

**Kōrero Mātauranga**  
Me kōrero tātou

**Have your say about  
the future of education.**

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# Overview

**NCEA belongs to all of us and we want young people to inspire New Zealand from the very beginning. We invite all young New Zealanders to Make Your Mark on the future of NCEA and inspire us through this competition.**

Through the Make Your Mark competition, we are sending out the challenge to young New Zealanders from 5–20 years old to share their vision of what education might look like in the future.

Up for grabs are grants, scholarships, laptops, and gift card prizes – as well as spot prizes, and the opportunity to attend a Design Lab event with other passionate New Zealanders.

Your inspiring entries – in English and Te Reo Māori – will be shared throughout New Zealand and help guide the next steps for NCEA.



# What are we looking for?

Make Your Mark challenges young people to share a vision for the future of education. A vision that challenges us to think about the status quo. The most inspiring entries will capture this vision and express it effectively with clear links to NCEA. While each category has its own entry requirements, every entry will also be evaluated on how well it meets these three criteria.

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## Effectiveness of expression

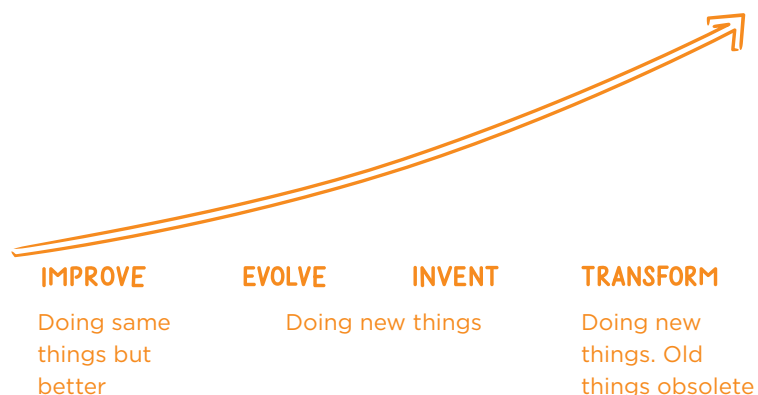
Your entry should effectively communicate your vision, ideas and cultural identity. The entry will make use of text, images or mixed media to engage a wide audience.

**Please note:** This criterion is the main focus for the Young Minds Young Dreams category.

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## Degree of innovation

Your ideas will challenge our existing thinking and be innovative. The judges will be looking for entries that are more likely to make a real difference to the current education system or experience of our young people.



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## Vision for the future of NCEA

Your entry will communicate how your ideas could have a positive impact for young New Zealanders.

You should use one or more of the following to help you describe and focus your entry:

- ▷ Experience of NCEA – this could be you, or someone in your family or whānau, who can tell you what they would like to happen with NCEA
- ▷ Relevance to NCEA – think about how your ideas relate to what an NCEA graduate might be or do
- ▷ How NCEA connects with others – what's important for your school, town or environment?

### Resources you will find useful are:

- ▷ 5 Principles (Wellbeing, Inclusion & Equity, Coherence, Pathways, Credibility) – explained here [conversation.education.govt.nz/NCEA](https://conversation.education.govt.nz/NCEA)
- ▷ 6 Big Opportunities – explained here [conversation.education.govt.nz/NCEA](https://conversation.education.govt.nz/NCEA)
- ▷ Curriculum (New Zealand Curriculum [nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz](https://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz) or Te Marautanga o Aotearoa [tmoa.tki.org.nz](https://tmoa.tki.org.nz)) – check out the vision statements and key competencies in these



## Four ways to Make Your Mark

Category	Who can enter	What you do	Prizes
<b>1</b> <b>Young Minds</b> <b>Young Dreams</b>	Groups aged 5-12	Create an artwork	Group grants <b>1st</b> \$1000 <b>2nd</b> \$500 <b>3rd</b> \$250
<b>2</b> <b>It Starts with You. Express Yourself</b>	Individuals or small teams aged 13-18	Make a creative response	<b>1st</b> 6 Laptops, one for each age group (up to \$2000 in value) <b>2nd</b> \$500 for each age group <b>3rd</b> \$250 for each age group
<b>3</b> <b>Emerging Leaders</b>	Student leaders aged 13-18	Lead a consultation with your peers	Leadership team grants <b>10 prizes</b> of \$500 each
<b>4</b> <b>Smart Ideas</b> <b>Smart Futures</b>	Individuals currently doing NCEA Level 3, in tertiary education or who have recently left school, 15-20 years old at the end of 2018	Design challenge response	Study grants <b>1st</b> \$5000 <b>2nd</b> \$2000 <b>3rd</b> \$1000 Top 10 submissions funded to attend Design Lab on Oct 1&2

## Spot prizes

We want young people to inspire New Zealand from the very beginning. Twenty spot prizes of \$50 Prezzy cards will be awarded as entries are received. Spot prizes will be awarded for:

- ▷ Awesome team story
- ▷ Love that photo
- ▷ Super creative
- ▷ Oh so animated
- ▷ Make us laugh
- ▷ What about the curricula?
- ▷ A rainbow of voices
- ▷ Capturing our culture
- ▷ Imagine a day...
- ▷ They said what?!?







