




MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

# Prospectus



A low-angle photograph of a classical building facade. The building features ornate columns with intricate carvings and a decorative frieze. A prominent crest featuring a lion is mounted on the wall. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

"The school is highly effective in achieving equitable and excellent outcomes for its students. It has the capacity and capability to accelerate learning for all learners."

ERO report 2018





## Welcome to Mount Albert Grammar School

Mount Albert Grammar School has successfully served its community since 1922. The School has consistently achieved excellence in academic, sporting and cultural areas. The School offers a high quality of educational opportunity amidst the strong traditions of one of the oldest and best schools in Auckland.

In 2000, the School enrolled girls for the first time. Since then, the girls' roll has grown to over 1400 and, combined with the boys' roll, sees the school now with about 3000 students. Our school has all the advantages of a large school, yet offers all of the warmth, encouragement and family-like qualities of a small school. The Junior School (Years 9 and 10) is a self-contained "school within a school", providing a unique blend of single-sex education and co-education for the initial two years.

Mount Albert Grammar School has a staff of well-qualified and dedicated professionals who work in excellent facilities.

The Education Review Office has consistently commended the school for its outstanding academic achievements: "The school is highly effective in achieving equitable and excellent outcomes for its students. It has the capacity and capability to accelerate learning for all learners." (ERO report 2018).

In Scholarship, New Zealand's top secondary school academic award, our school has regularly placed in the top 7 schools in the country and currently sits 6th.

We offer a diverse range of sporting opportunities for students. While we believe that participation is a very important aspect of sport, our teams and individual students regularly win Auckland and National championships.

The Arts at the school continue to grow and thrive under the outstanding leadership of the staff.

Specialist programmes, such as the Academic Institute and Sports Academies, cater for the needs of the elite academics and sports people. Successful sports academies operate in aquatics, basketball, cricket, football, netball, hockey, rowing and rugby.

School House, the boys' boarding hostel, accommodates 105 boys, and the ASB Bank MAGS Farm continues to provide a remarkable resource for the study of Agricultural Science in a central city school.

We set high standards at Mount Albert Grammar School and we have high expectations of our students.

"The MAGS Way" is a collection of six important values that underpin our school culture and provide guiding principles for our students.

Parents are very welcome at our school. Please do not hesitate to call on any matter concerning your child's education.

I am proud to be the seventh Headmaster of this outstanding school. It is a happy and caring place where students can reach their potential.

**Patrick Drumm**  
Headmaster

...through hardship to glory





## General description of the school

**Mount Albert Grammar School** is a secondary school situated in central suburban Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. Since its foundation in 1922, it has established a strong academic tradition, which it firmly maintains today, while catering for the wider needs of students from a large variety of backgrounds. Our 3000 current students come mainly from the immediate area of the School, although some students come from wider metropolitan Auckland. Demand for places is high from throughout Auckland.

The School enjoys superb grounds and fine buildings, including an Aquatic Centre, a modern library, an observatory and specialist areas for technology, art, music, drama and dance. There are all-weather tennis/netball courts, squash courts, generous playing fields, a fitness centre and two large gymnasiums.

The School House boys' boarding hostel accommodates 105 boys. Adjacent to the School is the ASB MAGS Farm, which provides practical work for students of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences.

Students of the School have the advantage of studying with a student body that reflects a true cross-section of the ethnic mix of the city of Auckland.

They share in a tradition of academic achievement, with the students of today continuing to emulate the success of earlier years in national qualifications.


International students are welcome at the School and the current international student body includes fee-paying students from all over the world. Accommodation may be with an approved relative or close family friend, or in an approved local homestay organised by the School. Further information and application forms are available on the School's website [www.mags.school.nz](http://www.mags.school.nz) or by emailing the International Office at [international@mags.school.nz](mailto:international@mags.school.nz)

The School offers all students the opportunity to develop their potential to the greatest extent possible. It enables all students to recognise the basic importance of such values as self-discipline, personal effort, honest standards and a sound respect for the opinions, cultural attitudes and rights and welfare of others.

Priority is given to academic success with an expectation that students achieve to their potential. The School recognises the importance of an all-round education, and opportunity is provided for involvement in a wide range of activities.

"The school has a learning culture that promotes and fosters student wellbeing for learning." ERO report 2018



A photograph of a school gymnasium with wooden floors and walls. In the foreground, a young girl and a young boy stand on a large blue and yellow school crest painted on the floor. The girl is on the left, wearing a dark blue t-shirt with 'SAMURAI' and a crest, and dark shorts. The boy is on the right, also in a dark blue t-shirt with 'SAMURAI' and a crest, and dark shorts, holding a basketball. In the background, other students are blurred, appearing to be in motion. A basketball hoop is visible in the upper left and right.

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"There is a school-wide curriculum focus on building student-directed learning behaviour." ERO report 2018



## The MAGS Way

The MAGS Way values underpin the school culture and provide guiding principles.

Successive Education Review Office reports have commended the school on its “respectful and positive school culture”.

### Values

- Respect oneself
- Aim for excellence
- Value education
- Be honest
- Respect others
- Respect property and the environment

The MAGS Way encompasses all individuals in the school community and guides all daily relationships between staff and students.

