



Bream Bay College Junior Diploma



- All students in Years 7 – 10 will work towards gaining a Junior Diploma.
- All subjects will be broken up into sections that gain credits when passed.
- Credits will be assigned to Knowledge and Key Competencies (KC).
Students will be assessed against these during the year.

- Simply put:-

Knowledge credits = *content studied*

6Cs credits = *Learning competencies*

- Diplomas will be awarded to students at the end of Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10.
- Students who do not gain a Diploma will be held back for another year at that level.

Credits

- Students gain credits in each subject for the content and the key competencies covered during the year.

Year 7 & 8			
Credits per year			
Subject	Hours Per week	Content	Competencies
Health	1	4	8
English	5	13	13
Maths	4	13	13
Science	2	12	12
Soc Stud	3	12	13
PE	2	12	12
Maori	1	4	4
National Standards Skills	2	9	
Art	2	3	3
Music		3	3
Drama / Dance		3	3
Computing	2	3	3
Fabrics		3	3
Materials		3	3
Food		3	3
Sport	1	0	4
TOTAL	25	100	100

Year 9 & 10			
Credits per year			
Subject	Hours Per week	Content	Competencies
English	4	14	14
Maths	4	14	14
Science	3	12	12
Soc Stud	3	12	12
PE	2	12	12
Option 1	3	12	12
Option 2	3	12	12
Option 3	3	12	12
TOTAL	25	100	100

Note:

- Year 9 options – there are 2 cycles of 3 options, including Health. Each option at year 9 would have a value of ½ of a full year course's credits – i.e. 6 credits.
- Year 10 options are full year courses and each has 12 credits.
- Health is delivered as an option at years 7 to 9 and by way of Jumbo Days in year 10.

Credits required to achieve a Diploma

- In year 7 & 8 the first year is a practice. The Diploma is awarded on the results of year 8. It takes one year for the year 9 and the year 10 Diplomas

Credits	Junior Diploma Year 7 & 8		Junior Diploma Year 9 & 10	
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Subject credits	200	200	200	200
Bonus credits	6	6	6	12
Maximum possible credits	206	206	206	212
Diploma Gained	Year 7 Practice year Over 120 credits year 8		Over 120 credits of 206/212 credits available	

Diploma levels

	Year 7 practice	Year 8 to 10 Diplomas
Achieved	Not awarded – practice year	120 credits
Merit	Not awarded – practice year	120 credits (60 or more credits at merit or above)

Excellence	Not awarded – practice year	120 credits (60 or more credits at excellence)
100+ club=\$100	100 credits or more at E	100 credits or more at E

Students gaining more than 65% of their credits at M or above in a subject will get a Merit subject endorsement, gaining 65% or more credits at E will get an excellence subject endorsement.

Bonus credits

- 6 credits are available from the Year 10 Jumbo Health days
- 6 credits per year are available through Whanau Time at each year level

6Cs

The Learning Competencies are:

- Citizenship
- Character
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Creativity
- Critical thinking

- English will cover all **six** competencies.
Other core subjects will cover at least **four** competencies.
Option subjects will cover **three** competencies
- The credit value for the learning competencies for each subject is to **equal** the number of credits assigned for the Course Work.
- Each subject has defined criteria as to how they will award achieved, merit or excellence for each competency they assess.