**Group Entry – Ages 5-12  
along with an adult**

Designed especially for our next generation of students, Young Minds Young Dreams, invites our younger New Zealanders to share their dreams for the future. We want them to share with our Government, “What does education mean to us?”

### What do I do?

Teachers or adult mentors should lead a group of students in a creative exercise about what your ideal school would look like where everyone reaches their full potential. You may wish to use one or more of the following stories:

- ▷ In the future, I want to be...
- ▷ My ideal journey through school looks like...
- ▷ When I leave school I want to be able to...
- ▷ In the future, school will be like....

Students then create a visual artwork, called ‘Our Voice,’ which reflects the messages most important to your students.

### What do I need to enter?

Complete the Young Minds, Young Dreams entry form and submit it with a high-resolution photograph of the students’ artwork and a 200 word summary of the key messages that the students would like to share.

### What’s up for grabs?

Grants and spot prizes, which can be used for any initiative involving the students.

- ▷ **1st** \$1000
- ▷ **2nd** \$500
- ▷ **3rd** \$250

### When do I need to enter by?

Entries close midnight, 29 July. Entries will be posted on the NCEA Review’s Facebook page for members of the public to vote on.

Category

**1**





# It starts with you. Express yourself.

What the NCEA principles mean to me.  
Te pūtake o ngā mātāpono NCEA ki ahau.

**Individuals or small team  
(max 3) entry – Ages 13–18**

Express Yourself is a creative storytelling challenge inspired by the five NCEA principles: Wellbeing, Inclusion & Equity, Coherence, Pathways and Credibility. What do these principles mean to you? Use your talents as a creative storyteller to share your experience of NCEA and ideas for the future or what you think could change.

## What do I do?

Think about the NCEA principles that resonate with you and share your experience. Inspire us with ideas or solutions to grow and strengthen NCEA for New Zealand.

## What do I need to enter?

Tell your story by creating a video or animation (max 3 minutes), written story (max 2000 words), or visual artwork (max A1 size).

Submit your work along with an entry form.

Student voices and images enrich your work. Make sure you download and submit completed consent forms from anyone who appears in your entry.

## What's up for grabs?

6 laptops, Prezzy cards and spot prizes.

- ▶ **1st** 6 Laptops up to \$2000 value, one for each age group
- ▶ **2nd** \$500 for each age group
- ▶ **3rd** \$250 for each age group

## When do I need to enter by?

Entries close midnight, 27 August.

Entries will be assessed by a judging panel, against the criteria listed in the introduction.

Category

2



# Emerging leaders.

Carry our voice. Shape our future.

Kaweā te reo. Tāraihia te pae tawhiti.

**Group entry**  
**Ages 13–18**

You're already a leader among your peers. Now take a lead role gathering their views on NCEA. Make a formal submission to the Government, representing your local student voice.

## What do I do?

With your leadership team (or form your own team), organise, lead and capture group conversations about what students think about NCEA. As a leadership team, collate student views and create a formal submission to the NCEA Review. Use the NCEA survey, create your own, hold an event – or bring your own ideas and lead others to create a formal submission.

## What do I need to enter?

Describe the process your team followed to gather student voice including how you engaged your peers, identifying the main themes they raised and sharing their ideas.

Create a narrative report (max 1200 words or 8 pages). Specific student views and images can enrich your work. Make sure you download and submit completed consent forms from anyone who appears in your entry.

## What's up for grabs?

Ten grants of \$500 and spot prizes to be used at the discretion of the leadership team.

Winners will be drawn at random from all entries that meet the requirements set out in the entry form.

## When do I need to enter by?

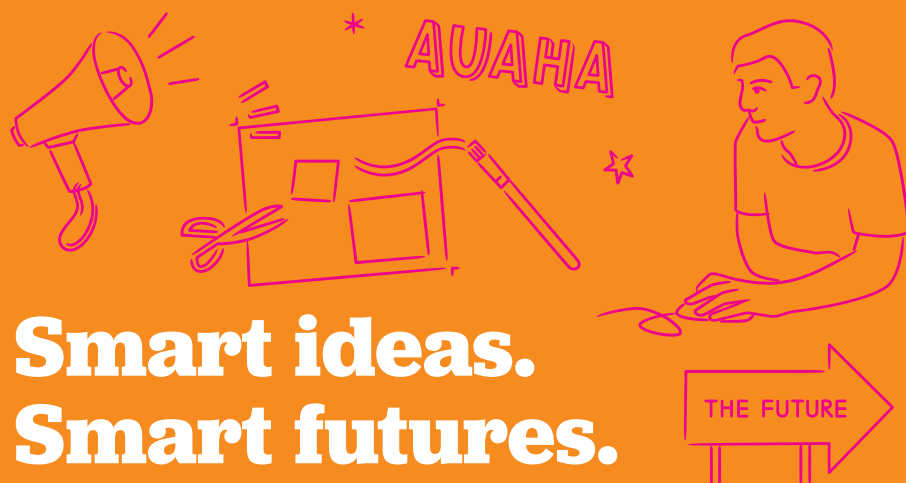
Entries close midnight, 27 August.

