

# A brief introduction to the New Zealand Education System

Age	Grade Year	Educational Institution	Qualification	
3		Preschool		
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5	1	Primary Schools		
6	2			
7	3			
8	4			
9	5			
10	6			
11 <sup>1</sup>	7			
12	8			
13	9		Secondary Schools - High Schools or Colleges	
14	10			
15	11	Level 1 NCEA <sup>2</sup>		Trade & Industry Certificates
16 <sup>3</sup>	12	Level 2 NCEA		Trade & Industry Certificates <sup>4</sup>
17	13	Level 3 NCEA		Trade & Industry Certificates
		Level 4 Scholarship <sup>5</sup>	Trade & Industry Certificates	
18 plus		University or Polytechnic	Level 5 Diploma	
			Level 6 Diploma	
			Level 7 Diploma and Bachelor Degree	
			Level 8 Post-grad Diploma, Certificates, Honours Degree	
			Level 9 Masters Degree	
			Level 5 Doctorates	



Wellington High School is a state, co-educational, secondary school that offers a full range of secondary qualifications for all students aged 13 to 18 years old.

<sup>1</sup> **There are some middle schools with Years 7 to 10 students**

<sup>2</sup> NCEA is National Certificate in Educational Achievement – the new Zealand Secondary schools qualification

<sup>3</sup> Students may leave school at aged 16 years

<sup>4</sup> Trade and Industry certificates may also be done at Polytechnics and Private Training Establishments for students over 16 years

<sup>5</sup> Scholarship is the top secondary schools examinations for academically able students