

POINTS OF DIFFERENCE AND SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA AND THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATE(S) OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

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FACTORS	NCEA	IB
PHILOSOPHY	Linked to the NZ Curriculum and the National Qualification Framework	A curriculum linked to an over-riding philosophy of international-mindedness
LEARNER QUALITIES	Incorporates learner qualities from The NZ Curriculum	Incorporates a learner profile similar to MYP and PYP programmes
QUALIFICATION(S) GAINED	Achievement or unit standards accumulate for each subject to lead to NCEA Level 1, 2, & 3	A two year full Diploma course, or individual subject certificates
LEVEL OF ENTRY	NCEA Level 1 starts in Year 11	The IB Diploma course starts in Year 12
LENGTH OF COURSE	NCEA is taken over three years to gain Levels 1, 2 & 3	The IB Diploma course is taken over two years
NUMBER OF SUBJECTS	Students choose six subjects	Students choose six subjects, plus an extended essay, a theory of knowledge course and CAS

SELECTION OF SUBJECTS

Students select subjects according to ability and availability

Students choose from five discreet categories of subjects

SPECIALISATION

Students choose their best subjects and aim for Merit or Excellence

Students choose three subjects to offer at Higher Level and three at Standard level

RECOGNITION

Recognised in NZ, Australia and in some overseas countries

Recognised world-wide including NZ

ASSESSMENT

Involves internal and external examinations – assessed in Year 11, 12 & 13

Involves internal (moderated) and external examinations (marked by IB) - assessed only in Year 13

PLACE OF EXAMINATION

Examined in NZ only

Examined in 2400 schools world-wide

RESULTS GAINED

Results in each module are Not Achieved, Achieved, Merit and Excellence. Credits accumulate to earn a certificate at each level – Level 1(80 credits), Level 2 (60 credits), Level 3 (80 credits)

Each subject is marked out of seven, plus three points for CAS, TOK, and the extended essay, to make a total of 45. A pass is 24 points