Category

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# Smart ideas. Smart futures.

Think big. Think education. Think student-centred.

Whakaaro nui. Whakaaro roa. Whakaaro tangata.

**Individual entry**  
Ages 15-20

Smart Ideas, Smart Futures is a design competition that challenges recent NCEA participants to radically re-think how NCEA could look in schools. The top ten applicants will be funded to attend a Design Lab event in Wellington and invited to participate in a co-design event looking at the next steps for NCEA.

**The challenge:** How might we shape NCEA and take the qualification from good to great, for all New Zealanders?

## What do I do?

Research and design a proposal that responds to the challenge and positively impacts on the five principles of NCEA – Wellbeing, Inclusion & Equity, Pathways, Coherence and Credibility. Your design should show innovative improvement for communities, schools and students.

## What do I need to enter?

Create a design portfolio board, research paper (max 2000 words or 8 pages) or media project (max 5 min) describing your concept.

Student voices and images enrich your work. Make sure you download and submit completed consent forms from anyone who appears in your entry.

## What's up for grabs?

Study grants to be used at winner's discretion.

- ▷ **1st** \$5000
- ▷ **2nd** \$2000
- ▷ **3rd** \$1000

Top 10 entries will be funded to attend Design Lab.

## When do I need to enter by?

Entries close 27 August. The top 10 entries, as judged against the criteria, will be invited to attend a Design Lab event in Wellington, late 2018.

Category

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# Conditions of Entry

## Category summary

Category	Eligibility	Entry format	Prizes	Judging process
<b>1. Young Minds. Young Dreams</b>	Groups aged 5–12	Create an artwork	Group grants <b>1st</b> \$1000 <b>2nd</b> \$500 <b>3rd</b> \$250	Shortlisted by judging panel. Best 15–20 entries opened for public voting online.
<b>2. It Starts with You. Express Yourself</b>	Individuals or small teams aged 13–18	Make a creative response	<b>1st</b> 6 Laptops, one for each age group (up to \$2000 in value) <b>2nd</b> \$500 for each age group <b>3rd</b> \$250 for each age group	Assessed against detailed criteria by judging panel.
<b>3. Emerging Leaders</b>	Student leaders aged 13–18	Lead a consultation with your peers	Leadership team grants <b>10 X \$500</b>	Random draw from all valid entries received.
<b>4. Smart Ideas. Smart Futures</b>	Individuals currently doing NCEA Level 3, in tertiary education or who have recently left school, 15–20 years old at the end of 2018	Design challenge response	Study grants <b>1st</b> \$5000 <b>2nd</b> \$2000 <b>3rd</b> \$1000 Top 10 submissions funded to attend Design Lab	Shortlisted and judged by judging panel. Top 10 invited to attend Design Lab.

## 1. Entries

Entries will be accepted only from New Zealand schools or kura, and other learning settings and young people currently living in New Zealand. Entrants must also meet the age eligibility requirements for their chosen category.

Entries must meet the requirements specified in the entry form for the relevant category.

Entries which include photographs or video of identifiable people must include consent forms for each person who appears. Entries which include information which could be used to identify people also require consent to be given. For people under 18 years of age, the consent form must be signed by a parent or caregiver. Entries without consent forms for each person identifiable in each video or photograph will not be accepted.

Entries must be received or postmarked by midnight 29 July for Young Minds Young Dreams or midnight 27 August for all other categories.

## 2. Judging and prizes

The judging panel will have no access to identifying information about the entrant. The judging panel will view all entries and shortlist according to the process for each category. The decisions of the judging panel will be final.

Overall prizes will be awarded as per the Category Overview. Winners will be announced on August 28 for Young Minds Young Dreams and October 1 for all other categories.

Spot prizes will be awarded by the Ministry of Education as entries are received.

## 3. Exclusions

Current employees of and contractors to the Ministry of Education and CORE Education are not eligible to enter.

You may enter each category only once. You may enter more than one category, provided each entry is unique.

## 4. How your entry and personal information will be used

### Personal information

We collect personal information from you, including your contact details and those of your school/kura/other institution. We collect this information in order to administer the competition and award prizes. Besides our staff, we will share this information with Core Education and our judges in order to run the competition.

### Competition entries

We may also use and share publicly all entries received and to store, use or share your entry for any purpose up to 31 December 2020, including but not limited to sharing on Ministry websites, published documents, and social media in order to promote engagement with the NCEA Review. Any identifying information (excluding images/videos for which consent has been gained) beyond the entrants' name and school/kura/institution within the entry will be removed before sharing.

Providing some information is optional. If you choose not to enter personal information or give us permission to share your entry as described above, we'll be unable to accept your entry.

You have the right to ask for a copy of any personal information we hold about you, and to ask for it to be corrected if you think it is wrong. If you'd like to ask for a copy of your information, or to have it corrected, please contact us at [makeyourmark@core-ed.ac.nz](mailto:makeyourmark@core-ed.ac.nz).



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