

Choosing your school subjects for 2026

from Year 10 to Year 11

If you're in Year 10 and moving into Year 11 next year, you'll be starting to think about the subjects you want to study for NCEA Level 1.

- WHEN do I choose?**
 Course selection opens in Week 3, Term 3
- HOW do I choose?**
 You will receive an email with a link to a digital form to fill in
- WHAT do I choose?**
 English, Mathematics and Science are compulsory at Year 11. You will also study THREE other option subjects from the list shown here (you'll be asked to rank your top 5 choices in case a course is full or not on at the right time for you).
- What to do now?**
 Start thinking! Talk it over with your family and your Whānau Group Kaiako. Get in touch with the teachers in charge of different subjects. Have a look at the Course Book on the Hillmorton website (it is in the process of being updated for 2026). You can also talk to Mr Nixon, our Careers Advisor, about the subjects you need for different career and study pathways when you leave school.

LEARNING AREA	SUBJECT	IMPORTANT DETAILS
English	English	Compulsory
	English Language	Only for students who do not have English as their first language
Mathematics	Mathematics	Compulsory
Science	Science - Internals	Compulsory. Discuss with your Science teacher which of the two courses suits you best.
	Science - Externals	
Art	Art	
	Dance	
	Drama	
	Music	
	Backstage Production	
Culture and Identity	Te Poutama (Te Ao Māori Studies)	Year 9 to Year 13 classes learning through a Māori or Pasifika lens
	TAPA (Pacific Studies)	
Health and Physical Education	Health Education	
	Outdoor Education	
	Physical Education	
	Child Development	
Languages	Japanese	
	Spanish	
	Te Reo Māori	
Social Science	Classics	
	Geography	
	History	
	Social Studies	
	Commerce	
Technology	Automotive Engineering	
	Design and Visual Communication	
	Digital Skills	
	Digital Technology	
	Food and Nutrition	
	Hospitality	
	Technology - Engineering	
	Technology - Wood	
	Textiles Technology	
Transition	Directions Forward	
Learning Support	Supported Learning	For students who may need specialised support. Talk to your whānau group teacher or Manutaki.

