

Welcome back.

We hope the start of the year has been successful and not too much of a shock. 2020 is shaping up to be a busy year. This year will be dominated by the NCEA Review and NAME wants to encourage all members to be fully engaged in the process.

Vision for NCEA LEVELS 1-3:

The most significant issue for NAME is responding to the document provided by the NCEA REVIEW group outlining the vision for NCEA Levels 1-3. It seems that part of the proposal for Level 1 is to offer a broad curriculum, with more specialisation of specific subjects at Levels 2 and 3. We are unclear what shape this will take and if it means that some subjects in the social sciences may have fewer or no Level 1 standards. If, as is suggested in the documents, that graduates of a Level 1 programme will be able to '*demonstrate foundation knowledge in a range of curriculum areas,*' we need to reinforce the importance of media studies being part of this foundation knowledge.

It is important that we provide as much feedback as possible in order to reinforce the importance of media studies. It is unfortunate that this vision has been released after the school year finished, and that feedback is sought during such a hectic and stressful time of the year. But this is such an important issue for our subject that we urge you to engage with the feedback process.

Next Steps:

We strongly recommend all media teachers complete the [questionnaire](#) in response to the Vision for NCEA 1-3 document, attached above. There is also a link on Page 2 of that document.

We would like regions to work together to complete feedback, and for this to also be shared with the National Executive by 28th February [if not earlier]. Feedback can be shared with NAME via info@name.org.nz

The National Executive will also complete a submission to the Review of Achievement Standards (RAS) group.

Feedback is due to RAS by 1 March 2020.

Subject Expert Group and Review of Media Studies standards:

At this stage the applications for the Subject Expert Group have closed. While there have been some provisional appointments, the panel is still in the process of being finalised and will be announced at some point this term.

The focus for NAME members is to continue discussing what we see as being the essential

aspects of Media Studies and what sets the subject apart from others. Your regional representatives are meeting in March to look at ways of collecting feedback about this part of the process.

Regional Support:

As mentioned above, your regional representatives are meeting in Auckland in March to talk about the review but to also plan what support is needed for their regions in 2020 - an update will be shared after the meeting. We encourage all NAME members to participate in their local cluster or regional groups this year.

You will find the name and email details of your regional representative on our website:

<https://www.name.org.nz/about.html>

Media Literacy Week:

One of the initiatives for NAME this year is to start a media literacy week for schools during Term 2. We are looking for a group of teachers who would be keen to be part of the organising group. If you are interested in being part of this group, please email Ian Thomas at ithomas@diocesan.school.nz

NAME Membership:

Obviously with so much happening in terms of the changes with NCEA, it is important that media teachers support NAME by joining the association. We have individual, institution and provisionally registered teacher options. Membership is for the 2020 calendar year [Jan-Dec].

You can join via our website:

<https://www.name.org.nz/membership.html>

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and if you have any questions, queries or feedback, you can email info@name.org.nz

We hope you have a fantastic Term 1. Don't forget to be kind to yourself!

Best wishes

The NAME Executive

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