

Piopio College

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

Newsletter



Panui 10– 5 June 2020

COMING EVENTS

Monday 8 June

* College Cross Country

Wednesday 1 July

* Aria Science Fair

Friday 3 July

* Last day of Term 2

Monday 20 July

* TOD, No School

Tuesday 21 July

* Term 3 begins

Kia ora tātou,

We have now completed week three of school since opening up again after lockdown and are eagerly awaiting Level 1 so we can begin to normalise school and education for students. At this point the majority of students have returned and after a slow start, attendance this week is at 83.7%. I am sure that this will continue to improve as we go to Level 1.

I want to dedicate this communication to all parents who have students doing NCEA as we have just received news of how NZQA has responded to COVID-19. I will summarise the key points for you, however, if you want more clarity please don't hesitate to contact the senior staff to discuss the changes.

Three key changes have been made for students in 2020:

1. Learning Recognition Credits (New).

- a. For every 5 credits students achieve this year they can be awarded an additional 1 credit to compensate for the disruption caused for student achievement by COVID-19 lockdown.
- b. These credits will be known as **Learning Recognition (LR) credits**.
 - i. Level 1 candidates are eligible for an **maximum of 10 LR credits**.
 - ii. Level 2 and 3 candidates are eligible for a **maximum of 8 LR credits**.
- c. The **LR credits** are tied to a student's assessed learning in the predominant level they are studying in 2020 (in cases where students do multi level programmes).
- d. The total amount of credits will be awarded by NZQA once all internal and external results are known and a table will be provided to schools to help calculate the predicted entitlements.

2. Certificate endorsement changes.

Students will not need 50 credits at Merit or Excellence to gain **M** or **E** endorsement on their Achievement certificates, as the number has been reduced to **46 credits**.

3. Course endorsement changes.

Students will be awarded course endorsement if they achieve **12 credits** at merit or excellence in a subject, rather than 14 credits they would normally need.

4. UE endorsement.

The requirements to qualify for UE (University Entrance) has been reduced to **12 credits** in three approved UE subjects instead of 14 per subject. Students still need to attain **NCEA 3** and **meet literacy and numeracy** requirements to gain UE.

I am very pleased that NZQA made these changes to support our students and address the equity concerns for students.

Sports.

I am very happy to see our winter disciplines get geared up and would like to see as many students as possible participate where they can. I also want to thank the PEH, sports staff and senior students who organised lunchtime sports activities this week. It was awesome to see that they were well attended.

As always, I ask and welcome any feedback and suggestions that may assist us to ensure well being and success for our students.

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Ngā mihi
Johan van Deventer
Principal/Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou,

What a year it has been so far! I hope you are all settling back into school and if your tamariki haven't returned to school that you are coping at home supporting each other while we still find our way through Covid-19 Level 2 and 1. I just wanted to keep everyone in touch with what your Board of Trustees have been working towards over the past few months and if you have any feedback or want to know more, please let me know.

- Charter: we are working towards completing a new charter, strategic plan and annual plan. What this means for whānau and students is that we will have a direction and set goals. We will be able to share them with you soon and hope to get feedback on them.

- Property: we have been working with the Ministry of Education over the past 3 years, to more or less sort our buildings, take away ones we no longer require to save money and maintenance costs, which in turn means that we are able to invest into the buildings and infrastructure we currently have. An ongoing project we will focus on pushing for is the Ministry to make a decision about the gym. This has been a 4-year project that has gone back and forth as to whether they want to rebuild or refurbish, unfortunately it is in their hands but we will keep championing for a decision. We were advised we were receiving a substantial amount of funds for property projects from the Government but haven't heard if this is still going ahead. Some of the projects we do wish to plan over the year if we do get this funding are: Pou and upgrading grounds around wharenui, resurfacing of bottom courts, clearer signage around the school and upgrading internal maintenance of classrooms.

- Uniforms: the 'old' uniform will still be on sale alongside the new uniform at The Warehouse until the end of this year (2020) but will not be able to be worn in 2022. This will give families plenty of time to purchase a set of the new uniform and for us to phase out old stock in The Warehouse. If you are unsure of what the new uniform is keep an eye out on Facebook and in the newsletter as we will put it out from time to time.

- Review: The BOT will be carrying out a self-review using the Hautu tool. This will give us an opportunity to have an in-depth look at how culturally responsive we are as a board and in fulfilling our responsibilities to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations. ERO, who review our school every 3 years is due to come in this year, but we are not sure when and will keep you posted. We are also busy organising the Principals Appraisal by finding an appraiser to come into the school. We are obligated to do this annually but due to Covid-19 this was put on hold.

- Finance: over the next month we will be reviewing our budget in light of some of the funding changes due to Covid, as always our focus will be on supporting our staff and students and growing our school for the future.

- New Policies system: Our BOT rep Lisa Lyford is currently working hard to upload all our policies, procedures and documentation into a new system called Schooldocs which will allow easier review and also allow each and every one of you to feedback about our policies and have access to all the documents that govern and guide our school.

Ngā mihi mahana,
Kristen Pari (Piopio College BOT Chairperson)

Y11/12/13 Soft Materials Fabric Fee

Senior students are well underway in creating their garments in Soft Materials. There are still some fees that need to be paid to cover the cost of the materials they have chosen to use. Below are the account details.

Piopio College School Bank A/C Details: ANZ 01-0447-0039040-08

Please use the student name as a reference and SM or Soft Materials.

Music. Chris Nation will resume his Music classes on Monday 8 June in the Rec Centre. A timetable has been given to those students concerned.

Science Fair Project. We need three old watches that you don't use for our Science Fair Project. Please leave at the College Office for Cory and Lynden. Ngā mihi.



Why has NZQA done this?

- NZQA knows that it was hard for students during the lockdown and that some assessments couldn't happen. These changes are to help you gain the qualification you were aiming to achieve this year.

What does it mean for me?

The more credits you achieve the more you are entitled to

- For every 5 credits you achieve through internal or external assessment, you are entitled to 1 more credit. These extra credits are called Learning Recognition Credits (LR Credits)
- >> Up to 10 of your LR credits can count towards the 80 you need for NCEA Level 1
- >> Up to 8 LR credits can count towards the 60 you need at Level 2 and Level 3

Endorsements are still achievable

- To get a **certificate endorsement** this year you need 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50. Your LR credits don't come with Merit or Excellence so they can't count towards an endorsement.
- To get a **course endorsement** this year you need 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course rather than 14. You still need to achieve at least 3 credits in externals and 3 in internals.

University Entrance has been adjusted

- For 2020 the UE requirements have been adjusted from 14 down to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. You still need to have NCEA Level 3 and the usual literacy and numeracy standards.

You've got more time to study

- Portfolio due dates and exams for NCEA and Scholarship have been moved later to give you more time to learn and prepare.

What do I need to do?

- Keep working to make sure that you achieve as many standards as you can. The more you achieve, the more LR Credits you are entitled to.
- Your teachers will help you to track your progress. NZQA will do the calculations and count your LR credits towards your NCEA certificate. You don't need to do anything else.
- Make sure that you know when your portfolios are due and double check the new exam timetable.
- If you need any more information talk to your teacher, your Dean or the person in your school who manages NCEA (Principal's Nominee), or you can ring NZQA on 0800 697 296.

What else do I need to know?

- You must be enrolled in an NCEA course at a secondary school in 2020 to be entitled to LR credits.
- The LR credits won't show on your Record of Achievement (ROA), but you will be able to see how many you got through your Learner Login when you check your results next January.
- If you don't complete your qualification this year, your LR credits will count towards that qualification again in 2021.

NCEA Level 1 examples

