



# Year 11 MAGS Certificate of Educational Achievement (MCEA)



## ACADEMIC PROGRESSION AT MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Y9 Certificate ⇨ Y10 Diploma & NCEA Num/Lit ⇨ Y11 MCEA Certificate ⇨ Y12 NCEA Level 2 ⇨ Y13 NCEA Level 3, University Entrance & Scholarship

**What is the MCEA?** MCEA stands for MAGS Certificate of Educational Achievement. This is the first key year of working towards a qualification in the NZQA Framework. In Year 10 students had the opportunity to gain credits in the NCEA co-requisite Numeracy & Literacy assessments (these can be re-attempted in Year 11-13). In Year 11 all students take 3 subjects from the compulsory subjects column below & they have already chosen their 3 from the optional subjects.

Compulsory Subjects (Maths, English & Science)	Optional Subjects (Students chose 3 in T3)	Assessment & Coursework	Grading & Prerequisites
<p><b>11 Maths:</b> 11MA1 - Mathematics 11MN3 - Maths Numeracy</p> <p><b>11 English:</b> 11EN1 - English 11ENE - English Enriched 11EL3 - English Lang. (ESOL)</p> <p>One science is <b><u>STRONGLY RECOMMENDED</u></b></p> <p><b>Year 11 Sciences:</b> 11SI1 - General Science 11AG1 - Agriculture 11SD1 - Science Double</p> <div data-bbox="69 1094 416 1426" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center"><b>GLOSSARY</b></p> <p><b>NCEA:</b> National Certificate of Educational Achievement.</p> <p><b>MCEA:</b> MAGS Certificate of Educational Achievement.</p> <p><b>NZQA:</b> Stands for New Zealand Qualifications Authority - who manage national assessments &amp; marking &amp;/or moderation of NCEA assessments.</p> </div>	<p>More Sciences: see column 1</p> <p>11AC1 - Accounting 11PH1 - Art Design/Photography 11BC4 - Building Carpentry 11BU1 - Business Studies 11CH1 - Chinese 11DN1 - Dance 11DNA - Dance Accelerate 11DR1 - Drama 11DRA - Drama Accelerate 11DT1 - Digital technology 11EC1 - Economics 11FH4 - Food &amp; Hospitality 11FR1 - French 11GE1 - Geography 11GM1 - German 11HE1 - Health Science 11HI1 - History 11JP1 - Japanese 11LF4 - Learning for Futures 11MD1 - Media Studies 11MU1 - Music 11OE1 - Outdoor Education 11PN1 - Painting 11PF1 - Performance Physical Ed. 11PFR - Performance Rugby 11SS3 - Social Studies 11HA1 - Te Ao Haka 11RM1 - Te Reo Māori 11TP1 - Tech Product Design 11VC1 - Visual Comm</p> <p align="right"><i>Updated 4/2/25</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>A Knowledge and Content Focus.</b></p> <p>A key aim of the Year 11 course is to build a solid foundation of content knowledge required for success at NCEA Level 2 in 2026. All subjects have ongoing assessments across the year. All assessments are rigorous &amp; will test a full range of the knowledge &amp; skills required to do well in each subject.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each subject/course is worth 20 credits (across 6 subjects students will be enrolled in 120 credits.)</li> <li>• Of these 20 credits, each subject will offer <b>at least 5</b> 'NCEA' Level 1 credits, &amp; the remaining are MAGS <b>MCEA</b> credits or additional NCEA credits.</li> <li>• Each student has the opportunity to attain at least 30 <b>NCEA</b> Level 1 credits over the year that will be recorded on their Record of Achievement with NZQA.</li> <li>• The <b>NCEA</b> credits for each subject may be internals or externals.</li> <li>• The Term 3 MAGS school exams will be an opportunity to practice for the Term 4 external NCEA exams. They can also be used as evidence for derived grades for the NCEA externals.</li> <li>• The Term 3 exams will also be the prerequisite exams for MAGS Y12/Level 2 course selection requirements</li> </ul> <p><b>CALENDAR:</b> Study leave will be granted for the external NCEA Term 4 exams. Timetable link</p>	<p>For each assessment students are graded:</p> <p>E: <b>Excellence</b> (5 credits) M: <b>Merit</b> (5 credits) A: <b>Achieved</b> (5 credits) N: <b>Not Achieved</b> (No credits)</p> <div data-bbox="1576 711 2123 1082" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENTS</b></p> <p align="center"><b>MCEA Certificate with 'Excellence'</b> 50+ Credits at Excellence</p> <p align="center"><b>MCEA Certificate with 'Merit'</b> 50+ Credits at Merit/Excellence</p> <p align="center"><b>MCEA Certificate with 'Achieved'</b> Need 50+ Credits to pass MCEA <i>All 3 endorsements must have gained Literacy &amp; Numeracy requirements.</i></p> </div> <p><b>Policies &amp; Rules:</b> All resubmission, plagiarism &amp; assessment policies follow the current Level 1-3 NCEA practices. Information is provided by the Principal's Nominee.</p> <p><b>Prerequisites:</b> For entry into Level 2 courses are found in MAGS' Schoolpoint website. Students will select Year 12 courses in Term 3 of 2025.</p>