

MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13



Student Assessment Handbook 2026



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National Certificate in Educational Achievement

Student Information 2026

Your work this year will be assessed using Achievement Standards and possibly Unit Standards. It is important that you read this information carefully so that you understand how to get the best results from your effort this year.

NCEA General Information

- For each subject, you will be offered a number of Standards.
- Each Standard is worth a particular number of credits.
- To achieve Level 1 in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement, you must gain 60 credits. To achieve Level 2 you must gain 60 credits at Level 2 or above. To achieve Level 3 you also need 60 Level 3 credits. Credits at each level can come from any of your subjects.
- To achieve NCEA you must also achieve the Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite (10 Numeracy Credits and 10 Literacy Credits in reading and writing). You will have multiple opportunities to achieve the Co-requisite qualification as you move through NCEA.
- To achieve a NCEA Certificate with an Achieved Endorsement, you need to gain at least 50 credits at Achieved. For a Merit Endorsement you need to gain at least 50 credits at Merit level or above. For a certificate with Excellence endorsement, you need 50 credits at an Excellence level.
- Subject endorsement is also available in many of your subjects. Please go to www.nzqa.govt.nz for further information about this opportunity for recognition in individual subjects.

Standard Structure

	Achievement Standards	Unit Standards (Tourism, Gateway, EAP)
Potential Grades	Achieved with Excellence Achieved with Merit Achieved Not Achieved	Achieved Not Achieved Some standards may allow achievement at a merit and excellence level
Assessment Type	Internal (Assessed throughout the school year) External (Assessed at the end of the year, usually by a written examination. NCEA Level 1 also offers submission based externals in Term 3)	Internal (Assessed throughout the school year)

Assessment Procedure

In each of your subjects you will receive a Course Outline which will include assessment procedures.

These will include:

- Details of the assessment programme
- The method of assessment
- The dates when assessment tasks are due
- The length of time allocated for each task
- The availability of any further assessment opportunities.

For each internally assessed standard, your subject teacher will also give you:

- An outline of the assessed task
- A date for that assessment to be handed in or the time for the in-class assessment.
- The criteria for gaining Achieved, Achieved with Merit, Achieved with Excellence.

It is important that you keep a record of your result in each assessment so that you are able to check your results against the final grades shown on your NZQA login. You will also have an opportunity to check and sign off your grades to confirm that these are correct before they are submitted to NZQA.

Derived Grade Examinations

For standards assessed with an examination at the end of the year, you will be given the opportunity to sit a derived grade examination, usually at the end of Term 3. The result of the Derived Grade Examination is sent to NZQA in case there is a legitimate reason (such as a medical event or bereavement) that means you cannot sit the end of year examination. Your derived grades will also appear on your school report. Derived grades are only used in case of an emergency by NZQA.

Authenticity of Student Work

All work which is submitted for assessment must be your own. Authenticity of student work will be verified in a number of different ways, depending on the type of assessment task. Your teachers will guide you on this process. Authenticity will be checked by submitting the document to 'Turn it in'.



Breach of Assessment Conditions

- **Plagiarism:** is using other people's ideas or words as your own without acknowledgement. An example would be copying work out of a book or from a website and pretending you wrote it or failing to provide adequate references.
- Allowing another student to copy your work is also misconduct and can result in both students receiving a Not Achieved grade for the assessment.
- **Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):** There has been an increasing use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) programmes in teaching and learning over the last year. Using AI to, for example, provide an overview of a topic, can be a legitimate form of research and preparation for an internal assessment. Any AI used as part of a research process should be referenced by students in their assessments.



Issues concerning the authenticity of student work appear when a student presents artificially generated content as their own work. Turnitin now has AI detection software. When Turnitin detects the possible use of AI in a student assessment a process will be followed to determine if the student work demonstrates their own understanding of the content.

Please note that the application of this process does not assume guilt on behalf of the student, but is a process followed by Marist College so that it meets its responsibility to NZQA to ensure the authenticity of any student work assessed and awarded NCEA credits.

- If there is clear evidence that assessment conditions have been breached, a 'Not Achieved' grade will be awarded for that Standard and your parents/ guardians will be notified of the reason for this in writing. You will not be given another opportunity to attempt that standard. A copy of the written notification to your parent/guardian will also be added to your school records.

Missed Assessments / Impaired Performance

If you miss an assessment task for a valid reason such as illness or if you believe your performance has been adversely affected by a situation beyond your control, then you should apply for an extension or for an alternative assessment date.

To make alternative arrangements for an internal assessment date:

- You must obtain and complete a 'Request for an Extension' form from outside Dr Houliston's office (beside the staffroom).

AND

- You must support your application with either a detailed note from your parent/guardian or a Medical Certificate.

This process must begin as soon as you have returned to school.

