



NAYLAND COLLEGE  
TE KĀRETI O NEIRANA

## **YEAR 9 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME 2019**

### **Information for students and parents**

The Nayland College Enrichment Programme is designed to cater for those students who are entering Year 9 and are already working above Level 4 of the NZ Curriculum. Many of these students require a differentiated programme of learning to ensure that they are challenged to discover their academic potential.

The information in this handout will help to answer questions that students and parents have about the programme so they can decide whether the programme is indeed the best programme for them. Also included is information about the selection process.

#### **FAQs about the programme:**

##### **How will I know if I am working above Level 4 of the curriculum?**

Your Year 8 school report will be the best indicator of what curriculum level you are at. If your Year 8 teacher has graded you as 'Above' for ALL three of reading, writing and numeracy, then the Enrichment Programme is something you might want to consider. If you are still unsure, talk to your Year 8 teacher.

##### **What are the benefits of being in the Enrichment Programme in Year 9?**

If you really enjoy learning, maybe describe yourself as a 'fast learner' or 'having excellent learning habits' and like the idea of working at a high academic level with similar, like-minded students, then the Enrichment Programme will provide this.

##### **Which subjects will I do Enrichment in?**

Students in the Enrichment Programme will share the same core classes and will be extended in Science, Maths, English, Social Studies, and Health. Because students are enriched across all of the above subjects, it is important that you are strong in ALL three areas reading, writing and numeracy.

##### **If I choose not to be in the Enrichment Class, will I be extended in a mainstream class?**

Mainstream classes do all the same subjects as the enrichment class. Each of your subject teachers will quickly ascertain your passions and interests and work with you, in the areas you want, to provide opportunities to extend you beyond the normal class work.

## Will I automatically go into the Yr 10 Accelerate Programme?

Students who complete the Year 9 Programme successfully will be offered a place in the Year 10 Accelerate Programme. Please be aware, not all students will be offered a place in the second year of the Programme and not all students will want to commit to a second year. We also identify students who have done well in mainstream Year 9 classes and discuss with their families the option of joining the Accelerate Programme at Year 10.

## What are the advantages of the Enrichment Programme beyond Year 9?

In Year 10, students will:

- Complete NCEA Level 1 Science and NCEA Level 1 Mathematics
- Complete a portfolio of work that demonstrates their academic skills in English and Social Studies.

When they are in Yr 11, they will already have completed NCEA Level 1 Science and Mathematics. Successful students then have the chance to study more subjects at Level 1 or to study NCEA Level 2 as a Year 11. This leads to the opportunity to study an additional 2-3 subjects at Level 3. This broadening of expertise allows students the option of multiple scholarships and sets the stage for further study in a wider range of fields.

## Year 9 Enrichment Programme Application Process

If, after reading through and discussing the above you would like to apply for a place in the Enrichment Programme, these are the steps to follow. Note that this process differs to that used in previous years.

1. Complete an [expression of interest form](#). There is a copy of this link on our website or email us for the link, [xtend@nayland.school.nz](mailto:xtend@nayland.school.nz)  
Nayland College will then get in touch with your current school and obtain further detail on your academic abilities and learning habits.
2. On 16 November, come along to our Year 8 Entrant Day. As part of this day, those of you who have expressed an interest in the Enrichment Programme will undertake comprehension and numeracy testing. Note that these tests are not something that a student can or should study for.
3. Nayland College will advise you whether you have been selected for the Enrichment Programme by 30 November. If you are unable to undertake the testing on the Year 8 Entrant Day, we can arrange for an alternative time for you to do so.

Selection into the Programme is based on the following three sets of information:

- Your Year 8 academic results.
- The results of the tests you complete on the Nayland College Entrant Day (16 November).
- Information that we obtain from your Year 8 teacher in relation to your learning habits.

The above information is accessed holistically by a small panel of Nayland College teachers.