

# DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



**SENIOR OPTIONS 2011**

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# This evening

Is all about:

- Making choices.
- Choosing an educational pathway for success.

and

- NCEA



# Planning your pathway

## Making choices

Making the right choice is important.

Your pathway might be:

**Academic:** thinking of tertiary or further education

or

**Vocational:** looking to the trades and apprenticeships

or

**Life Skills:** moving on from school and into employment

OR quite often a combination of the 2 or more of these pathways.



# What is important:

- Making the right decision!
- Ask questions.
- Seek advice from Teachers and the Careers Advisor.

**We are committed to equipping our students with the highest quality NCEA qualification.**

# What is NCEA?

- It means National Certificate in Educational Achievement.
- It is assessed at 3 levels in this school plus scholarship.
- It can be gained through internal assessments and external examinations.
- It can be gained through unit standards and achievement standards.
- The standards can be academic, vocational or from a range of life skills.

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# To get NCEA Level 1

- You need a total of 80 credits at level 1 from all the Standards in the subjects you are taking.
- Must include: 10 credits in literacy (English subjects or Te Reo) and 10 credits in numeracy (Maths subjects).
- Literacy and Numeracy credits can come from different standards within your course as well as English, Te Reo and Maths.
- Or it can come a special school designed course in literacy and numeracy.

# And above NCEA Level 1?

- Level 2: You need a total of 80 credits
- At least 60 credits must be at level 2 and up to 20 credits must come from level 1.
- Credits can come from vocational, academic and life skill areas.
- Level 3: You need a total of 80 credits.
- At least 60 credits must come from level 3 and up to 20 credits from either Levels 1 or 2 or both.

# But remember this?

- You need to get your credits from the full range of subjects you are taking.
- You must plan ahead
- Subjects have pre-requisites for later learning that you must meet in order to move on.
- These can be a specific number of credits and/or Merit for certain standards.

# And for academic high flyers

- Certificates can be “endorsed” if you do particularly well.
- You can be awarded an NCEA Certificate with Merit or Excellence for your overall level of achievement.
- You can be awarded with Merit or Excellence for a particular course you might take.

# University Entrance

Subject 1	Subject 2	Subjects 3 and 4
14 credits	14 credits	14 credits total

- 42 credits from approved subjects at level 3
- PLUS 8 credits at Level 2 Literacy and 14 credits at Level 1 Numeracy
- *This is currently be revised.*

**But this is a minimum!**

# But

- Often university courses have more stringent requirements.
- Universities are restricting entry on more and more courses e.g medical schools, engineering, law, management.....
- Check with the university calendars and polytech prospectus.

# What subjects are compulsory?

- In year 11, you must do a Maths subject, an English subject or Te Reo
- Strongly advise doing science in year 11.
- In year 12, you must do an English subject or Te Reo
- No compulsory subjects in Year 13.

You can mix and match courses from different levels

# What's new! The Academies.

- Building, Agriculture and Hospitality.
- Aimed at gaining recognised industry based qualifications at NCEA Level 2.
- Also gaining NCEA Level 2.
- Vocational learning with tutors.
- Linked in with Work Experience opportunities.
- Students are invited to apply formally for these courses. (Initial interest is shown on the option selection form)

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# **What's new!** Life skills Courses.

- Employment Skills
- Business Studies and Retailing.
- ASDAN (based on Key Competencies).
- Independent Living
- Linked in with Work Experience opportunities.
- Aimed at gaining recognised workplace qualifications at NCEA Level 1 and 2.

# What's new! Sport.

- Two new Sport Classes
- Focus on Girls PE and Fitness
- Focus on Boys Sport and Fitness

## Mana Maori

- A different slant on Te Reo and things Maori

# Where do I get information I need?

- Subject option booklet
- Your subject teachers and Heads of Department
- Your Dean

and

- Mrs Bourke-Heerikhuisen (Careers advisor )
- Mr Calder (University Entrance)
- Ms Chiaroni (Distance Education)
- Mrs Bennett (e-Learning)



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# Planning your future

- Think carefully about what you want to do in the future
- Check the pre-requisites for future courses
- Choose carefully what you want to do next year
- Fill in the form and hand it in on time.

**Monday 30th August**

# What happens then?

- Your Dean will see you if they think your choices are not suitable for you
- The school Management decides which courses will run.
- Deans, in consultation with Heads of Departments, will talk to each other regarding your subject choices
- Your subjects will be confirmed in Term 4

**If you haven't paid this  
year's NCEA fees (or  
applied for financial  
assistance) do so by  
Thursday 26th August  
2010**

