



JUNIOR CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT (JCEA)

*The purpose of the **Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement** is to prepare Year 9 and 10 students for the National Certificate in Educational Achievement (NCEA) by focusing on a **two year Key Competency Development Programme**.*

1 Assessing Learning Behaviours and Achievement

- In every subject marks are gained for learning behaviours such as arriving to class promptly with the necessary equipment, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn **and** for academic performance.
- These marks are awarded at the end of each term and are accumulated throughout the year.
- 60% gains a Credit Certificate, 75% for Merit and 85% for Excellence.
- Less than 60% could mean restricted choices at the next level (Year 10 or 11).
- Less than 40% may result in a student being directed into a programme or repeating the year.

2 Reporting and Feedback

- The KAMAR Web Portal has 24/7 access to academic and attendance data.
- Parents/Caregivers should expect early notification of problems by phone or email.
- Reports will be issued at the end of each term showing progress towards JCEA.
- Online report comments will be published at least once per term.
- JCEA Graduation Prizegiving is held at the end of Year 10.

3 Graduation

- Students must gain JCEA to automatically advance to the next year level.
- Students who do not get JCEA may advance but with a restricted choice of subjects.
- We may ask students to repeat the year or attend an alternative programme of study because they haven't developed the skills to perform at a higher level.

4 We offer JCEA to:

1. Raise levels of achievement
2. Increase motivation and time on tasks
3. Make assessment more understandable
4. Prepare students for the NCEA