



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. + 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 www.nzqa.govt.nz

Courses & Levels

Course Description

Year 9	Year 10	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Te Ao Haka	Te Ao Haka	Te Ao Haka	Te Ao Haka	Te Ao Haka
Art	Art	Visual Art	Visual Art	Visual Art
		Fashion & Textiles	Fashion & Textiles	Fashion & Textiles
		Jewellery design & construction	Jewellery design & construction	Jewellery design & construction
Music	Music	Music Production and Performance	Music Production and Performance	Music Production and Performance
Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama
Dance	Dance	Dance		
English	English	English	Academic English	Academic English
			Vocational English	
Mathematics	Mathematics	Academic Mathematics	Academic Mathematics	Academic Mathematics
		Vocational Mathematics	Vocational Mathematics	
Social Studies	Social Studies	History Geography Social Studies	History Geography Rights & Responsibilities	History Geography
Science	Science	Science Agriculture	Chemistry Biology Physics Science	Chemistry Biology Physics Science
Food	Food	Hospitality	Hospitality	Hospitality/ Barista
		Food Technology	Barista and Cafe Skills Food Technology	
Technology	Wood	Building Construction and Allied Trades skills	Building Construction and Allied Trades skills	Building Construction and Allied Trades skills
	Metal	Mechanical Engineering Technology	Mechanical Engineering Technology	Mechanical Engineering Technology
Digital Technology	Digital Technology	Computing and Digital Technology	Computing and Digital Technology	Computing and Digital Technology
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
			Sports and Fitness	Sports and Fitness
Health	Health	Health and Development	Health and Development	Health and Development
Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori Unit Standards	Te Reo Māori Unit Standards	Te Reo Māori Unit Standards
Reo Rua	Advanced Studies of Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori Achievement Standards	Te Reo Māori Achievement Standards	Te Reo Māori Achievement Standards
Service Academy	Service Academy	Service Academy	Service Academy	Service Academy

Technology - Wood

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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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Music

Year 10	Ākonga will establish a foundation of performance skills by learning how to play instruments in a band. They will also learn how to analyse songs using musical elements, explore music history through performance and research, establish a process for song writing, and learn how to decode music with an introduction to theory notation.
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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.
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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.
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