



Curriculum

Papakura High School offers a dynamic and challenging curriculum with a wide range of educational, cultural, sporting and social opportunities. Our core pedagogy is based on a model of 'Learn, Create, Share' with an expectation of students learning in the 21st Century. All programmes use Chromebooks. These devices are a compulsory part of your child's learning equipment. Year 12 programmes will also begin the implementation of Chromebook use across the curriculum. (Many subjects already use these as part of their programme). Students are encouraged to set high academic and vocational goals and to develop the desire for life-long learning.

Junior classes

Placement into classes is based on academic information provided by contributing schools and confirmed by testing early in the year. To help with the transition from Intermediate school, Year 9 students are kept together as a class for the day. The priority of Year 10 is to prepare for NCEA Level 1. Students remain as one class to study English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health and Physical Education. They then choose two option subjects to study for the year.

Senior Classes

As an NZQA accredited provider, the school offers students the opportunity to gain national qualifications. We work with MiT and the Trades Academy to offer a range of vocationally based training.

Year 11

Students gain credits towards NCEA Level 1. All students must take English or Te Reo, Mathematics and Science, and three other subjects – a total of six courses.

Year 12 and Year 13

Students gain credits towards NCEA Level 2 and 3. There are no compulsory subjects at these levels. All students have the opportunity to experience workplace environments whilst gaining additional credits through our Gateway programme. We offer many Tertiary experiences through our Careers Department, smoothing the pathway into further education.

Academic Support

The Learning Centre supports students with individual specific learning needs. Students from overseas may need to study a programme of English as an additional language in our ESOL department. We also have a series of conferences where the focus is placed on the future goals of the student, ensuring that the pathway they are on leads to their desired outcome.



Junior Curriculum

Year 9	Year 10
English Mathematics Science Social Studies Physical Education / Health	English Mathematics Science Social Studies Physical Education / Health
	Options
<p><i>Students will follow the subjects below on a rotational basis.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality • Music • Art • Te Reo Maori • ICT • Performing Arts (dance /drama) • Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Business • Technology • Hospitality • Graphics • Kapa Haka • Te Reo Maori • Music • Sports Education • Performing Arts (dance/drama)

Subjects in bold are compulsory