

Kia ora and welcome to Agriculture Horticulture at Waiau Area School.

Through purposeful learning in agricultural and horticultural science, students engage in future and creative thinking and develop problem-solving strategies and lifelong skills. They build knowledge of practical techniques, and are encouraged to find innovative solutions to challenging production issues. They also learn to appreciate the economic, historical, social, and cultural influences on primary production and the interrelationships of science, technology, society, and the environment.

How do you pass?

You gain credits for each standard you successfully complete. Your results are registered with NZQA and you receive a Record of Achievement from NZQA showing your results for the year. One goal is to gain 80 credits (including 10 literacy credits) across your subjects to achieve the Level 1 National Certificate of Educational Achievement. Any credits you gain this year can be carried forward i.e. you do not have to gain all 80 credits in one year to achieve NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3.

Agriculture and Horticulture at Waiau

We integrate learning and assessment. This means that during each term you will develop your skills and knowledge so that your best work can be recognised for assessment. The units to be assessed in Agriculture & Horticulture are both internal and external. Credits can be achieved near the end of every term.

Generally, your Agriculture teacher will give you a task to complete which allows you to demonstrate your learning, and the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the standard and gain the credits.

Conditions

Your teacher will tell you more about the conditions for assessment which make sure that the work you present for assessment is your own. The conditions for assessment are shown beside the standards.

During the year your assessed work for internal assessment will be stored by your teacher. The department also retains all internally assessed work at the end of the year in case any authenticity checks need to be made.

Authenticity of student work

At Waiau Area School, we regard any situation seriously where a student presents another person's work as their own, or cheats in any way when completing work for internal and school-based external assessments. Conduct in school exams during the year is aligned with the codes of conduct expected in NZQA-run exams.

We will investigate any alleged breach and may cancel results for an internal standard where cheating is proven.

Moderation

Your teacher will assess your internally assessed work. To ensure your teacher's assessments are consistent with national standards, samples of their assessments are moderated by another Agriculture teacher, by comparing work from your class with nationally set exemplars. You'll become familiar with these exemplars during the course. In addition, selected standards will be moderated by an NZQA moderator each to ensure Waiau Area School is assessing to national standards.

Appeals

You can appeal results for internal standards or for school-based external assessments held during the year. If you wish to appeal a result, the appeal should be made to your teacher within five school days of receiving the result. If the appeal cannot be resolved between you and the HOD, you should complete an appeals form (available from the NZQA Nominee, Ms Smart) within twenty school days of the original appeal.

<i>What's the curriculum link?</i>	<i>What standards are available?</i>	<i>What are the conditions for assessment? When will I be assessed?</i>
Agribusiness	AS90920(V2) Demonstrate knowledge of geographic distribution of agricultural and horticultural primary production in NZ 3 Credits Internal	Written report. Preparation in class and at home. Internal END OF TERM 1

Physical Environment	AS90160(V2) Demonstrate knowledge of the impact on the environment of primary production management practices. 3 Credits Internal	Written report. Preparation in class and at home. END OF TERM 3
Skills and Investigations	AS90918(V2) Carry out a practical agricultural or horticultural investigation 4 Credits Internal	Written report. Preparation in class and at home. END OF TERM 4
Skills and Investigations	AS90157(V2) Demonstrate practical skills used in agricultural or horticultural production. 4 Credits Internal	Practical assessment. Practice various tasks throughout year in school and at home. END OF TERM 4
Livestock Production	AS90921(V1) Demonstrate knowledge of Livestock management practices. 5 Credits External	Examination END OF TERM 4