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Principal's Update

Kia Ora parents and caregivers,

Announcement from the Ministry of Education - Proposal to replace NCEA

I am writing to you today to address an announcement this morning from the Minister of Education regarding our national qualification for secondary students, the National Certificate of Educational Achievement. As Principal, I think this is a timely and important conversation for us to have with you, with our students and with other important members of our community, such as employers and tertiary providers. There are several aspects of the NCEA system that we know are not ideal, and so I welcome this announcement from the Minister. I would like to assure you as parents that we are involved in this process and as always, we will work hard to make sure we get the best possible outcomes for our students. I encourage you as parents, to have your say on the proposals. To this end, I have attached to this email the details that the Ministry has provided thus far and the QR code that gives you access to have your say on the proposed changes.

The key proposals from the Ministry are to:

- Introduce a new Foundational Award in Year 11 that documents achievement in literacy and numeracy or te reo matatini and pāngarau
- Introduce qualifications for Years 12 and 13 called the New Zealand Certificate of Education and the New Zealand Advanced Certificate of Education.
- Establish a structured and subject-based approach to qualifications and introduce required curriculum subjects at Year 11.
- Work with industry to integrate clear, consistent vocational education and training (VET) learning, making sure it is of value to students, employers, and industry.
- Strengthen the achievement requirements for these qualifications.

These proposed changes are supported by work that is already well underway in reviewing and implementing a new curriculum across all levels of schools in New Zealand.

The process of making these changes will take some time. You will see by using the link https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/250803-NCEA-Change-2025-Summary-for-Parents_04-1.pdf information that any new qualifications would only be implemented in time for the current year 8 students. This means that as a school we will have plenty of time to adjust our programmes and systems to align with any changes. The key consideration is of course to make sure that what is delivered is the best for our students.

Please would you continue to keep the Ministry of Education and our school in your prayers as we embark on this important work. We know that God has plans for our students, to prosper them and not to harm them, to give them a hope and a future. These are the plans that ultimately matter and we will continue to seek God in all that we do.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Julian Adamson', written in a cursive style.

Mr Julian Adamson
Principal