WHANGANUI CITY COLLEGE

Shaping potential, leading for tomorrow

Level 2 and 3 Courses 2027

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Introduction:

All courses offered in the Senior School are full-year courses; therefore, please ensure that the courses you select reflect your genuine interests and preferences.

Senior Course Outlines:

In Years 12, and 13, students will work towards achieving NCEA qualifications. The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is the primary qualification framework for senior secondary students in New Zealand.

For further information, students are encouraged to visit the NZQA website (NZQA Student Information), where most common questions are addressed.
Many courses offer a combination of internal and external assessments, and include a mix of Achievement Standards and Unit Standards to cater to the diverse strengths and learning styles of students.

A limited number of multi-level courses are offered exclusively to Year 12 and 13 students.

Course Selection:

Before making your course selections, it is important to discuss your future plans with your whānau, whānau teacher, and the Academic Dean, Ms Paki.

When selecting your courses, consider the career path you wish to pursue and the qualifications required to achieve it. A useful resource for this is the Careers and Youth website, which provides valuable information to help you make well-informed decisions about the subjects that best support your goals.

Be sure to read the course information carefully before making your selections. Choose subjects that not only align with your aspirations but also allow for progression through to Year 13.

Where possible, select courses that build on your strengths and reflect your interests, as this will support both your engagement and success in your learning journey.

Co-requisites - (Literacy & Numeracy):

To achieve any NCEA level qualification, you must also meet the co-requisite Literacy and Numeracy requirements. This involves gaining 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits through the Common Assessment Activities (CAAs).

In addition, to meet the University Entrance (UE) Literacy requirement, you must earn 5 Reading credits and 5 Writing credits from specified Level 2 or Level 3 Achievement Standards.

How to select your courses:

1. Carefully review the course options before making your selections.
2. If you are uncertain about which courses to choose, consult with your whānau, whānau teacher, or the Academic Dean for guidance.
3. On the right-hand side of the form, indicate your first-choice and backup course selections, and complete the semester sheet accordingly.
4. Ensure that your subject choices reflect a broad range of interests and areas you are passionate about.
5. If you are interested in pursuing Farming, UCOL courses, or the Building course (available for Years 12 and 13), please speak directly with Mr Pui OR Mrs Corcoran
6. Complete the form fully and submit it by the designated deadline.

LINE 1		
Course Name	**What is this course about**	**Credits on Offer**
Level 3 Physical Education (3PED)	This course develops students' practical skills across a range of physical activities while exploring anatomy, physiology, biomechanics and skill learning to improve performance. *Students need to have completed Level 2 Physical Education or have teacher approval.*	19 credits at NCEA Level 3. UE Approved Course.
Level 2/3 Hard Materials (2/3TCH)	This Level 2/3 course will give you opportunities to refine and extend your practical skills in Technology in Trades. You will do this through exploring & developing given and negotiated projects using a range of technology materials supported by entry level trade knowledge & skills. Note: You will need to have successfully completed Level 2 before you will be offered Level 3 assessments.	A minimum of 14 credits at NCEA Level 2. A minimum of 15 credits at NCEA Level 3.
Level 2/3 Digital Technology	This course builds on skills learnt at Level 1 and you will be able to develop a deeper understanding of Python programming and HTML/CSS. You will also have the opportunity to further explore the Digital Technology design process. This course is recommended for students who completed the Level 1 Digital Technology course.	20 credits at NCEA Level 2 16 credits at NCEA Level 3. [All internal assessments]
Level 2 Geography (2GEO)	This course explores 'Where things are, Why they are there and Who really cares' - by looking at Natural features in Tongariro National Park, Cities and crime in Chicago, Wealth and its effects on New Zealanders, Endangered Species in the world, and more. There is also a three day, two night, trip to Tongariro, staying at Mangatepopo Camp.	21+ credits at NCEA Level 2.
Level 2/3 Textiles	This course at Level 2 allows you to extend your skills with textiles to design and make more advanced real-world products using both new and old technology. At Level 3, students must have completed Level 2 textiles and must be able to work independently to explore, design and make new products using pattern making, advanced construction and manufacturing techniques.	15 credits at NCEA Level 2. 16 credits at NCEA Level 3.

