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Kia ora koutou

### **Proposed NCEA Changes**

- Today, the Minister of Education has made a significant announcement about the future direction of our national qualification, NCEA. Consultation on the proposal has opened today and over the coming weeks schools and communities will have the opportunity to provide feedback and input on the final shape of this proposal.
- The timeline for the proposal means that there will be no changes for students currently in Year 9 and above. Your feedback as parents of students undertaking NCEA will still be valuable, and we encourage you to consider the brief [document attached - Information for Parents and Caregivers](#). This means that we will continue to deliver our quality teaching and learning programmes at Whanganui High School.
- Under this proposal, students who are currently in Year 8 would be the first group to undertake the Foundational Award in Year 11 or new qualifications in Year 12 and Year 13.
- While we respond to the proposed changes to NCEA, parents of students currently sitting our national qualification can be assured that NCEA is a good qualification, and we are committed to delivering quality teaching and learning programmes for all students at Whanganui High School.

Have your say

- Visit: [Consultation on proposal to replace NCEA - Ministry of Education](#)
- Questions? Email: [NCEAconsultation@education.govt.nz](mailto:NCEAconsultation@education.govt.nz)
- Webinars available from 11 August – sign up on the consultation page here:

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Through this consultation, New Zealanders have the opportunity to shape a qualification system that reflects our ambition, diversity, and commitment to success.

Ngā mihi

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