



Sandspit Road, Howick  
PO Box 38 142, Howick, Auckland, New Zealand  
Phone: (09) 534-4492  
Email: [secretary@howick.school.nz](mailto:secretary@howick.school.nz)  
[www.howick.college.school.nz](http://www.howick.college.school.nz)  
Principal Mr Dale Burden B.A. Dip. Tchg

4 August 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today, the Minister of Education made a significant announcement about the future direction of our national qualification, NCEA. Consultation on the proposal has now opened, and over the coming weeks, schools and communities will have the opportunity to provide feedback and input that will help shape the final version.

The proposed timeline means there will be **no changes** for students currently in Year 9 and above. Students who are currently in Year 8 would be the first group to undertake the Foundational Award in Year 11 (2028) and the new qualifications in Year 12 (2029) and Year 13 (2030). Your feedback as parents of students currently undertaking NCEA remains valuable, and we encourage you to consider the following document: [\*Proposed changes to NCEA: what you need to know as parents and caregivers.\*](#)

While NCEA remains in its current format, parents and students can be assured that it continues to be our national qualification, recognised by universities and employers both here and overseas as a strong and credible credential.

To that end, I can assure you that we will be ensuring our students continue to receive the high-quality teaching and learning programmes that enable them to continue to perform to the best of their abilities within the current qualification framework.

Kind regards,

**Dale Burden**  
Principal