

# Year 10 Option Book 2026

Queen Elizabeth College

# **Course Selection Process**

Read the information provided in this booklet to help you choose appropriate courses in 2026. Choose wisely so you keep your options open for the future.

### Step 1

Think about what your end goal is when you leave high school e.g. a trade, university, polytechnic, NZ Defence Force (Navy, Air Force, Army) Select subjects you are strong in and how they will help you achieve that goal. Check the prerequisites.



# Step 2

Read the detailed subject descriptions and to where these subjects lead



## Step 3

Discuss your subject choices with your parents/caregivers and Poutama teacher at Poutama Interviews.



# Step 4

Fill in your course choices on the KAMAR Portal.



# Step 5

Final Course Confirmation – January 2026

#### Please note:

• You will need to choose four options. Two for the first half of the year and two for the second half. You will also select two backup subjects.

- See the next page which shows how subjects can progress from one level to another.
- The other pages describe the courses available at this school.
- Courses will only run if there are a sufficient number of students.

#### Gaining NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3

NCEA Level	Requirements
Level 1	60 credits at Level 1 or above.
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	20 credit literacy and numeracy co-requisite.
Level 2	60 credits at Level 2 or above.
	Literacy and numeracy co-requisite must also be met.
Level 3	60 credits at Level 3 or above.
	Literacy and numeracy co-requisite must also be met.

#### **University Entrance Requirements:**

#### **Literacy requirement**:

- 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing.
- NCEA Level 3.
- Approved subjects: 14 credits in each of three approved subjects at Level 3.

For further information about the above requirements go to <a href="www.nzqa.govt.nz">www.nzqa.govt.nz</a>

#### **Courses & Levels**

**Course Description** 

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Year 10	Students that have selected Wood will further develop their skills within the workshop while undertaking more advanced hand tool skills. They will complete two set projects within the two-term timeframe. This is a pre-
	requisite course for Level 1 Building and other NCEA courses run within the Wood workshop.

# **Technology - Metal**

Year 10	Students that have selected Technology Metal will develop skills within
	the workshop, learning workshop safety while undertaking two/three set
	projects within the two-term timeframe. This is a pre-requisite course for
	Level 1 Engineering and other NCEA courses run within the Engineering
	workshop.

## Food

Year 10	The course develops from Year 9 in terms of practical skill progression
	and more awareness around food hygiene and safety. There are
	opportunities to gain Level 1 credits in Hospitality through a mix of theory
	and practical work, as well as a taste of Level 1 Food Technology through
	a product development project.

#### Te Reo Māori

Year 10	Tēnā koe e te ākonga,
	This course requires you to write, speak and listen to a variety of texts or
	different types of topics in te reo Māori. You will complete this work
	overtime throughout the year. Your teacher will provide specific details.

# Te Reo Māori - Advanced

Year 10	Tēnā koe e te ākonga,
	This course is for accelerated students who have prior learning in Te Reo
	Maori me Ōna Tikanga Students will gain knowledge to develop your
	reading, written, speaking, and listening skills to a variety of topics in te
	reo Māori. You will complete this work overtime throughout the year and
	receive credits for the completions of your assignments. Your teacher will
	provide specific details. If you are unsure, you meet the requirements,
	come and talk to the teacher.

# Te Ao Haka

Year 10	Performing Arts investigates and studies the foundation of Kapa Haka
	performance, with a major focus on the elementary components (wiri,
	takahia etc), disciplines (haka, poi etc) and the importance of costuming
	for the purpose of performance.

# **Rural Studies**

Year 10	The primary industries have a wide range of career options and pathways in New Zealand. In the Rural Studies class, you will be introduced to New Zealand's Agricultural and Horticultural industry. This will involve the
	following topics: Introduction to Rural Studies, Rural Safety, History, Crop Production, Animal Production, Soil Science, Pasture Production.

# **Digital Technology**

Year 10	Make quicker and smarter decisions. Make better decisions in less time.
	By putting data and computational thinking at the core of a digital
	transformation journey, Thanks to the Internet and AI, people now have
	access to more data than ever before. The skills to work and survive in
	this environment start here.

# **Services Academy**

Year 10	The Service Academy provides a structured military half year program for
	students to gain skills and knowledge to work towards a career in
	government departments.

## Art

Year 10	Learn about past and contemporary artists, their styles and techniques.  Learn, step by step, how to draw in perspective, shade correctly, use
	watercolour and acrylic paint, and make a print through etching. Topics
	include working in the style of an artist, a variety of still life activities, portraiture, landscapes, figure illustration and more, over a half year.

## Music

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#### Drama

Year 10	Ākonga will be introduced to the foundations of drama through games
	and in performance. They will establish different methods for learning
	lines, the four basic drama techniques, how to use a range of drama
	conventions, and maintain a character on stage.

#### **Dance**

Year 10	Ākonga will establish a foundation of performance skills by learning and
	demonstrating the techniques and elements of dance. They will learn how
	to identify dance conventions and genres, explore dance history through
	performance and research, establish a process for choreography, and learn
	how to decode dance with an introduction to dance techniques.