

Paeroa College

“Excellence in Everything”



ACHIEVEMENT
MOTIVATION AND
PROMOTION OF
STUDENTS

*This pamphlet explains what is required for Year 9 and 10 students at **Paeroa College** to gain their AMPS certificate, and proceed to the next year level*

What is AMPS?

AMPS is an assessment system designed to encourage the successful completion of a year's study at Year 9 or Year 10.

All students in these years will work towards gaining an *AMPS* certificate at the end of the year. Students need this certificate to be able to progress to the next year of study.

Students who fail to complete the necessary assessments will risk not gaining a certificate.

What is an AMPS Assessment?

For every subject studied in Years 9 and 10, teachers have decided which parts of the course count towards gaining an *AMPS* certificate. These will form the *AMPS* assessments. They may be formal tests, practical assignments, classroom work – there is a range of possibilities.

Students may or may not be told which assessments count as *AMPS* assessments before the assessments are completed. We expect that students complete all assessment tasks. If they complete all assessments then they are likely to gain a certificate of completion.

How do I get an AMPS certificate?

AMPS assessments are worth *points*. The type of certificate gained at the end of the year depends on the total number of *AMPS* points gained.

Certificate of Completion	50 points
Certificate of Achievement	60 points
Certificate of Merit	80 points
Certificate of Excellence	100 points

How are points awarded?

Each *AMPS* assessment is worth a maximum of 5 points. Points are awarded as follows:

5 points Achieved with Excellence

4 points Achieved with Merit

3 points Achieved

2 points Good attempt at task

1 point Some attempt at task

0 points No evidence of work done

The following table shows how many points are available in each subject;

	AMPS points available			AMPS points available	
Subject	Year 9		Subject	Year 10	
English	20		English	20	
Mathematics	20		Mathematics	20	
Science	20		Science	20	
Physical Education	20		Physical Education	20	
Social Studies	20		Arts Options	(5 each)	20
Options	(5 each)	20	Technology Options	(10 each)	20
TOTAL	120			120	

What if a student doesn't reach the minimum level – will they have to repeat the year?

The teachers will set realistic and achievable goals for all students. We believe that every student should be able to gain at least a certificate of completion if they make an effort.

