

2018 Winners

Level 1: I'm important

Level 2: I'm more important

Level 3: I'm the only one that matters

-Rebecca, Tokomairiro High School, Milton

"I want to teach at a high school one day," says no high school student ever.

-Sam, Green Bay High School, Green Bay, Auckland

"Let's make this year's workbook have limited room for answers." -workbook designers

-Liam, Cashmere High School, Somerfield, Christchurch

Taking NCEA exams in Catholic school is easy because Jesus is the answer.

-Riley, Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton East, Hamilton

You can lead a NCEA student to an exam, but you can't make them attempt it

- ancient NZ proverb

-Cian, Hamilton Boys' High School, Hamilton East, Hamilton

Always bring an NCEA student Easter egg hunting. After years of searching for the will to live, they're experts.

-Cian, Hamilton Boys' High School, Hamilton East, Hamilton

Now that we're approaching the holidays, it's finally time to take a break from all that studying you haven't started yet.

-Emma & Jade, Onslow College, Johnsonville, Wellington

Roses are red,

Violets are blue,

If you failed NCEA,

I did too

-Connor, Gisborne Boys' High School, Gisborne

The best way to pass NCEA is to pass away.

-Ashley, Waiuku College, Waiuku

Shout out to all the parents who made their kids do so much housework these holidays that going back to school feels like the holiday.

-Sarah, Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, The Correspondence School, Thorndon, Wellington

Aren't there enough problems in the world without NCEA providing more for us to try and answer?

-Molly, Tokomairiro High School, Milton

Lunch, chapter 1: verse 30: "A time to eat is a time to frantically study before that internal you should've studied for the night before."

-Nathan, Green Bay High School, Green Bay, Auckland

Organic chemistry? Too hard

Differentiation? You're joking

Bad Teacher? Why am I even at school

LearnCoach? Saving grace

Hotel? Trivago

-Finlay, Glendowie College, Glendowie, Auckland

Oh no! If the government scrap NCEA level one, how will the year 11s learn absolutely nothing?

-Merciana, St Dominic's Catholic College, Henderson, Auckland

God of nations at Thy feet,

I just don't want not achieved,

Hear our voices, we entreat,

I really need these credits.

- NCEA student anthem

-Aylish, Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton East, Hamilton

Like a mitochondria, David Seymour is the powerhouse of Dancing with the Stars.

-Emma & Jade, Onslow College, Johnsonville, Wellington

NCEA 2002 You can't bring phones into exams

NCEA 2018 You can't bring watches into exams

NCEA 2034 You can't bring stationery into exams

-Nirhjah, Columba College, Roslyn, Dunedin

Ball season is every NCEA student's most engaging math problem of the year: how many bathroom trips before I get caught with this flask?

-Cian, Hamilton Boys' High School, Hamilton East, Hamilton

The only difference between Jacinda being pregnant and your favourite teacher is that Jacinda's bad substitute isn't underpaid.

-Libby, James Hargest College, Hargest, Invercargill

NCEA Photography is easy. Just get your exam marker to follow you on Instagram and follow them back for an excellence.

-Aylish, Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton East, Hamilton

"Pure sadness" has 11 letters in it. So does NCEAAAAAAAA. Coincidence?

-Fran, Whangarei Girls' High School, Regent, Whangarei

We would make a joke about NCEA Level 2 Latin, but nobody takes NCEA Level 2 Latin.

-Sophie, Queen's High School, St Clair, Dunedin

Forbidden Classroom Items:

-your best friend within talking distance

-bendy rulers, primed and ready for slapping

-ideas that conflict with what your teacher thinks

-televisions made after 1980

-matchsticks in the Sacred Heart Girls College Hamilton science block

-Sophie, Queen's High School, St Clair, Dunedin

-Aria, Marlborough Girls' College, Springlands, Blenheim

-Angela, Villa Maria College, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch

-Deanna, Glendowie College, Glendowie, Auckland

-Jazmine, Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton East, Hamilton

Getting scholarship in Level 2 is the epitome of big excellence energy.

-Jazmine, Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton East, Hamilton

An artistic expression of NCEA...

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-Kaylen, St Mary's Diocesan School, Stratford, Taranaki

The difference between Australia's ATAR and New Zealand's NCEA is 7 Prime Ministers in 9 years.

-Rebecca, Tokomairiro High School, Milton

"I take more than one portfolio subject, because I like the idea of artwork I spent all year on being graded in less than 5 minutes." -no one

-Chloe, Queen's High School, St Clair, Dunedin

NZQA wants to know if learning to write decent exam papers is ever going to help them in the real world.

-Emma & Jade, Onslow College, Johnsonville, Wellington

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Unfamiliar text.

Unfamiliar text who?

Unfamiliar text whoever you want me to be, when supported by evidence.

-Sarah, Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, The Correspondence School, Thorndon, Wellington

The difference between NCEA and a bus ticket is that the bus ticket might get you somewhere.

-Bridget, Rangi Ruru Girls' School, Merivale, Christchurch

Stuck on an evolution question in a biology exam? Just ask the supervisors what it was like when life first appeared.

-Sarah, Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, The Correspondence School, Thorndon, Wellington

If you haven't started yet, don't worry - it's too late.

-Nirhjah, Columba College, Roslyn, Dunedin

NCEA: Not Consistently Excelling Academically

-Blake, Whangaparaoa College, Whangaparaoa, Auckland

For Halloween, NZQA is coming dressed as a Profile of Expected Performance graph.

-Nirhjah, Columba College, Roslyn, Dunedin

When school is over you won't miss asking people what they have next period, because you don't care.

-Holly, Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton East, Hamilton

Guy Fawkes would've got a firm "not achieved" for overthrowing the UK government.

-Bridget, Rangī Ruru Girls' School, Merivale, Christchurch

Opening your exam is like opening a Christmas gift to find it's a Lynx gift pack.

-Chloe, Queen's High School, St Clair, Dunedin

NCEA is like Shortland Street, it never gets better.

-Bronte & Isaac, Darfield High School, Darfield, Canterbury

It's that time of the year again when you're more disappointed about the comedy competition being over than your parents are in you.

-Bridget, Rangī Ruru Girls' School, Merivale, Christchurch