

A HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL IN 100 OBJECTS

THE INAUGURAL GIRLS' STUDENT DIARY 2000

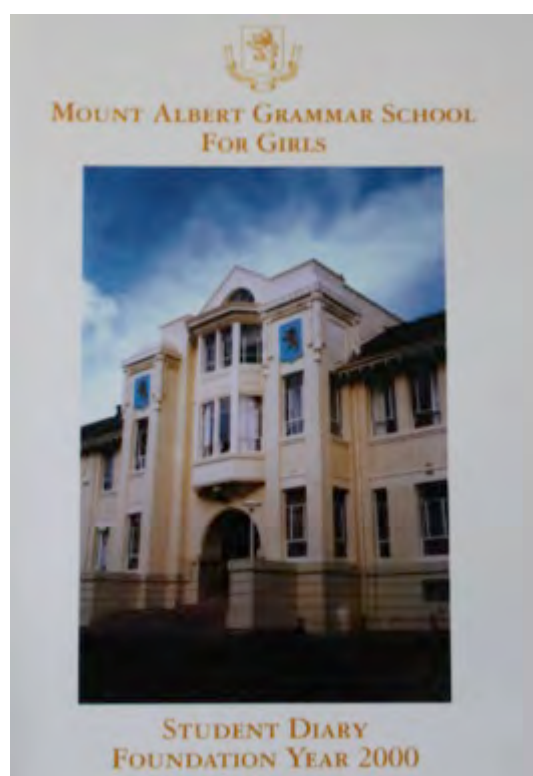
Size: 9½ in x 6½ in / 240 mm x 195 mm

Description: A 64 page stapled, unpaginated booklet. On the cover is a crest in gold and below it, in gold lettering is:

MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS

The main body of the cover is a photograph of the main entrance and oriel window, and below:

STUDENT DIARY
FOUNDATION YEAR 2000



Discussion: Inside both covers there is advertising and in addition there is 7½ pages of advertising throughout the diary. On the outside back cover there is emergency procedures for Accident, Fire, Earthquake plus a general calendar for 2000 and some School Contact details.

Inside the first page is a time-table blank to be filled in. Under the heading Student Diary is:

“For Students

- Diaries are a compulsory purchase.
- Spares are available from the Stationery Office.
Use it to record homework and assignments, dates for tests, and date for completion of work.
- If you lose your student diary, replace it immediately.
- Keep your Diary neat and tidy.”

“For Parents

- This diary has two purposes:
 - to encourage good standards
 - to promote communication between School and home. Please check the Diary each week.
- When your Daughter is absent please use the ‘absentee notes’ pages in this diary to indicate the reason to the Form Teacher.”

The next information page has dates for terms and holidays for the year and a “General Description of the School”.

The third information page has under the heading Staff the following five people and their designations:

GG (Greg) Taylor	Principal
BK (Brian) O’Connell	Associate Principal
TL (Tracy) Cocker	Director of Girls
ET (Evan) Gray	Director of Services & Intl Student Director
MJ (Mike) Schwass	Director of Boys

This was followed by School Information with the headings LUNCH PASSES, LOST PROPERTY and ABSENCES, followed by a third large heading, School Internal Exams for ‘Form 3’ [In the inaugural year all girls were in Form 3.]

The fourth page has what were described as SCHOOL SONG and NATIONAL SONG and a blank for 10 monthly newsletters to be signed for.

The next three pages have information for students under a series of questions, each with an answered response:

Why Study? What is Study? Where to Study? When to Study? Do you Find it Hard to Get Started? What to Study? Assignments: How did I score? Test and Exams. Why Use a Diary?

The rest was taken over by the diary proper, with one week across two pages.

