

### NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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# **COURSE SELECTION GUIDE 2018**

## Introduction

This booklet is designed to help you plan and choose a course for 2018. New Plymouth Boys' High School has a wide range of subjects allowing students to make choices that fit with future career pathways.

Because there is a choice of full year and half year courses, and courses that fit a variety of pathways, it is important that you take time to work through this booklet and make well informed choices.

Please complete each step and always ask for help when you are unsure. The choice of subjects for next year is very important. Your course must be made up of subjects that should reflect your areas of interest and strength and also allow you to have success at NCEA and gain your dreams.

### Step 1

It is important that you identify possible career choices. Even if you know what you wish to do when you leave school, it is highly recommended that you use Career Quest to list your 3 most preferred careers.

http://www.careers.govt.nz/tools/careerquest/				
? Career Choice #1	? Career Choice #2	? Career Choice #3		

## Step 2

Using Careers Quest, list the subjects recommended for each of your 3 career choices. These will normally be given as the subjects and at the level required for entry into that career or course. Do not worry that you may not be studying at that level next year.

These are the subjects that you **must take** in the future.

Subjects needed for Choice #1	Subjects needed for Choice #2	Subjects needed for Choice #3

## Step 3

By using the **Study Guide** or by looking on the school website -

(http://www.www.npbhs.school.nz

Search up the subjects that you have listed in Step 2 and find the subjects you must take at lower levels.

For example, if Career Quest states you must have L3 Physics, then by looking at L3 Physics in the Studies Guide, you will see that Level 2 Physics is listed as a required prior study

Level 3 subjects I need to take	Level 2 subjects I need to take	Level 1 subjects I need to take

## Step 4

List all the subjects you must take next year based on the information above. For example, Career Quest states you need Level 3 Physics for your career but next year you are studying at level 2. So you will list a full year of Level 2 Physics below as you know you must take that in order to take L3 Physics the following year.

Subject	Level	Full Year or Half Year

#### Step 5

Now list all of your subjects from the table above in this table. Fill in all of the full year subjects first. Then add in the half year subjects. Note you cannot have any half year subjects in a row that you have a full year subject in.

Full Year Subjects		Half Year Subjects
	Either 1 Full year or 2 ½ Year subjects in this row	
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### Step 6

You now have the subjects that you **MUST** take next year. If there are any rows empty, you can add in either full year or half year subjects that you enjoy taking. These are subjects not required for your future career but are subjects that enable you to gain a broader education doing something you may enjoy and/or are good at.

### Step 7

Now that you have picked a course that enables you to gain your career pathways it is important to just check that you have enough credits for either Level 1, 2 or 3 and that you can gain your literacy/numeracy and UE requirements.

To do this you will again use the course information in the Studies Guide or on the school website -

## (http://www.www.npbhs.school.nz)

If you find you do not have enough credits, or are having issues with literacy, numeracy or UE, then either alter some of your courses in step 6 or see your year level dean before completing step 8.

### Step 8

LAST STEP. Now you have checked your course, made any alterations, discussed and considered all options, you can enter you course on the PARENT PORTAL. This is easily accessed via the school website -

#### (http://www.www.npbhs.school.nz )

Within the Portal click on <Course Selection> and select the subjects you have listed. If you click on the subject you will also get the course descriptor for that subject.

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