LINE 2		
Course Name	**What is this course about**	**Credits on Offer**
Level 2 Physical Education (2PED)	This course develops students' understanding of how the body moves and performs through a range of physical activities. Students will explore anatomy, biomechanics, skill learning and training methods to improve performance.	23 credits at NCEA Level 2.
Level 3 Art (3ART)	This course has an internal art standard followed by an external folio inspired by artist models selected by the student and produces a body of work exploring a concept of their choosing. *Students need to have completed Level 2 Visual Arts or have teacher approval.*	18 credits at NCEA Level 3. [One internal assessment and one external assessment - exams] UE Approved Course.
Level 2/3 Hospitality (23HOSP)	This course transitions you into a professional kitchen environment by teaching advanced commercial cooking techniques, food safety, and hospitality management. It will prepare you to cook safely for business, your whanau and the wider community	20 credits at NCEA Level 2. 15 credits at NCEA Level 3. [All internal assessments]
Level 2 History (2HIST)	This course explores important parts of history, including perspectives towards land in the Taranaki War, the plunder of Parihaka and the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This course develops critical learning and literacy skills.	14 credits at NCEA Level 2.
Level 3 History (3HIST)	This course examines important parts of history, including the Kīngitanga movement, the Cuban Missile Crisis and	15 credits at NCEA Level 3. UE Approved Course.
Level 2/3 Tourism (23TOUR)	This course is a Unit Standard based course that focuses on Tourism Māori in Aotearoa, locally and nationally. There are also Unit Standards that examine tourism in the Pacific Islands and Australia. Students will explore the ideas and cultural concepts of Te Ao Māori in this sector. Students will also have the opportunity to gain insight into the hospitality and hotel industry.	16 credits at NCEA Level 2. 25 credits at NCEA Level 3.

LINE 3		
Course Name	**What is this course about**	**Credits on Offer**
Level 2/3 Music (23MUS)	This course takes your music to the next level through live performances, creative collaboration, and advanced music technology. Refine your skills on stage, perform for real audiences, and explore new ways to record, produce, and share your music.	20 credits at NCEA Level 2. 18 credits at NCEA Level 3. [All internal assessments] UE Approved Course (L3).
Level 3 Science (3SCI)	This course offers students the opportunity to extend their scientific knowledge and build on the concepts explored at Level 2. Through further study and practical investigations in biology, physics and chemistry, students will develop a deeper understanding of scientific principles, strengthen their analytical skills and explore how scientific ideas can be applied to real-world situations.	20 credits at NCEA Level 2. [Three internal assessments and one external assessment - exam]
Level 2 Statistics (2STAT)	This course is designed to help students interpret the statistics they encounter in the world. It also looks at all aspects of Level 2 Probability and how to use this to predict the future. We look at experimental design, statistical analysis involving multivariate data and appropriate report writing. It is designed to help students interpret the statistics they encounter in the world.	16 credits at NCEA Level 2. [Four internal assessments and one external assessment - exam]
Level 2 Art (2ART)	This course looks at ideas and concepts of vanitas, a still life art movement from the dark ages followed by an external folio inspired by artist models selected by the student and produces a body of work exploring a concept of their choosing.	20 credits at NCEA Level 2. [Two internal assessments and one external assessment - exams]
Level 2/3 Life skills (23LSKS)	This course is a unit standard course developing essential skills for life including how to interact with wider society, the police, flatting, rental agreements etc. This is not a university entrance course but is highly recommended for those who are doing outside provider courses such as build and agriculture.	15-20 credits at NCEA Level 2. 15-20 credits at NCEA Level 3.