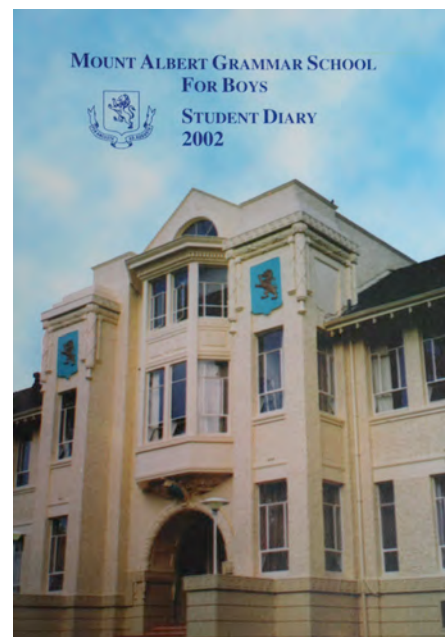
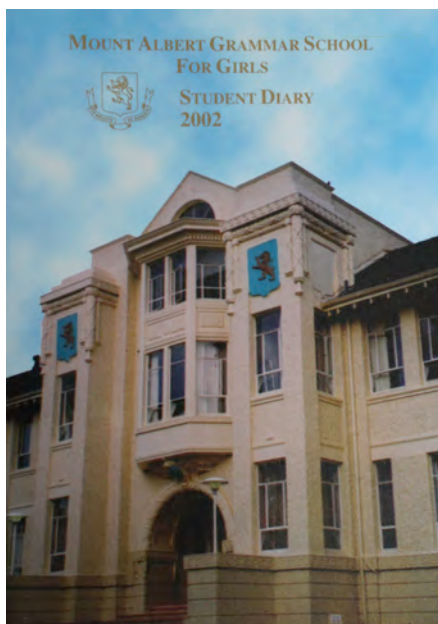
There is a comparable boys’ diary with lettering in blue-black.



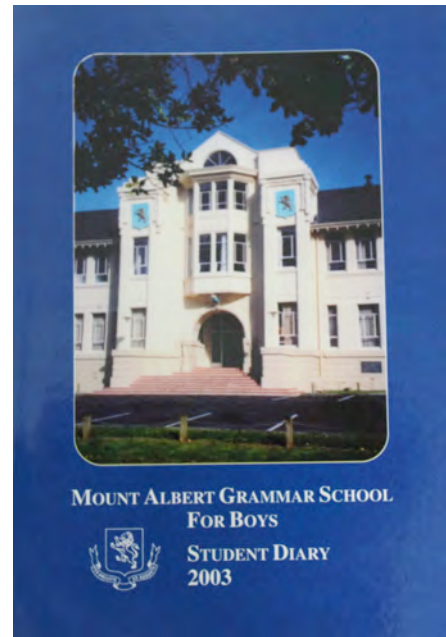
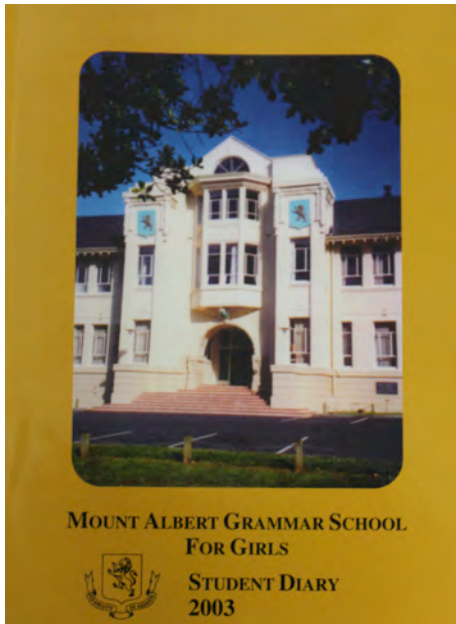
The 2001 Girls' Diary has the same cover and information, without, of course, the words FOUNDATION YEAR.

Inside there are a few differences. There is a complete list of staff and more information on: Lockers, Guidance, Bicycles, Detention System, Lateness, Sickness, Disabilities and Allergies and Music.

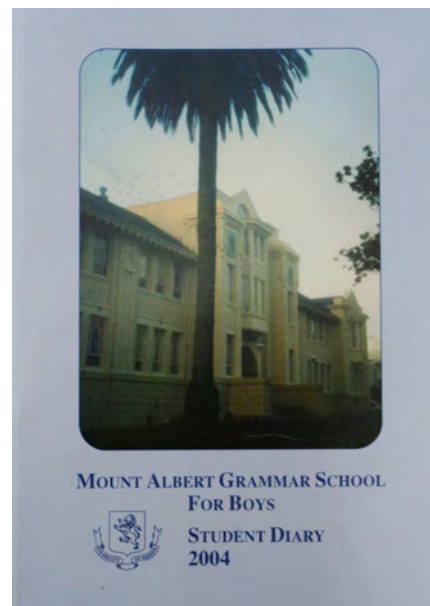
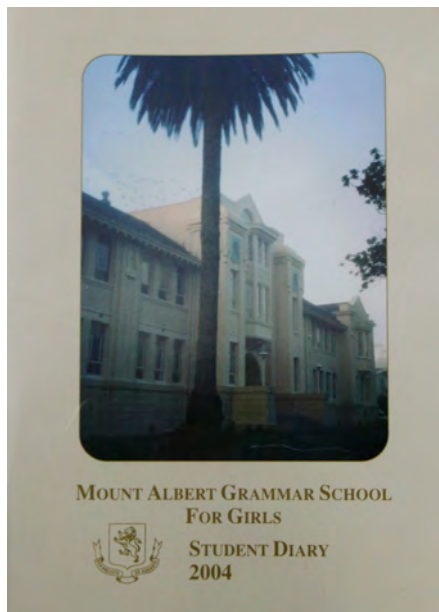
In 2002 both diaries had new covers



