

2026 Year 13 Graduation Diploma Criteria

To gain a Lincoln High School Graduation Diploma in Year 13, a student needs to meet all of the following criteria:

1. Obtain Level 2 NCEA by the end of Term Three, 2026.
2. Obtain an overall average attendance rate of 97% or more, for all 2026 timetabled periods including the Linc periods.
3. Obtain a minimum of 70% of all internal NCEA credits that are assessed in 2026.

Notes:

- a) Due to exceptional circumstances, a student who has not met all the criteria may be eligible for Principal discretionary consideration.
- b) The attendance rate is based on the periods attended or that have justified absences (e.g. medical absences or appointments, school events and trips, exam leave, etc). Absences that reduce the diploma attendance rate include unexplained absences, truancy, holidays during term time, and unjustified absences in accordance with the Ministry of Education requirements.
- c) In instances where a period of absence for 10 days or less may affect a student's ability to receive their diploma, and this absence is for family reasons, the student's Tutor and Head of Level may apply discretionary consideration, provided the student has demonstrated a satisfactory attempt to catch up on learning missed during this time.
- d) The Graduation ceremony takes place on Friday, 6th November at the James Hay Theatre in the Town Hall.
- e) Involvement in ongoing or a significant behavioural issue may result in a student not being invited to the Graduation Ceremony.