



# KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

## YEAR LEVEL CERTIFICATE

### Rationale

Each year level is a critical stage of education for students.

The Year Level Certificate will:

- Provide incentive for students to improve academic achievement and celebrate student success.
- Encourage students to take greater ownership and responsibility for their learning.
- Ensure students are prepared for a pathway that will assist them in achieving high academic outcomes.
- Support students to set goals and identify personal strengths and areas for improvement through ongoing tracking of success.
- Enable staff to effectively monitor and track student achievement and inform support and intervention strategies.

### Structure of Year Level Certificate

Students in Years 7 to 10 will have the opportunity to achieve a Year Level Certificate.

1 credit is awarded for each subject that a student passes in each semester.

Students must pass a semester of English and a semester of Mathematics in order to achieve a Year Level Certificate.

### Years 7 & 8 Credit System

Students must attain at least 12 out of a possible 16 credits to be awarded a Year Level Certificate.

	ENG	MAT	SCI	HUM	HPE	LAN	ARTS	TECH	TOTAL
Semester 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Semester 2 <sup>#</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Year	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	16

Students who are enrolled in *The Macquarie Literacy Program*, *Extra Numeracy* or *Clontarf Contact time* will receive 1 point for each semester.

### Years 9 Credit System

Students must attain at least 8 out of a possible 12 credits to be awarded a Year Level Certificate.

	ENG	MAT	SCI	HIS/HPE	Electives 1&2	Electives 3&4	TOTAL
Semester 1	1	1	1	1	2		6
Semester 2 <sup>#</sup>	1	1	1	1		2	6
Year	2	2	2	2	2	2	12

### Years 10 Credit System

Students must attain at least 10 out of a possible 14 credits to be awarded a Year Level Certificate.

	ENG	MAT	SCI	HIS/HPE	Electives 1&2	Electives 3&4	VET Certificate*	TOTAL
Semester 1	1	1	1	1	2		1	7
Semester 2 <sup>#</sup>	1	1	1	1		2	1	7
Year	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14

\*Year Level Certificate points for VET subjects will be awarded if students meet the minimum amount of progress required by the end of the semester.

<sup>#</sup>Semester 2 results will be based on Term 3 academic reporting data.



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## Awarding of Year Level Certificate

Year Level Certificates of Education are awarded at the annual awards ceremony.

Students are also eligible to be awarded certificates of Merit and Excellence at this ceremony if they meet the criteria.

## Tracking and Monitoring

The Head of Department (Student Services) tracks and monitors student performance data.

In addition to this, they will coordinate intervention processes for students at risk of not achieving a Year Level Certificate.

## Non-achievement of Year Level Certificate

When a student does not achieve the Year Level Certificate, they will still progress to the next year level. However, a non-achievement of the Year Level Certificate will indicate to staff that additional support may be required in future years.