



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 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 derived grades**.
- GPA scores will be calculated as per 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 derived grades**.
2. The quality of Excellences gained from derived grades**.
3. Headmaster's discretion.

Notes

* Or at the Headmaster's discretion.

** Either practice examinations, externally marked portfolios or DCAT.

[^] 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.