Subject Example: Year 9 Social Studies

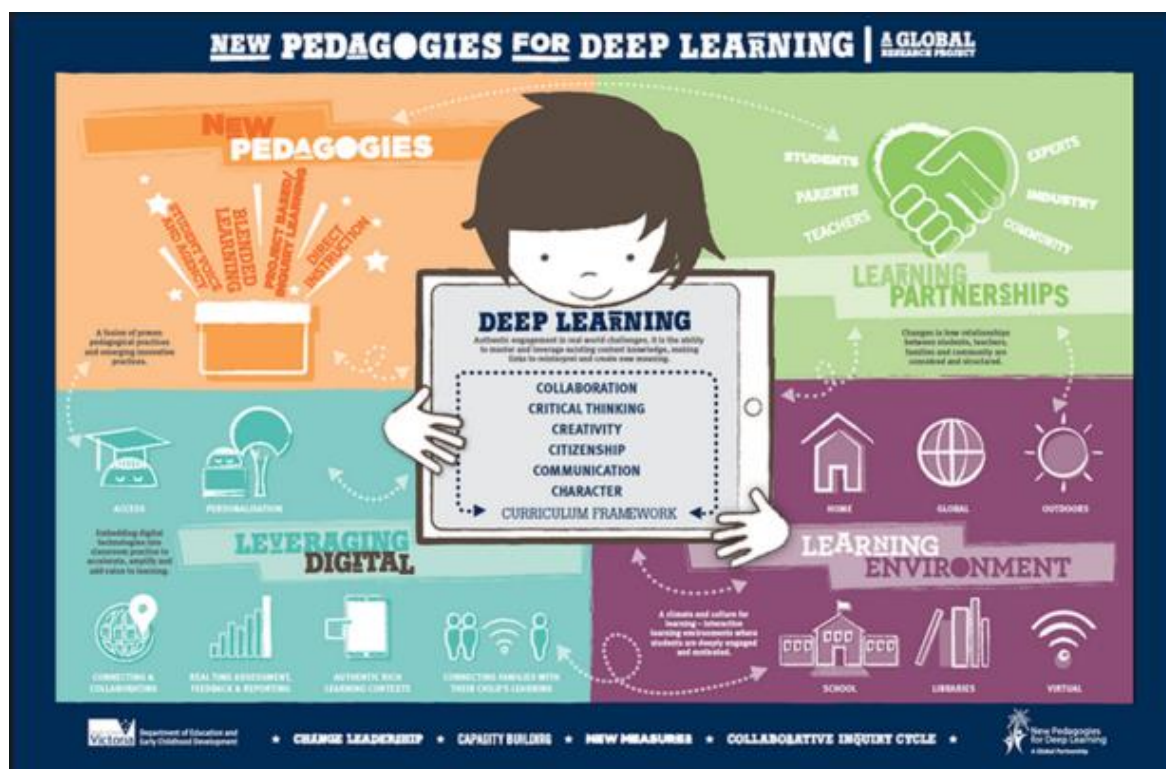
Topics	Credits	6Cs	Credits
Culture & Heritage	2 credits	Citizenship	2 credits
Place & Environment	2 credits	Critical Thinking	2 credits
Social Organisation	2 credits	Creativity	2 credits
Time, Continuity & Change	2 credits	Collaboration	2 credits
Resources & Economic Activities	1 credits	Character	2 credits
Inquiry	1 credit	Communication	2 credits
Soc Decision Making	1 credit		
Valuing	1 credit		

Please refer to your son/daughters report for the credit break down for each of their subjects.

Notes

- Students not achieving the required number of credits by the end of Year 8, 9 10, will not advance to the next level within the school.
- Students will be signposted during the year. At risk students will be provided with assistance / guidance in order to obtain the necessary credits.
- At the end of each term, Deans will meet with students at risk.

Bream Bay College is part of the International NPD Cluster which is committed to changing the way learning takes place to ensure our students are equipped for their futures.



Collaboration (NZ Key Competency: Relating to others)

Work interdependently and synergistically in teams with strong interpersonal and team related skills including effective management of team dynamics and challenges, making substantive decisions together, and learning from and contributing to the learning of others

Critical Thinking and Knowledge Construction (NZ Key Competency: Thinking)

Critically evaluating information and arguments, seeing patterns and connections, constructing meaningful knowledge and applying it in the real world

Creativity (NZ Key Competency: Thinking)

Having an entrepreneurial eye for economic and social opportunities, asking the right inquiry questions to generate novel ideas, and leadership to pursue those ideas and turn them into action

Citizenship (NZ Key Competency: Participating and Contributing)

Students think like global citizens, considering global issues based on deep understanding of diverse values and worldviews. They have a genuine interest in and ability to solve ambiguous and complex real-world problems that impact human and environmental sustainability.

Communication (NZ Key Competency: Language, symbols and text)

Communicating effectively with a variety of styles, modes and tools (including digital tools) tailored for a range of audiences

Character (NZ Key Competency: Managing Self)

Learning to deep learn, armed with the essential character traits of grit, tenacity, perseverance and resilience; and the ability to make learning an integral part of living.