All documentation must be completed by you and taken for approval from Mrs Menezes or to the Curriculum Office for approval from Dr Houliston. The form must then be taken to your subject teacher who will negotiate an alternative date with you. Impaired performance (where an assessment grade is given using alternative evidence) can only be granted if your teacher has sufficient evidence to support his/her judgement of your grade.

- If you miss an assessment task through wilful absence, such as truancy or going away on holiday during term time, then you will not be eligible to receive a result for that standard. Non school activities, other than representation at National level, do not qualify you for extension.
- If you feel that you cannot complete an assessment on time, you should ask for an extension in school prior to the time of submission and not via email just before the time it is due (unless it is an event beyond your control).

Withdrawal from Assessment

If you decide to withdraw from the assessment of a standard, you must fill in an application form which is available online or from Dr Houliston's office. It is important that both your parent/guardian and your teacher have the opportunity to discuss the implications of your withdrawal before a final decision is made.

If you decide to proceed with a withdrawal, all documentation must be completed by you, discussed with your parents and returned to your subject teacher before the assessment process begins.

In most situations withdrawal applications should be made prior to the teaching and learning in class.

Appeals

Provided you have sufficient reason, you are able to appeal an assessment grade.

Your grounds for an appeal could be:

- Perceiving you were disadvantaged compared to other students attempting the same assessment.
- Believing that your result is inconsistent with the standard
- Disagreement over the submission of an 'Absence or Extension Form'
- Believing that some of your material has been overlooked.

How to lodge an appeal:

- Appeals should be made in the first instance to your subject teacher **within five days of receiving the grade.** An 'Internal Assessment Appeal Form' is available from the Main Office and must also be completed.
- Your subject teacher will consult, if necessary, with the Head of Department and the Principal's Nominee.
- If no resolution is reached, the Principal's Nominee will consult with the Principal, whose decision is final.
- For each appeal, you will be notified in writing of the decision that has been reached. If your appeal is successful, the necessary amendments will be made to documentation.

All forms relating to NCEA can be found on the shelves in the Main Office. Collecting the forms and following these procedures is your responsibility. If you have any concerns or questions about NCEA please see Mrs Menezes or Dr Houliston in the Curriculum Office.



Marist Referencing Guide

There are two parts to referencing: the citations within the text of your paper and the reference list at the end of your paper.

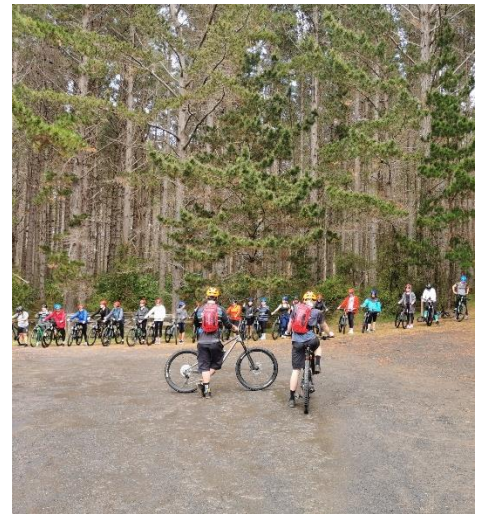
You should reference your source when you are paraphrasing a big idea or concept from a source, or when you are directly quoting from it. You do not need to reference your own ideas or conclusions based on the evidence you have presented.

The referencing style outlined is an "author-date" style, so the citation in the text consists of the author(s) and the year of publication given in round brackets.

Use only the surname of the author(s) followed by a comma and the year of publication.

E.g.

Members of the Mau Movement blamed the New Zealand Administration for not only the deaths of 25% of the Samoan population during the influenza epidemic, but also sustained attempts to breakdown of Fa'a Samoa (the Samoan way of life) in order to control the country (Field, 2015).



Include page numbers if you are quoting directly from the text.

E.g.

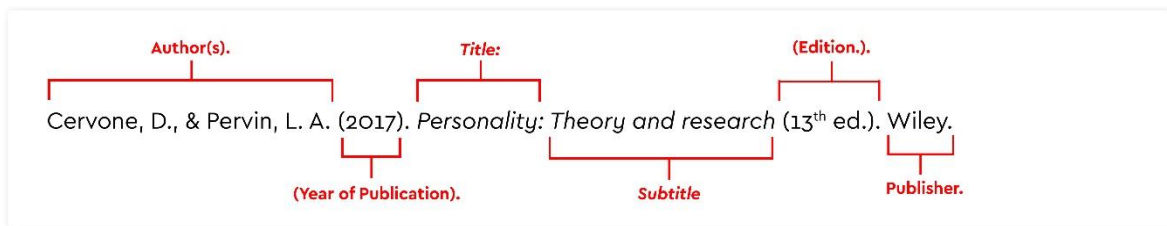
The Polynesian Panthers resisted the racial targeting of Pacific Islanders in several ways, including taking action 'overcome racist policies which were hindering equitable access to quality education, health, housing and a variety of other social conditions' (Fitness and Coutts, 2013, p.45).

