other Fees**  
Contributions towards the cost of overnight camps, or optional activities beyond the standard curriculum offered, should be paid for as requested. Some of the subjects that require such a fee are Physical Education, Music and Outdoor Education.
- **Sports and Extra-curricular Activities**  
Fees for optional activities such as sports/extra-curricular activities are a direct reflection of the cost for participating in that sport or event. Payment continues to be required for these items and needs to be paid prior to participation.
- **Bring your own Device (BYOD)**  
Waimea College is a 'BYOD' school. Students are expected to bring along a device (Laptop or Chromebook) for learning. Further information is available on the Waimea College website about suitable devices for use in Years 11 to 13.



# Waimea College Subject Codes for 2026 (as at June 2025)

**Key:** ♦ = University Entrance subject \* = maybe offered by Correspondence ✓ = Scholarship subject

**Note:** all courses are offered subject to sufficient enrolments

	Subject Name	9	10	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Business</b>	Accounting				200Acc	300Acc♦✓*
	Business Studies				200Bus	300Bus♦
	Commerce		10Com	100Com		
	Digital Technology Foundation	9Dtf				
	Digital Technology Advanced	9Dta	10Dta			
	Digital Technology Development & Coding			100Dtd	200Dtd	300Dtd♦✓
	Economics				200Eco	300Eco♦✓
<b>English</b>	Classical Studies				200Cls	300Cls♦✓
	English Advanced				200EngA	300EngA♦✓
	English	9Eng	10Eng	100Eng	200Eng	300Eng♦✓
	English Literacy			100Lit	200Lit	
	Media Studies				200Mst	300Mst♦✓
	Literacy Boost	9Lit				
<b>Food Technology</b>	Food Technology	9Fdt	10Fdt	100Fdt	200Fdt	300Fdt♦
	Hospitality			100Hos	200Hos	300Hos
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	Health			100Hea	200Hea	300Hea♦✓
	Health & Physical Education	9Hpe	10Hpe	100Hpe	200Hpe	300Hpe♦✓
	Outdoor Education			100Oed	200Oed	300Oed
	Physical Education			100Ped	200Ped	300Ped♦✓
	Physical Education - Practical			100Pep	200Pep	300Pep
	Sportspro	9Spt	10Spt			
<b>Languages</b>	ESOL		10ESOL	100ESOL	200ESOL	300ESOL
	Japanese	9Jap	10Jap	100Jap	200Jap	300Jap♦♦✓
	Spanish	9Sph	10Sph 10Sphh	100Sph	200Sph	
	Te Reo Māori	9Mao	10Mao 10Maoh	100Mao	200Mao*	300Mao♦♦✓
<b>Mathematics</b>	Calculus					300Mac♦✓
	Mathematics	9Mth	10Mth	100Mth	200Mth	300Mth♦
	Mathematics - Pure				200MthP	
	Mathematics - Numeracy			100MthN		
	Statistics					300Mas♦✓
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Dance	9Dan	10Dan	100Dan	200Dan	300Dan♦✓
	Drama	9Dra	10Dra	100Dra	200Dra	300Dra♦✓
	Music/Music Group/Music Advanced	9Mus 9MusA	10MusG 10MusA	100Mus	200Mus	300Mus♦✓
	Performing Arts Technology & Production		10Pft	100Pft	200Pft	300Pft
<b>Science</b>	Agriculture and Horticulture/Biotechnology	9Bit	10Agh	100Agh	200Agh	300Agh♦✓
	Biology				200Bio	300Bio♦✓
	Chemistry				200Chm	300Chm♦✓
	Physics				200Phy	300Phy♦✓
	Science	9Sci	10Sci		200Sci	300Sci♦
	Science A			100SciA		
	Science B			100SciB		
<b>Social Sciences</b>	Employment Skills			100Emp	200Emp	
	Gateway				200Gwy	300Gwy
	Geography			100Geo	200Geo	300Geo♦✓
	History			100Hst	200Hst	300Hst♦✓
	Psychology				200Psy	300Psy♦
	Social Studies	9Sst	10Sst			
	Tourism				200Tsm	300Tsm
<b>Technology</b>	Trades Academy				200Tra	
	Design and Visual Communication		10Dvc	100Dvc	200Dvc	300Dvc♦✓
	Materials Technology Furniture		10Mat	100Mat	200Mat	300Mat
	Materials Technology Textiles		10Mtt	100Mtt	200Mtt	300Mtt♦✓
	Mechanical Engineering		10Meg	100Meg	200Meg	300Meg
<b>Visual Art</b>	Technology	9Tec	10Tec	100Tec	200Tec	300Tec♦✓
	Visual Art	9Var	10Var	100Var		
	Visual Art – Design				200Vde	300Vde♦✓
	Visual Art – Painting				200Vpa	300Vpa♦✓
	Visual Art – Photography				200Vph	300Vph♦✓