LINE 4		
Course Name	**What is this course about**	**Credits on Offer**
Level 2/3 Dance (23DANC)	This course is for dancers who want to take their skills further. You will develop your technique and performance, create original choreography, and explore how dance reflects different cultures, ideas and contexts. You will learn alongside students from the other year level, while being assessed at the level that matches your year.	20 credits at NCEA Level 2. [Four internal assessments and one external assessment - exam] 22 credits at NCEA Level 3. [Four internal assessments and one external assessment - exam] UE Approved Course.
Level 3 Geography (3GEO)	We study Natural & Human themes, such as the Global Diamond industry, Human Trafficking, the Geography of Event Planning with our example being Rhythm and Vines, and more. We analyse up to date and interesting topics, such as the geopolitics of War in the Middle East and environmental sustainability. There is also a three day, two night, trip to Picton & Kaikoura to supplement our Research Topic.	18 credits at NCEA Level 3. UE Approved Course.
Level 2/3 Finance (23FNC)	This course allows you to take control of your financial future by mastering the real-world skills needed to manage money wisely. Grounded in the Sorted in Schools framework, this course offers NCEA Level 2 and Level 3 Financial Capability Unit Standards.	15 Credits at NCEA Level 2. 15 Credits at NCEA Level 3.
Level 2 Health (2HTH)	This course encourages students to think critically and to make meaning of the world around them by exploring health-related contexts and issues. They learn that well-being is a combination of the physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of people's lives. They explore ways to bring about sustainable health-enhancing change for individuals and communities. Students will also undertake an in depth critical analysis of an adolescence health issue.	20 credits at NCEA Level 2. [Three internal assessments and one external assessments - exam]
Level 2/3 Te Reo Māori (23MAO)	This course builds your confidence in speaking, reading, listening and writing in te reo Māori. You will develop your vocabulary, hold longer conversations, explore tikanga Māori, and learn about Māori history, leaders, traditional stories and marae protocols.	19 credits at NCEA Level 2. 19 credits at NCEA Level 3. UE Approved Course (L3).

LINE 5		
Course Name	**What is this course about**	**Credits on Offer**
Level 2 English (2ENG)	This course develops students' skills in reading, writing, and viewing. Students will study written and visual texts, including film, and find out how different writers and directors present similar ideas or themes. They will create their own written work, refine their ideas with growing independence, and build the confidence to communicate clearly and persuasively. They can research a topic of their choice and learn how to use effective research strategies.	Up to 25 credits at NCEA Level 2. [Four internal assessments and two external assessments - exams] UE Literacy.
Level 3 English (3ENG)	This course extends students' skills in reading, writing and viewing through the close study of complex written and visual texts, including film. Students will analyse how writers and filmmakers use language and techniques to convey ideas, and develop their own sustained, original, and well-supported work. They will think critically, form independent interpretations, and communicate with precision and style.	Up to 25 credits at NCEA Level 3. [Four internal assessments and two external assessments - exams] UE Literacy. UE Approved Course.
Level 2 Calculus (2CALC)	This course involves Mathematics in Practical and Algebraic situations. It is designed to give the students the Mathematical skills and knowledge pertinent to Level 7/8 of the curriculum that could be used in daily life. This course prepares students for the use of Mathematics in higher study of Science, Commerce, Mathematics, Social Science and any area that requires algebraic skills.	18 credits at NCEA Level 2. [Five internal assessments and one external assessment - exam] *A further four L2 credits available depending on teacher approval.
Level 3 Sport & Recreation (3SPOR)	This course uses sports and outdoor activity as a context for developing students' understanding of anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, and exercise prescription in order to develop the fitness required for challenging activities. *Previous Level 2 PE or OED is an advantage*	22 credits at NCEA Level 3.
Level 3 Statistics (3STAT)	This course is designed to help students interpret the statistics they encounter in the world. It also looks at all aspects of Level 3 Statistics and Probability and how to use this to predict the future. We look at experimental design, statistical analysis involving bivariate, time series and multivariate data and appropriate report writing. It is designed to help students interpret the statistics they encounter in the world.	20 credits at NCEA Level 3. [Four internal assessments and one external assessment - exam] UE Approved Course.
Level 2 Science (2SCI)	This course offers an exciting opportunity to discover how science explains the world around us through practical investigations and scientific exploration. Students will explore living things, forces and energy, and the properties of different substances, developing their understanding of biology, physics and chemistry along the way.	20 credits at NCEA Level 2. [Three internal assessments and one external assessment - exam]

