



NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O NGĀMOTU



TOP OF YEAR ACADEMIC PRIZES

Dux (Year 13) and Top of Year 11 & 12

The top academic student at senior year levels, including the Dux, will be calculated using the following criteria and calculations*.

Criteria

- Be entered in at least 5 full year courses in the Academic year at their NCEA level[^].
- Be the top academic student.
- Be of good character.

Criteria Specific to Dux

- Must be entered in at least 3 University Entrance subjects.
- Must be entered in at least 3 subjects which offer at least 8 External Practice Examination Credits.
- The top ten students based on GPA in all standards will be identified. If they are doing 6 subjects rather than 5 they will be asked which subject they do not want to count towards their GPA. Their GPA will then be recalculated using only 5 subjects to find the highest GPA.

Calculations

- The student with the highest Grade Point Average (GPA) score from the academic year will be awarded "Top of Year".
- GPA is calculated based on results from all Internal NCEA Achievement Standards and all NCEA Practice Examination External Achievement Standards, which the student has entered into the current Academic NCEA level[^].
- GPA scores will be calculated as per the below:

$$\text{GPA} = \text{Total Result Value} / (4 \times \text{Total Credits available})$$

Results values are based on credits x value*:

Values are:

Excellence = 4

Merit = 3

Achieved = 2

Not Achieved = 1

Not submitted = 0

Not attempted = 0

Absent = 0

- In the event of a draw, the award will be decided by the below order until there is a winner.

1. GPA from External Practice examinations.
2. The quality of Excellences Achieved in the practice examinations.
3. Headmasters discretion.

Notes

* Or at the Headmasters discretion.

[^] Students only gain credits at their NCEA level (as per below) for their Top of Year prize. There will be NO multiplier for credits gained at a higher level. Credits from a lower level will not be included.

- Level 1 = Year 11
- Level 2 = Year 12
- Level 3 = Year 13

E.g. A Year 12 student's GPA for top of year 12 will take into account only NCEA L2 and L3 Credits. There will be no multiplier assigned to the Level 3 credits. Any Level 1 credits they obtained during the academic year will not be counted.

