

21 November 2018

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Dear redacted s9(2)(a)

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 1 November 2018, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

- The number of Auckland students who have failed an NCEA exam due to cheating in the years 2015, 2016, 2017  
*[We have interpreted this request as the number of Auckland candidates who had results for an examination session withheld because of a proven breach of the assessment rules]*
- The methods of cheating used by student who failed an NCEA exam in 2015, 2016, 2017  
*[We have interpreted this request as the breach types that resulted in a proven breach of the assessment rules that led to results being withheld for an examination session]*
- The schools the students attended who failed an NCEA exam in 2015, 2016, 2017  
*[We have interpreted this request as the schools attended by candidates who had results for an examination session withheld because of a proven breach of the assessment rules]*

The information you have requested is attached. Further information about breach types and the possible consequences of a proven breach can be found in the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2018 Section 7.1.9 Breaches of the Rules – External Assessment <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/legislation/nzqa-rules/assessment-including-examination-rules-2018/7/1/9/>

Approximately 50,000 Auckland students sit NCEA and NZ Scholarship examinations each year.

In comparison, the data provided shows that there were between 13 and 21 instances of results being withheld because of a proven breach, over the period in question.

In order to maintain the credibility of the NCEA qualification and the external assessment process, NZQA has a very low threshold for reporting possible breaches and a robust process for their investigation using the principles of natural justice.

As part of the commitment to open and transparent government, NZQA is proactively releasing responses to Official Information Act requests which are of public interest. NZQA will be publishing its response to your request on its website later in December 2018. Your name and contact details will be removed before publication.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact redacted s9(2)(a) in the Office of the Chief Executive, email redacted s 9 (2)(a)@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 redacted s9(2)(a)

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 502 602.

Yours sincerely



Karen Poutasi (Dr)  
Chief Executive

## Auckland Breaches data 2015-2017

Count	Year	School	Region	Category (Status Description)	Type Description
1	2017	Westmount School	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having Notes
2	2017	Kristin School	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having a cell phone
3	2017	Rangitoto College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Cell phone use
4	2017	Marcellin College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having Notes
5	2017	Lynfield College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Accessing the Internet
6	2017	Westlake Boys' High School	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using a Translator
7	2017	De La Salle College	Auckland	Authenticity/Impersonation	Authenticity
8	2017	Long Bay College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having Notes
9	2017	Manurewa High School	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having Notes
10	2017	Manurewa High School	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having Notes
11	2017	Mount Roskill Grammar School	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having Notes
12	2017	Pakuranga College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Unauthorised Material
13	2017	Waitakere College	Auckland	Authenticity/Impersonation	Authenticity
14	2017	Liston College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Altering an answer booklet
1	2016	Pakuranga College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having Notes
2	2016	Rangitoto College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Cell phone use
3	2016	St Peter's College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Unauthorised material
4	2016	Westlake Girls' High School	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
5	2016	Western Springs College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having a cell phone
6	2016	Westlake Girls' High School	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
7	2016	Westlake Boys' High School	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
8	2016	Manurewa High School	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
9	2016	Alfriston College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
10	2016	Birkenhead College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
11	2016	Mount Roskill Grammar School	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
12	2016	Pakuranga College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
13	2016	Mount Roskill Grammar School	Auckland	Authenticity/Impersonation	Authenticity
14	2016	De La Salle College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
15	2016	Botany Downs Secondary College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
16	2016	Waitakere college	Auckland	Following instructions	Having notes
17	2016	Waitakere college	Auckland	Following instructions	Having notes
18	2016	Howick College	Auckland	Following instructions	Having notes
19	2016	Papakura	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having Notes
20	2016	St Kentigern College	Auckland	Authenticity/Impersonation	Authenticity
21	2016	Birkenhead College	Auckland	Following Instructions	Having notes
1	2015	Marcellin College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
2	2015	Manurewa High School	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
3	2015	Western Springs College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
4	2015	Western Springs College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
5	2015	Rosmini College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
6	2015	St Kentigern College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
7	2015	Takapuna Grammar School	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
8	2015	Alfriston College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
9	2015	One Tree Hill College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
10	2015	Aorere College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
11	2015	Long Bay College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
12	2015	Mount Albert Grammar School	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes
13	2015	Southern Cross Campus College	Auckland	Dishonest Practice	Using Notes

## Breaches type

<b>Breach Categories</b>
Having Notes
Having a cell phone
Cell phone use
Accessing the Internet
Using a Translator
Authenticity
Unauthorised Material
Altering an answer booklet
Using Notes

Auckland schools with proven Breach investigations 2015-2017  
Result withheld

Schools
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Rangitoto College
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Lynfield College
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