

# Rangitoto College is offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) from 2016

Rangitoto College is known nationally and internationally as a highly academic school, enabling students to gain access to the best universities worldwide. We are proud to announce that from 2016 we will offer our students the choice of two world-class qualifications.

## What's the difference between NCEA & the IB?

NCEA (the National Certificate of Educational Achievement) is the main secondary school qualification in New Zealand. It enables students to prepare for the full range of academic or vocational pathways. Students can start to specialise while they are at school, or they can keep their options open. This year one of our NCEA graduates has been granted a full scholarship to study at Harvard University.

The IB (International Baccalaureate) is a diploma programme which is recognised worldwide. It is a broad, balanced and academically challenging educational programme, which prepares students for success at university and in life beyond.



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<b>Length of course</b>	3 years - Year 11-13 (although it is possible to achieve University Entrance in two years – 12 and 13).	2 years – Year 12 – 13 (Year 11 students will complete NCEA Level 1). Students must complete the full two years.
<b>Number of subjects</b>	Students choose six subjects in Years 11 and 12, and five subjects in Year 13.	Students choose six subjects in Years 12 and 13.
<b>Subject selection</b>	Students select their own subjects based on ability and availability. Mathematics and English are compulsory in Year 11. Only English is compulsory in Year 12 and there are no compulsory subjects in Year 13.	Students choose subjects from 6 broad categories. Mathematics, English and a second language are all compulsory. The core consists of Theory of Knowledge, an extended essay and a creativity, action and service component.
<b>Assessment</b>	Assessments are both internal (in-class) and external (final exams).	Involves internal exams which are moderated and final exams at the end of Year 13 which are marked by IB.
<b>Grading and results</b>	Results for NCEA assessments are graded as either Not Achieved, Achieved, Merit or Excellence. Each assessment is worth a specific number of credits and credits accumulate to earn a certificate – Year 11 (80 credits); Year 12 (80 credits); Year 13 (80 credits).	Each subject is marked out of 7, with 4 being a pass. To achieve the IB Diploma, a student should achieve a minimum of 24 IB points (IB grade 4 in 6 subjects) with the maximum possible diploma score being 45 points (IB grade 7 in 6 subjects plus 3 points from the core curriculum).
<b>Who would suit this course?</b>	It is a flexible course with many course options. NCEA both enables high-achieving students to reach their full potential and also gives low-achieving students a chance to tailor their learning to ensure they also have a chance to earn a nationally-recognised qualification.	IB would suit students who are planning on university study overseas where NCEA is less known. It is specifically designed to develop critical-thinking skills and encourages students to consider both their local and international environment.
<b>Cost</b>	Included in international student tuition fees.	\$1500 per student, per year (\$3000 total). This includes all associated course costs and examination fees.