LINE 6		
Course Name	**What is this course about**	**Credits on Offer**
Level 2 English (2ENG)	This course develops students' skills in reading, writing, and viewing. Students will study written and visual texts, including film, and find out how different writers and directors present similar ideas or themes. They will create their own written work, refine their ideas with growing independence, and build the confidence to communicate clearly and persuasively. They can research a topic of their choice and learn how to use effective research strategies.	Up to 25 credits at NCEA Level 2. [Four internal assessments and two external assessments - exams] UE Literacy.
Level 2 Outdoor Education (2OED)	This course builds on the learning from level 1 with an emphasis on the student organizing themselves and their gear prior to demonstrating specific skills in a variety of outdoor activities including kayaking, mountain biking, and tramping in a variety of environments. *Students do not need to have completed Level 1 Outdoor Education, although it is beneficial.*	20 credits at NCEA Level 2.
Level 3 Health (3HTH)	This course builds on the knowledge gained at level 2. Students will utilise critical thinking and research to develop their own understanding of health issues within New Zealand and internationally. Ethical issues and health practices will also be explored, encouraging students to expand their thinking beyond themselves reflecting on wider societal issues.	19 credits at NCEA Level 3. [Three internal assessments and one external assessments - exam] UE Approved Course.
Level 2/3 Te ao haka (23HAKA)	This course builds your skills in Te Ao Haka through Māori performing arts, including haka, waiata, movement and cultural expression. You will develop your performance, interpretation and leadership skills while exploring tikanga, the stories and meanings behind performances, and the importance of Māori identity and culture.	19 credits at NCEA Level 2. 19 credits at NCEA Level 3.
Level 2/3 Life skills (23LSKS)	This course is a unit standard course developing essential skills for life including how to interact with wider society, the police, flatting, rental agreements etc. This is not a university entrance course but is highly recommended for those who are doing outside provider courses such as build and agriculture. It is also a good course to take in conjunction with financial skills.	15-20 credits at NCEA Level 2. 15-20 credits at NCEA Level 3.
Level 3 Calculus (3CALC)	This course involves Mathematics in Practical and Algebraic situations. It is designed to give the students the Mathematical skills and knowledge pertinent to Level 7/8 of the curriculum that could be used in daily life. This course prepares students for the use of Mathematics in higher study of Science, Commerce, Mathematics, Social Science and any area that requires algebraic skills.	20 credits at NCEA Level 3. [Five internal assessments and one external assessment - exam] UE Approved Course. *A further five L3 credits available depending on teacher approval.

Level 2 and 3 Course Selection Form 2027

Name: _____ Whānau: _____

Line 1	First	2GEO	3PED	23DIGI	23TCH	23TXT	
	Back-up	2GEO	3PED	23DIGI	23TCH	23TXT	
Line 2	First	2PED	3ART	23HIS	23HOSP	23TOUR	
	Back-up	2PED	3ART	23HIS	23HOSP	23TOUR	
Line 3	First	2ART	2STAT	3SCI	23LSKS	23MUS	
	Back-up	2ART	2STAT	3SCI	23LSKS	23MUS	
Line 4	First	23DANC	3GEO	2HTH	23FNC	23MAO	
	Back-up	23DANC	3GEO	2HTH	23FNC	23MAO	
Line 5	First	2CALC	2ENG	2SCI	3ENG	3SPORT	3STAT
	Back-up	2CALC	2ENG	2SCI	3ENG	3SPORT	3STAT
Line 6	First	2ENG	2OED	3HTH	23HAKA	23LSKS	3CALC
	Back-up	2ENG	2OED	3HTH	23HAKA	23LSKS	3CALC