



Year 13 Subjects Summary 2025 with recommendations

NCEA Level 3

Students choose five subjects and are automatically placed in Study. With approval from the Head of School, they can take six subjects.

Course - Agriculture	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13AGH – Agriculture Horticulture	L2 achievement in any of the following subjects – Agricultural Science, Agriculture Academy, or by consultation with HOD.	Yes - AS No - US R/W Credits	AS or US

Course - Arts	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13APA – Art - Painting	An achieved grade or higher in L2 Painting folio.	Yes	AS
13APH – Art - Photography	L2 Photography folio pass or HOD approval.	Yes	AS Need camera
13ARP – Art - Creative Design	L2 Art standards or HOD approval.	Yes	AS
13DAN – Dance	None.	Yes	AS
13DRA – Drama	Completion of L2 or in consultation with HOD.	Yes R/W Credits	AS

Course - English	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13ENG – English	At least four L2 English Achievement Standards (not including 91102 speech) and have attempted at least one External paper	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13MEG – Māori English	At least four L2 English Achievement Standards (not including 91102 speech) and have attempted at least one External paper	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13ELS – English Language Studies	Level 1 Literacy	No R/W Credits*	US

Course – English as an Additional Language	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13EAL - English as an Additional Language	To support bi-lingual students with reading, writing, speaking & listening.	No	US
ELL101 – Intensive English Language Learning	To help develop language learning skills and assist in student's living, studying, and working in NZ. Staff selection, taken over 2 lines.	No	US. Students will also take EAL and ELS

Course – Food & Nutrition	Entry Recommendations	UE app	Notes
13FNT - Food & Nutrition	Successful completion of Level 2 Food and Nutrition or successful completion of a research Achievement Standard in another subject at Level 2. <i>Course not running in 2025</i>	Yes - AS R/W Credits	AS US
13HSP – Hospitality	Successful completion of Level 2 Hospitality or negotiated entry with Level 3 teacher. An interest in and motivation with Food Hospitality a distinct advantage	No	US

Course – Gateway	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13GTY - Year 13 Gateway	Students must not be enrolled in 12TRX or have done Gateway before. Students must complete an application form, followed by a selection interview with Gateway Coordinator.	No	US

Course - Languages	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13GER – German	Successful completion of Y12 German or consultation with Teacher in Charge / Head of Faculty	Yes	AS
13JPN – Japanese	Successful completion of Y12 Japanese.	Yes	AS
13MAO - Te Reo Māori	L2 Māori or by consultation with HOD.	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13TIK – Tikanga	L2 Māori or by consultation with HOD.	No	US
13TAH- Te Ao Haka		Yes R/W Credits	AS

Course - Mathematics	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13MAC - Mathematics with Calculus	At least 14 credits from L2 Mathematics including both Algebra and Calculus achievement standards (91261 and 91262).	Yes	AS
13MAG - Mathematics General	At least 14 credits from L2 Mathematics achievement standards.	Yes	AS
13MAL – Mathematics For Life		No	US
13MAS - Mathematics with Statistics	At least 14 credits from L2 Mathematics achievement standards including AS91267 (Probability) or two from AS91263 (Questionnaire), AS91256 (Experiments) & AS91268 (Simulations)	Yes	AS

Course - Music	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13MUP - Music Performance	L2 Music or Music Performance.	Yes	AS (13MUP & 13MUS some same standards)
13MUS – Music	L2 Music.	Yes R Credits	AS (13MUP & 13MUS some same standards)

Course – Online Learning	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13ONL - Online Learning	Students must be motivated, independent & organised.	Yes	AS NetNZ
13PLY – Polytechnic Course	None, however there is a formal application process to go through before the course is confirmed.	No	US Ara

Course – PE & Health	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13CDV - Child Development		No	US
13HED – Health	Satisfactory performance in L2 Health.	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13OUE – Outdoor Education	Completion of Outdoor Education in a previous year, 12PED or an interview	Yes R Credits	US AS (13OUE & 13PED have cross over of standards)
13PED - Physical Education	Satisfactory performance in L2 Physical Education	Yes R/W Credits	AS (13OUE & 13PED have cross over of standards)
13SEP - Sport & Exercise Performance	Satisfactory performance in L2 SEP, an interest in sport and PE activities.	No	US 1 AS (13PED & 13SEP cannot both be taken)

Course - Science	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13BIO – Biology	At least 12 credits from L2 Biology or consultation with HOF. Students not gaining Merit grades or better in L2 are likely to struggle with L3.	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13CHE – Chemistry	At least 14 credits from L2 Chemistry or consultation with HOF. Students not gaining Merit grades or better in L2 are likely to struggle with L3.	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13SCI – Earth & Space Science	An interest in studying Earth and Space Science	Yes R Credits	AS
13PHY – Physics	At least 14 credits from L2 Physics or consultation with HOF. Students not gaining Merit grades or better in L2 are likely to struggle with L3.	Yes	AS

Course – Social Science	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13ACC – Accounting	L2 Accounting with 11 credits or by consultation with HOD.	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13BUS - Business Studies	Completion of L2 Business Studies.	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13CLS - Classical Studies	14 credits at L2 Classical Studies or History, or in consultation with HOD.	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13ECO – Economics	14 credits in L2 Economics or equivalent, must include one external.	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13FST - Foundation Studies	Entrance to the course done in consultation with the Y13 Pastoral team through an interview process.	No	US
13GEO – Geography	Previous experience and success in L1 or L2 Geo, or by consultation with HOD.	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13HIS – History	Previous experience in L1 or L2 History.	Yes R/W Credits	AS
13LAS – Law and Society	L2 Law is of benefit but not essential.	AS - Yes US - No	AS or US
13TOU - Tourism	Having studied L2 Tourism would be helpful	No	US

Course – Technology Design	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13DES - Design & Visual Communication	Students have completed 12DES.	Yes	AS

Course – Technology Digital Information	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13DIP - Digital Information Practical	12DIP or by arrangement with HOD.	No	US
13DIT - Digital Information Technology		Yes W Credits	AS

Course – Technology Materials	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13MTF - Materials Technology: Fabrics	Study of this subject at Year 10, 11 & 12 is an advantage.	Yes	AS US
13MTB – Materials Technology: Building	Prior learning must include familiarity with a range of workshop power tools and hand tools and a willingness to develop design and planning skills.	No	US
13MTM – Materials Technology: Metal	Successful completion of a Y12 workshop technology course or by consultation with HOD	Yes W Credits	AS

Course – Trades	Entry Recommendations	UE App	Notes
13AUT – Automotive	Completion of 12AUT course	No	Mito US

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