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Hare Krishna High School Newsletter Term 3 Update

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope this letter finds you well.

This year has been a successful one so far, as students engage well with their learning and the many valuable experiences offered. We are pleased to report that all Year 10 and 11 students who sat the compulsory NCEA literacy and numeracy co-requisite exams in Term 2 have now achieved their writing and numeracy credits. Additionally, 9 out of 11 students achieved the reading credit, resulting in most students earning 20 credits towards their NCEA. Students who have achieved this will not need to repeat it in subsequent years. Those who did not achieve the reading have another opportunity in week 8 this term. We also celebrate the success of Year 11 students who have achieved well in all their NCEA Level 1 subjects, gaining particularly pleasing results in Geography and Art.

As some of you may know from our recent communication, the Ministry of Education has now approved our change of class to Year 13. Not only is this exciting news, but it will enable us to confidently move forward with planning for the high school for 2026 and beyond.

The purpose of this letter is to provide Years 8 - 11 students and parents with preliminary information about the high school structure, curriculum and facilities that are envisioned for next year. A Year 11 and 12 course booklet with more detailed course information will be available this term, as our planning develops. For now, please see below for an outline of what we envision for 2026.

Facilities: New classroom buildings

We're also pleased to share that our high school facilities are undergoing significant expansion. Over the next three to four years, we will be building four new classrooms, a student library, and an administrative area. This project is already underway, with a signed contract in place with Keith Hay Homes—a well-established and reputable building company. The first of these new spaces—a dedicated area for Science, Music, and Te Kura study—will be fully operational from Term 1, 2026, supporting the growth and specialised learning needs of our senior students.

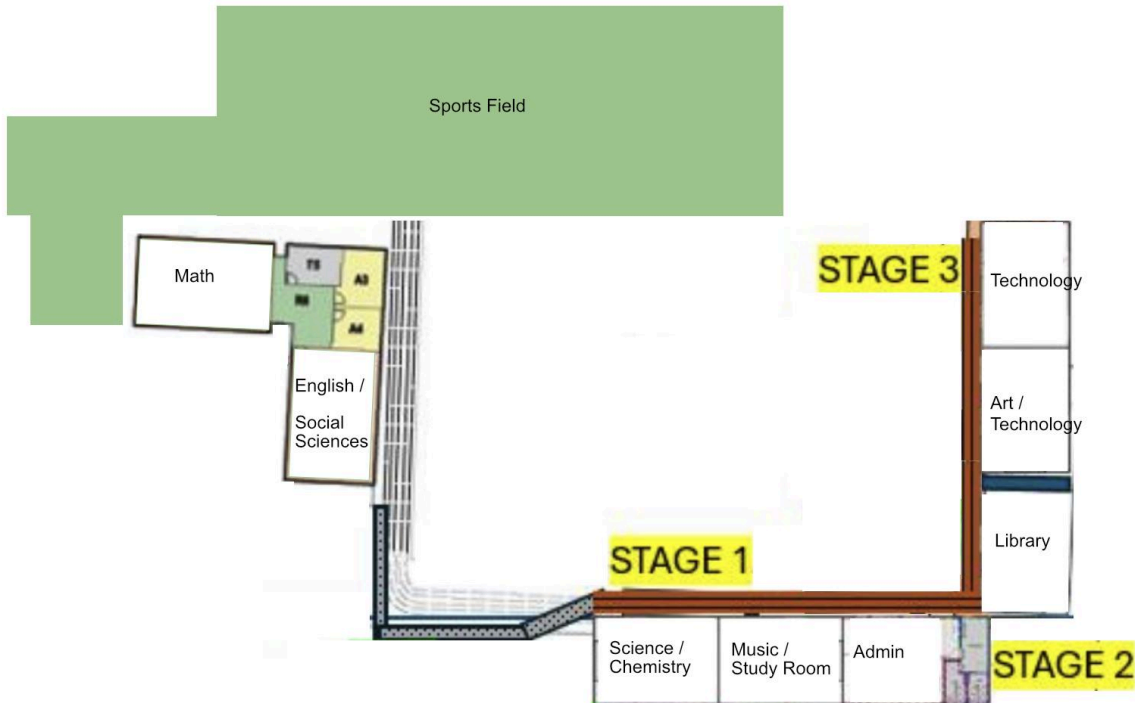




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Curriculum

Years 9 and 10 will continue with the quality learning programme that is currently in place. The current curriculum provides a solid foundation in learning sastra, English, mathematics, science, social sciences, P.E., health, technology, and art. Students in Year 10 will have the opportunity to gain their compulsory 20 literacy and numeracy credits, enabling them to achieve their NCEA in the following year. As the school grows, we can offer more as our capacity to increase staffing in the high school also expands in the years beyond 2026.

NCEA Courses

Year 11

The following NCEA Level 1 courses will be compulsory and will give students the credits they need to gain their Level 1 certificate:

- English (20 credits)
- Mathematics (20 credits)
- Science (20 credits)
- Geography (10 credits)
- Religious studies (5 credits)

Students will choose ONE option from the following: (15 credits)

- Art
- Physical Education (PE)



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This gives students a possible 90 credits at level 1. Students must get 60 credits to get their Level 1 NCEA.

Year 12

Students must study 5 subjects. They must also gain a compulsory 5 Writing credits and 5 Reading credits at level 2 to get the NCEA Level 2 certificate. These credits can be gained from a number of approved standards.

The following NCEA Level 2 courses will be compulsory and will provide students with the minimum 60 credits required to obtain their NCEA certificate:

- English (20 credits)
- Mathematics (20 credits)
- Social Science (Geography, Religious studies) 15 credits

Students must choose ONE or TWO of the Sciences (20 credits):

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Options

Students who do not need to take two science subjects can choose from ONE of the following level 2 options:

- Visual Art (20 credits)
- P.E. (20 credits)

This gives students a possible 95 credits at level 2. Students must get 60 credits to get their Level 2 NCEA.

Please note that the credit values and subject options are subject to change depending on timetabling and staffing.

Level 2 Te Kura option

Our school is a dual provider with Te Kura correspondence school. Students will have an option to choose one course from Te Kura's range of NCEA Level 2 courses (15 credits). Further information about which Te Kura courses the school can accommodate will be provided to students on a case-by-case basis. Our new classroom will provide students with a larger, quiet study space to engage in their Te Kura learning.

Multi-level courses

Courses may also contain standards from different levels. For example, a Year 11 Mathematics course might contain both Level 1 and Level 2 standards. Such courses are designed to extend students who are ready for the next level of study.

Careers, Gateway and STAR courses

From Year 12, students may gain NCEA credits from accredited courses outside of school in areas that will prepare them for employment in an area of interest. Providing students with Gateway opportunities is part of our planning for next year. This year, Sarada Mataji has taken on the role of Careers advisor. Students have been engaged in learning about career dharma, career pathways, and the qualifications required for future studies and careers.



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Staffing

To support this development, we will also welcome new teachers to our team in 2026, bringing expertise in the Arts, P.E, and Chemistry. In addition, we are working with itinerant music providers to support our Music programme. Planning for staffing these subjects is currently underway, so final subject offerings remain unconfirmed at this stage. Advertisements for teaching positions in specialist subject areas will be placed later this term.

If you have any questions, please contact Dharma Dasa at principal@harekrishna.school.nz

Yours in service,

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