



# Your guide to making a decision about Y12 & Y13 qualifications

## NCEA IN A NUT SHELL

- ✓ A qualification at the end of both Y12 & Y13
- ✓ Y12 Level 2, 6 subjects for NCEA certificate
- ✓ Y13 Level 3, 5 subjects for NCEA certificate
- ✓ Only English, compulsory to end of L2
- ✓ Multilevelling possible
- ✓ Completion of numeracy and literacy requirements to gain NCEA certificate
- ✓ Internal assessment
- ✓ External examinations at end of each year
- ✓ 80 credits required to gain NCEA qualification for each of L2 & L3 certificates
- ✓ Eligible to sit NZ Scholarship examinations
- ✓ UE requirements: 42 L3 credits plus 14 L1 mathematics credits & 8 L2 English credits
- ✓ Qualification accepted by both NZ and overseas tertiary institutions
- ✓ Possible further assessment opportunity

## IB IN A NUT SHELL

- ✓ A two year qualification at end of Y13
- ✓ Y12 IB, 6 subjects at HL and SL
- ✓ Y13 IB, 6 subjects at HL and SL
- ✓ English, mathematics & international language compulsory in Y12 & Y13
- ✓ 3 subjects at Higher Level & 3 subjects at Standard Level required
- ✓ Completion of Theory of Knowledge, Creativity, Action & Service and Extended Essay mandatory
- ✓ Internal assessment
- ✓ External examinations at end of second year
- ✓ 45 points maximum available; 24 points minimum required for Diploma to be awarded in Y13
- ✓ Eligible to sit NZ Scholarship examinations
- ✓ UE requirements: 24 points plus completion of TOK, CAS & EE
- ✓ Qualification accepted by both NZ and overseas tertiary institutions

## Thinking it through!

What should I do and whom should I talk to when making my decision about qualifications?

### Have I read?

1. IB and NCEA information on the student MOODLE page and STCC website under Senior School qualifications?

### Have I asked myself these questions?

1. Where do I find information about IB & NCEA?
2. Do I understand the differences between IB & NCEA?
3. What are my strengths; do they fit better with IB or NCEA?
4. What subjects do I enjoy? Can I do them with IB or NCEA?
5. Which 3 subjects would I do at Higher Level for IB?
6. Am I the sort of student that would suit external examinations at the end of each year or at the end of a two year period?
7. Do I know enough about the unique features of IB, (TOK, EE and CAS)?
8. Do I balance my school and co-curricular activities well?
9. Are there any other commitments that will affect my choice of qualification?
10. Do I meet the second language requirements for IB?
11. Have I checked the entry requirements at the university where I am thinking of studying?
12. Have I considered the impact of my choice on sitting NZ Scholarship?

### Have I asked my Dean these questions?

1. Do my work habits suit me for one qualification rather than another?
2. Am I methodical enough to meet deadlines for TOK, CAS and EE?
3. Am I organised enough to manage external examinations after a two year period?
4. Have I taken the opportunity to discuss with my Dean any issues with regard to IB and NCEA about which I am unsure?

### Have I asked my subject teacher these questions?

1. What are the pre-requisites for this subject in the Y12 IB course?
2. What are the pre-requisites for this subject in L2 NCEA?
3. What is different in content between the IB and NCEA courses?
4. If I were to choose IB, am I capable of doing this subject at Higher Level?

### Have I talked with the TOK, CAS and EE co-ordinators about the requirements of these programmes?

### Have I asked the Careers Counsellor these questions?

1. What subjects do I need or should I do as preparation for my university course?
2. How many NCEA credits/IB points do I need for entry to restricted courses?
3. Are there any recommended subjects that I should take to increase my chance of success at entering restricted entry courses?