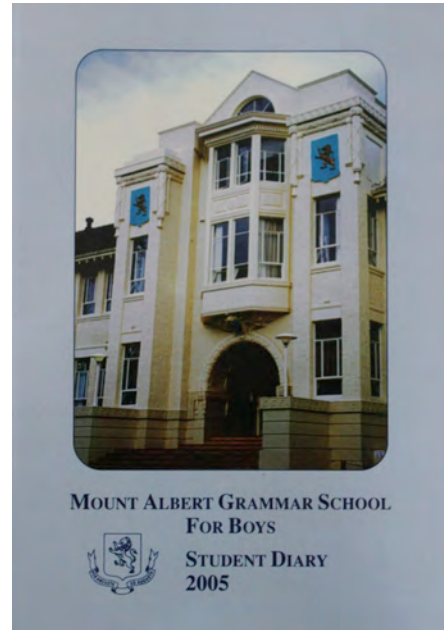
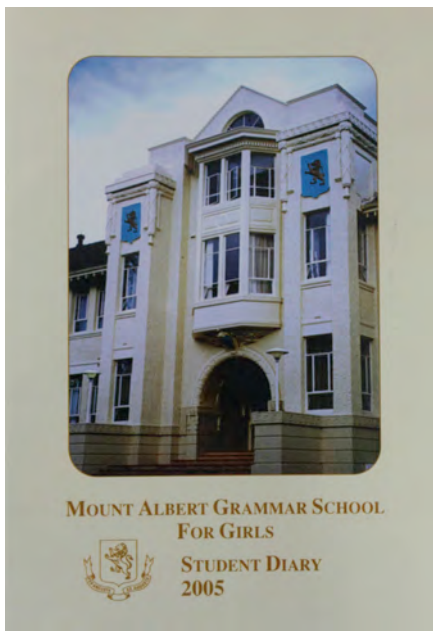
And in 2003 the cover design changed again.



In 2004 the overall size was reduced to 8½ in x 6 in / 205mm x 150mm and with newer, softened, cover image and base colour.



In 2005 there was a return to the original image but base colours were as in 2004 and not the white base as in 2000 and 2001.



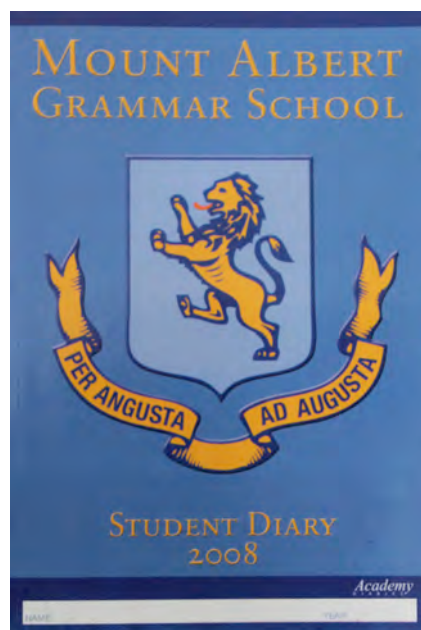
Another new image was used in 2006. The cover picture was taken in the morning so the trees that would have been green in afternoon light were in silhouette. Only the boys' diary is available for this year.



In 2007 there was just one diary for both boys and girls with no pictorial image, just the emblem with words in white. This was also the last diary to be stapled.



In 2008 the same cover in richer colours with blue lettering was used together with a space for the names on the cover. This was the first diary to be perfect bound.



Apart from the date the 2009 cover was identical to that of 2008. A new pattern had been set.

In 2015, for the first time in the 15 year history of the student diary, there was no paper diary, as a trial. That year saw the introduction of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), so that Diary information, and much else, could be had in a more portable form.

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