Books, journal articles, internet documents (website pages) or other sources are all referenced in the same way except for electronic documents that do not provide page numbers. In this case use the paragraph number, if available, with the abbreviation para.

E.g. (New Zealand History, 2020, para 3)

Reference List:

The full details of the source are given in a reference list at the end of the document:



Reference list entries contain all the information that is required to follow up your source. Reference lists in APA are arranged alphabetically by author. Below are examples of how to list different sources in your reference list.

E.g.

Books:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). Title of work: Subtitle (edition.). (Volume(s)). Publisher.

E.g. Colclough, B., & Colclough, J. (1999). *A challenge to change*. Thorsons.

Edited Book:

Editor, A. A., & Editor, B. B. (Eds.). (Year). Title of work: Subtitle (edition.). (Volume(s)). Publisher.

E.g. Snyder, C. R. (Ed.). (1999). *Coping: The psychology of what works*. Oxford University Press.

Internet sources:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title: Subtitle (edition). Publisher. URL

E.g. New Zealand History. (2020). Anzac Day. Ministry of Culture and Heritage.
<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/war/anzac-day/introduction>

Podcasts

Artist, A. A. (Credit), & Artist, B. B. (Credit). (Year of copyright, Date of recording). Title of episode.
Title of Programme: Subtitle [format]. Publisher. (Year of recording if different from year of copyright).
URL

E.g. Gary, S. (Host). (2007, December 23). Black hole death ray. StarStuff [Audio podcast]. ABC News Radio. <http://abc.net.au/newsradio/podcast/STARSTUFF.xml>

If you are unsure of how to reference a source you are referring to in your work please ask your teacher to help!



Request for an extension or impaired performance for an internally assessed standard

Please complete the first section of this form and take it to Mrs Menezes or Dr Houliston for approval. A Medical Certificate or a detailed note which includes a contact phone number must be attached.

Please note: If you are absent from school for personal interest (eg. family holiday) you are not eligible for an extension.

Student Name: _____ Level: _____

Subject: _____ Teacher: _____

Standard Number and Title: _

Number of credits:

Date on which internal is due: _____

Attached: **Medical Certificate** **Detailed note, including a contact phone number**

_____ Additional supporting information: _____

Student Signature: _____

(Office use only)

Approval given: Yes No

Reason if declined: _____

Principal's Nominee/ Deputy Principal: _____

Suggested timeframe:

Subject Teacher to complete:

1. New assessment date given Yes No Date/time: _____

2. Extension given Yes No Due date: _____

3. Impaired Performance granted Yes No

Subject Teacher: _____

Head of Department: _



Internal Assessment Appeal

This form is to be used to make a formal appeal of an assessed grade which has been awarded for internally assessed work at Levels 1, 2 or 3 of the National Qualifications Framework.

Please complete the details below and submit this form to the relevant subject teacher with all assessment material.

Student Name: _____ Level: _____

Subject: _____ Teacher: _____

Standard Number and Title: _____

Initial Result (please circle) Not Achieved Achieved Achieved with Merit

Reason for this Appeal

- Grade inconsistent with another candidate's result
- Grade inconsistent with the standard
- Submitted material has been overlooked.
- Other (please describe) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Course of Action (Teacher or CLT to complete)

Appeal Result (please circle)

Initial Grade retained

Initial Grade changed

Final Grade given

Teacher Signature

HOD Signature

Student Signature

Date

Please submit this form to the Principal's Nominee



Appendix 1.8

Application to withdraw from an NCEA Standard

Name: _____ Year level: _____

Withdrawal from: Internal External

NB: Withdrawal from internal assessment must occur before the assessment begins.

Level	Subject	Standard Number	Credit Value
Standard Title			

Reason for withdrawing: *Please tick as many as apply*

- Absence from class
- Workload priority
- Examination prioritisation e.g. fewer standards, better grades

I have discussed this withdrawal with my parent/guardian. I understand they will be informed of my withdrawal from this standard.

Student Signature: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

HOD Signature: _____

Dr Houliston Signature:

Date:

Please hand this form to your Teacher who will forward it to the Principal's Nominee for processing

Queries About Assessment

- Ask your classroom teacher; or
- Ask the relevant Curriculum Leader:
 - Business Accounting Economics Miss Antoinetta Whiteford
 - English ESOL Media Mrs Jo Worsley
 - Languages - French, Chinese, Maori Mrs Viki Jonas
 - Mathematics - Calculus, Statistics Mr Nick Smit
 - Physical Education, Health Ms Ellie Going
 - Performing Arts Ms Kristie Finlay
 - Religious Education Ms Rebecca Edwards
 - Science, Chemistry, Physics, Biology Mr Nigel Horne
 - Social Science, History, Geography, Classics Ms Jane Foster
 - Technology, Digital, Fabric, Food Ms Rachel Kirkland
 - Visual Art Mrs Jessica Jacobson
- Ask Mrs Menezes; or Ask Dr Houliston.

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