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Kia ora e te whanau

Many of you would have heard whisperings about the changes to NCEA qualifications that were announced this week. NZQA are aware that students and their whānau - are worried that they might not be able to attain NCEA or UE this year, because of the disruption caused by COVID-19. To help address this and support students, changes are being made to NCEA and University Entrance (UE) requirements for this year, these will be outlined later in the newsletter in depth. We will be offering an NCEA information evening before the end of term, once we are at Alert Level 1 we will confirm this session.

Hopefully you all received a link earlier in the week to further information and the online survey about future education provision for Hawera and the wider South Taranaki area. Next week we are hosting sessions in our computer labs if people would like to use school facilities to complete the survey, Gabrielle Wall will also be available via zoom for any questions you may have. I would encourage you all to read the information and complete the survey. Hard copies can be found at our front office.

We are eager to hear on Monday from the Prime Minister when/if we are moving to Alert Level 1 in the near future. Following this announcement and guidance from the Ministry of Education we will send out a newsletter next week outlining Hawera High School arrangements for Alert Level 1.

Kia kaha, Te awhina - Strength through caring

Rachel Williams  
**Principal**

### **Community engagement of future education provision for Hawera and the wider South Taranaki area.**

Gabrielle Wall has been contracted to facilitate the engagement process regarding Future Provision for Education in South Taranaki and in Term 1 a number of workshops were held with students, staff, parents and members of the wider community.

This process has been delayed due to the COVID-19 lockdown, but the next stage of the engagement process is now underway and involves an online survey which includes the feedback and ideas gathered through the face-to-face workshops.

The survey will be open until **Sunday 21 June** and information and the survey link can be accessed here:

<https://www.dandgconsulting.co.nz/hawera-and-wider-south-taranaki>

The whole survey will take approximately 15 - 20 minutes to complete, but it is possible to complete a shorter version in about five minutes. For those who wish to complete the survey online but do not have access to a device or the Internet, the computer labs at Hawera High School are available for people to complete the survey in the following timeslots:

- Tuesday 9 June, 5.30pm – 7.00pm
- Thursday 11 June, 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Gabrielle Wall is also available via zoom in the above timeslots if you have any further questions. Paper copies of the survey are available at our office along with a box to collect responses.

## **Further changes to NCEA and University Entrance address COVID-19 impact**

The following changes were agreed by the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) to help ensure that students are not disadvantaged by the disruption of COVID-19, whilst maintaining the integrity and credibility of NCEA:

- Students working towards an NCEA can gain additional credits, based on the number of credits they achieve during the 2020 school year. For every 5 credits a student attains towards their NCEA, either through internal or external assessment, they can be awarded 1 additional credit. Students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of 10 additional credits, while those at Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of 8 additional credits.
- Students will be awarded a certificate endorsement if they achieve 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50. Students achieving 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course – rather than 14 – will be awarded a course endorsement.
- Current UE requirements have been reduced from 14 to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. Students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements to be awarded University Entrance.
- External NCEA examinations and NZ Scholarship examinations will now take place from **16 November 2020 to 9 December 2020**. This will provide extra time for teaching, learning and assessment in Term 4.
- The submission date for subjects which require students to submit a portfolio (for example, Design and Visual Communications) has been extended to 12 November 2020, to give students more time to complete their portfolios.

These changes have been designed to encourage students to continue working towards their NCEA and to ensure that the NCEA attained by our rangatahi this school year is just as valid as those earned in previous years. If you have any queries about the changes, please contact Pauline Hurley, Principal's Nominee - [p.hurley@hawerahs.school.nz](mailto:p.hurley@hawerahs.school.nz) or (06) 278 4145 ext 830.

## **'Keep it real online' campaign**

The Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification is about to launch a 'Keep it real online' campaign. The campaign will support parents and caregivers to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, pornography and grooming.

You can find information including tips on how to have conversations with your children at [www.KeepItRealOnline.govt.nz](http://www.KeepItRealOnline.govt.nz).

## **Uniform**

Students must be attending school in the correct uniform, including appropriate footwear. We understand the temperature has dropped and our classrooms might still be a bit cooler than usual due to doors being open throughout the day to minimise the number of contact points. We will have our heat pumps on, and students should dress appropriately. This means thermals under uniform, not hoodies or big puffer jackets! If you are not sure whether something is acceptable to wear as part of their school uniform, please contact your year level Dean.

<https://www.hawerahs.school.nz/copy-of-student-support>

Our uniform shop is open at Alert Level 2 however, parents must sign in at the main office first and must wash hands before entering the uniform shop. Opening times are:

Tuesday	8.00am – 9.00am
Wednesday	1.30pm – 2.00pm
Thursday	3.10pm – 4.10pm

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