



St. Paul's College Junior Diploma

The purpose of the Junior Diploma is to provide students in years 7-10 with an achievement tool where they can track and monitor their own learning progressions. Making assessment visible allows students to set goals, connect with their learning and understand the value of achievement. The St Paul's College Junior Diploma aligns with NCEA using the collection of 160 credits at each curriculum level.

Achievement Criteria:

To obtain the junior diploma students must achieve 100 credits academically at or above their respective New Zealand Curriculum Level. Students will need to gain a minimum of 10 special character credits awarded through the school Religious Education service programme and 40 learning behaviour credits for attendance, punctuality, classroom engagement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Like NCEA, Students will be able to achieve the Junior Diploma endorsed with Merit or Excellence by obtaining 80 academic credits at Merit or Excellence level. Merit and Excellent achievement does not change the number of credits a student receives. Students who gain the Junior Diploma endorsed with Merit and Excellence may be eligible to complete external NCEA examinations in year 10.

Subject Credits:

- Students will have the opportunity to gain 16 credits per subject per year level.
- One assessment must be completed by the end of each term in each subject.
- Students will be awarded Excellence, Merit, Achieved and Not achieved grades for each assessment.
- Each assessment is worth 4 credits.
- Students will be tested using e-AsTTle Reading, Writing and Maths at the start of the year. This will be compared to the end of year testing to assess students' sub-level shifts. Students will gain 1 credit per sub-level shifted.

Special Character Credits:

- Each student will receive a service journal from their Religious Education Teacher.
- Each student will complete 20 hours of service.
- Students will be awarded 1 credit per hour of service towards their Junior Diploma.

Learning Behaviour Credits:

- Students can gain 10 credits for achieving 100% attendance. Those with 99 % attendance would gain 9 credits, 98% 8 credits etc. Those with less than 90% attendance gain no credits.
- Students can gain 10 credits for being on time every day to school. This will reduce for by 1 credit for any days late. 10 or more instances of lateness will result in no credits being achieved.
- Students can gain 10 credits for being ready to learn, having their equipment every day and behaving appropriately. 10 or more instances of withdrawal will result in no credits being achieved. .
- Students can gain 10 credits for being involved fully in their school This includes - Participation in at least 1 summer and 1 winter sports team (4 Credits), Involvement in College music group or Polyfest (3 credits) and attendance at 3 key College events - Inaugural Mass, Community Dinner, Student /Parent Conferences, (3 Credits).

The St Paul's College Junior Diploma will be awarded at a special assembly at the end of each school year.