



WAIMEA COLLEGE

Year 10

Curriculum Handbook 2027



WAIMEA COLLEGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

Nau mai haere mai! Welcome!

This booklet outlines the subjects available to all students in Year 10 at Waimea College.

At Waimea College we aim to realise the potential of every student. Unlocking student strengths, realising aspirations and creating future leaders is a responsibility that we take very seriously. We strive to develop well-rounded, confident young adults who are equipped for our modern and changing world.

Year 10 is a pivotal year for you as it is an important period where further consolidation and learning takes place in preparation for NCEA Level 1 in Year 11. The Year 10 curriculum at Waimea College offers students a broad range of subject choices. You are encouraged to select subjects that you enjoy and achieve well in.

We know that student success can take many forms and all of these are valuable. Some of you will shine in the classroom, some on the sports field and some in the arts. An emphasis on holistic education ensures that at Waimea College you can discover and follow your passion to experience success in any field. Waimea College offers a variety of educational experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Please feel free to contact the Deans, if you have any questions or need further information.

I wish you all the very best for a successful and productive year.

Warm regards

Fraser Hill
Principal | Tumuaki

Important Dates for Year 10

New Enrolments Close	Friday 21 August 2026
Options (for returning students)	Completed by Thursday 27 August 2026
Start Date 2027	Thursday 4 February 2027

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 9 and 10.

Programme for Year 10 Students

Students in Year 10 will continue with year-long courses in **English, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies** and these will be taught in core classes. In addition, students will also choose:

- Four half-year options
- OR two half-year options and one full-year option

Please note that students may choose each option subject once only.

All courses are dependent on student numbers and staffing. 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.

Compulsory subjects taken by all Year 10 Students

- **English (ENG)**
- **Health and Physical Education (HPE)**
- **Mathematics (MTH)**
- **Science (SCI)**
- **Social Studies (SST)**

Year 10 Options

All options are half-year courses with the exception of Languages, where students can study either half or full-year courses. Students study four half-year courses or two half-year courses and one Language. Except Sportspro, all subjects can continue to be studied in Years 11, 12, 13. Year 10 options are ideal preparation for the Year 11/NCEA Level One programme.

- Dance (DAN)
- Drama (DRA)
- Music: Group (MusG)
- Music: Advanced (MusA)
- Performing Arts Technology and Production (PFT)
- Visual Art (VAR)
- Commerce (COM)
- Food and Nutrition (FDT)
- Sportspro (SPT)
- Foundation Skills (SPEC)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Spanish (SPH) (Full and Half Year)
- Japanese (JPN)
- Te Reo Māori (MAO) (Full and Half Year)
- Agriculture and Horticulture (AGH)
- Digital Technology Advanced (DTA)
- Design & Visual Communication (DVC)
- Materials Technology (Wood) (MAT)
- Materials Technology Textiles (MTT)
- Mechanical Engineering Technology (MEG)
- Technology (TEC)

Detailed information about each course is available on our website <https://www.waimea.school.nz/learning-at-waimea/curriculum/>

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.



Waimea College Subject Codes for 2027 (as at June 2026)

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
Business	Accounting				200Acc	300Acc♦✓*
	Business Studies				200Bus	300Bus♦
	Commerce		10Com	100Com		
	Economics				200Eco	300Eco♦✓
English	Classical Studies				200Cls	300Cls♦✓*
	English Advanced					300EngA♦✓
	English	9Eng	10Eng	100Eng	200Eng	300Eng♦✓
	English Literacy			100Lit	200Lit	
	Media Studies				200Mst	300Mst♦✓
	Literacy Boost	9Lit				
Food Technology	Food Technology	9Fdt	10Fdt	100Fdt	200Fdt	300Fdt♦
	Hospitality			100Hos	200Hos	300Hos
Health & Physical Education	Health			100Hea	200Hea	300Hea♦✓
	Health & Physical Education	9Hpe	10Hpe	100Hpe		
	Outdoor Education			100Oed	200Oed	300Oed
	Physical Education			100Ped	200Ped	300Ped♦✓
	Physical Education - Practical			100Pep	200Pep	300Pep
	Sportspro	9Spt	10Spt			
Languages	ESOL		10ESOL	100ESOL	200ESOL	300ESOL
	Japanese	9Jpn	10Jpn	100Jpn	200Jpn	300Jpn♦♦✓
	Spanish	9Sph	10Sph 10Sphh	100Sph	200Sph	300Sph♦♦✓
	Te Reo Māori	9Mao	10Mao 10Maoh	100Mao	200Mao*	300Mao♦♦✓
Mathematics	Calculus					300Mac♦✓
	Mathematics	9Mth	10Mth	100Mth	200Mth	300Mth♦
	Mathematics - Pure				200MthP	
	Mathematics - Numeracy			100MthN	200MthN	
	Statistics					300Mas♦✓
Performing Arts	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
Science	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		
Social Sciences	Employment Skills			100Emp	200Emp	
	Foundation Skills		10Spec			
	Gateway				200Gwy	300Gwy
	Geography			100Geo	200Geo	300Geo♦✓
	History			100Hst	200Hst	300Hst♦✓
	Psychology				200Psy	300Psy♦
	Social Studies	9Sst	10Sst			
	Tourism				200Tsm	300Tsm
Technology	Design and Visual Communication		10Dvc	100Dvc	200Dvc	300Dvc♦✓
	Digital Technology Foundation	9Dtf				
	Digital Technology Advanced	9Dta	10Dta			
	Digital Technology Development & Coding			100Dtd	200Dtd	300Dtd♦✓
	Materials Technology Furniture		10Mat	100Mat	200Mat	300Mat
	Materials Technology Textiles		10Mtt	100Mtt	200Mtt	300Mtt♦✓
	Mechanical Engineering		10Meg	100Meg	200Meg	300Meg
	Technology	9Tec	10Tec	100Tec	200Tec	300Tec♦✓
Visual Art	Visual Art	9Var	10Var	100Var		
	Visual Art – Design				200Vde	300Vde♦✓
	Visual Art – Painting				200Vpa	300Vpa♦✓
	Visual Art – Photography				200Vph	300Vph♦✓