

Tuesday 6th June 2023

Dear parents and caregivers,

NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisites - Year 10 Students 2023

The **Ministry of Education** is changing the way schools assess students' **literacy** and **numeracy**. This new approach includes an assessment called the **NCEA Co-requisite**. It is important to note that although all students must pass the co-requisite in order to leave school with a qualification, they do not need to have passed it before they start NCEA. Our school is involved in the pilot this year, before the rollout for all Year 11 students in 2024. Engaging with the co-requisite this year means that we have two years to work with our current Year 10 students on their numeracy and literacy co-requisites, if needed, and have interventions where required so they can achieve their Level 1 Certificates next year.




What parents need to know:

- The new co-requisite comprises **three tests** or Common Assessment Activities (CAA). There is a **reading** test, a **writing** test and a **mathematics** test. All students across New Zealand do the same three tests.
- All three tests are sat **online** at school using students' own devices on a secure website called Assessment Master. It is essential that your child has a fully charged device that is able to run assessment master on all three days.

To check whether your child's device will run digital exams, open the following link on your child's device and scroll down.

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/device-readiness-check/>

You should see green ticks down the right hand side, like the picture below, if the device is suitable. We will also be checking students' devices at school.

You need:	You have:
Browser Use one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Chrome, version 95+ • Safari (Mac), version 11+ <i>Notifications, screensavers and automatic updates must be disabled</i>	Your browser is: Chrome, version 113  Supported
Screen / monitor resolution Screen resolution must be at least: 1366 x 768 pixels	Your resolution is: 1440 x 900  Supported
Operating System Use one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Windows 8.1, 10+ • Apple Mac OS 10.15+ • Chrome OS 	Your Operating System is: Mac OS 10.15.7+ 

- The three assessments will take place on three separate days in **Week 8 of Term 2**. If your child is absent on one of these days, they can sit two tests the following day.

Assessments:	Tuesday 13th June	Reading
	Wednesday 14th June	Writing
	Thursday 15th June	Mathematics

- Each assessment should take approximately **60 minutes**. (More time is allowed if needed, but each assessment must be within one sitting). There is **no financial cost** to sit these co-requisites. At this stage, our international students are not taking the test while we run the pilot.
- These tests are set at Level 4 / 5 of the curriculum which means these tests do present a challenge. For those students who do not pass the co-requisite, there will be another opportunity to sit the assessments in Term 4 this year. They will also be running in Year 11 as needed.

- For the Writing and Mathematics assessments there is an audio function, where questions are read aloud. **Students are to bring their own headphones if they would like to use this function.**

If you have any further questions regarding subjects or devices, please feel free to contact:

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Kind regards,

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