

In New Zealand, you take your place on a carefully designed education pathway proven to produce graduates with the skills to compete and succeed anywhere in the world.

Early childhood education is available from the age of three. You begin formal education at the age of 5 when you enter primary school.

From here, New Zealand's education system progresses through 13 'Year' levels. Years 1 to 8 (ages 5 to 12) are, spent at primary school, although some children spend years 7 and 8 in intermediate schools.

Secondary school (also known as high school or college) is where you spend years 9 to 13 (ages 13 to 18).

After secondary school, students have the option to go on to universities, institutes of technology and polytechnics, private training establishments or wananga (Maori-based institutions).

Primary schools build a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy and introduce a broad and balanced curriculum.

Secondary schools focus on subject based learning, with growing opportunities to specialise as you progress in your learning. At both primary and secondary schools child-focused learning and independent thinking are encouraged.

Rangitoto College offers both NCEA and IB qualifications. Use the chart below to see where you fit into the New Zealand education system, based on your age.

Rangitoto College no longer offers Level 1 NCEA as this qualification has been replaced with our own Year 11 Diploma.

APPROXIMATE AGE		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM	YEAR LEVEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	SCHOOL TYPE	PRIMARY SCHOOL						INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL		SECONDARY SCHOOL				
	NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS	NEW ZEALAND CURRICULUM, NATIONAL STANDARDS TESTING										NCEA LEVEL 1	NCEA LEVEL 2	NCEA LEVEL 3

OPTIONS	CAMBRIDGE	PRIMARY			SECONDARY 1		SECONDARY 2	ADVANCED
	IB PROGRAMME	PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME			MIDDLE YEARS		DIPLOMA PROGRAMME	