The MAGS Way is based on respect for others and the dignity of the individual to ensure that all individuals in the school have both rights and responsibilities as part of the MAGS Way.

**“A wrap-around approach to pastoral care and the use of restorative practices support student management.”**

ERO report 2018

### School rules

School rules are necessary to maintain sound order and worthwhile standards in the School. The most important relate to behaviour, punctuality and attendance, all of which are essential to academic progress. All students are given a copy of the School Rules and the MAGS Way values.

High standards of behaviour are expected of the students and every effort is made to encourage such behaviour. Where students fail to respond to such encouragement and ignore warnings about serious misbehaviour, a sanction, such as extra classroom work or a detention, may be imposed. Serious cases of misbehaviour may be referred to the Board of Trustees (see the School Rules insert page).

### The counselling network

The School prides itself on providing an emotionally safe learning environment for the students. The School Counsellors provide a professional counselling service for students and their families; they ensure that all have the opportunity to develop their intellectual, social and emotional potential.

Form Teachers, Deans and Senior Management take an active interest in all students' pastoral care. ERO recently commended the school on its “proactive pastoral care programmes”.

“A wrap-around approach to pastoral care and the use of restorative practices support student management.” (ERO Report 2018)

Many senior students take the opportunity to become involved in peer support and mediation roles.

To illustrate the School's commitment to pastoral care, parents will notice a central Student Centre where students can find Deans' and Counsellors' suites.

Careers advice is available in our Careers Centre. The Health Centre deals with emergency first aid issues that require immediate care.







**"The high expectations for student achievement and attainment noted in previous ERO reports continue to be evident."**

ERO report 2018

## Academic Excellence

### Accelerate programmes

Accelerate and extension programmes are offered to challenge the most academically able students and those who may show exceptional ability in individual subjects. Acceleration only occurs when it is considered in the best interest of the student and necessary to best meet their individual learning needs. Students participating in an accelerate programme must demonstrate that they are consistently able to achieve at Merit or Excellence level, prior to being allowed early entry to NCEA examinations.

### Programmes of study designed to suit individual needs

Mount Albert Grammar School caters for all academic abilities. At junior level this means the provision of both streamed and differentiated classes. Streamed classes can include both the accelerate programmes and also one-on-one tuition and courses that address particular literacy and numeracy needs, which are offered by the Learning Support Department. Streamed classes are able to tailor the selection of teaching resources used and manage the pace of delivery to suit the students. Differentiated classes offer opportunity for the different learning strengths and weaknesses of students to be identified and addressed across various subject areas.

At senior levels, various subjects which cater for the range of students' levels of ability and achievement are offered. These are designed to provide opportunities for all students to achieve NCEA and Scholarship.

The Junior Graduation programme was established in 2009 for Years 9 and 10 students. It provides both challenges and rewards for all junior students in their initial years and provides important preparation for senior school study in Years 11-13.

### Academic achievements

Students enter a full range of subjects for NCEA and Scholarship qualifications. Mount Albert Grammar School students have achieved outstanding results in these qualifications and have gained entry to courses offered at universities, polytechnics, institutes of technology and other tertiary institutions in New Zealand and overseas. The top students have, over the years, developed outstanding careers in every sphere and in every profession. Students have achieved outstanding scholarship results both within New Zealand and internationally. These include Rhodes Scholarships, University Scholarships and other top New Zealand awards. All levels of NCEA are entered as well as Scholarship.

### Scholarships and awards

Students of the School are eligible for a wide range of awards and prizes for academic, cultural and sporting achievements. The Senior School prizegiving is held in November, before the external examinations commence, and the Junior School prizegiving is in December. These are highlights of the school year, when students come together to acknowledge the talents and success of their peers. At Senior Prizegiving, over 50 Memorial and Special Prizes are awarded, together with subject and form awards for each year level. The Memorial Prizes date back to 1922 and commemorate Albertians, staff and families who have been important in the history of the School. The best Year 13 students are also eligible for monetary awards to be put towards further studies.

An Annual Leavers' Dinner is held each year. All senior leavers and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. A buffet meal is provided and a guest speaker gives leavers sound advice distilled from his or her experiences. Each leaver attending this function is presented with a leaving certificate by the President of the Albertians Association.



## Subjects available

Subject	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Accounting			•	•	•
Accounting/Economics		•			
Agribusiness				•	•
Agricultural & Horticultural Science		•	•	•	•
Art History				•	•
Biology			•	•	•
Building Carpentry (BCITO)				•	•
Business		•	•	•	•
Chemistry				•	•
Chinese (Mandarin)	•	•	•	•	•
Classical Studies				•	•
Commerce Studies			•	•	•
Dance		•	•	•	•
Dance Academy	•				
Design (Art)				•	•
Design & Photography			•		
Drama		•	•	•	•
Drama Academy	•				
Earth and Space Science				•	•
Economics			•	•	•
English	•	•	•	•	•
English Language (ESOL)		•	•	•	•
Food & Catering			•		
Food & Hospitality			•	•	•
French	•	•	•	•	•
Gateway				•	
General Science	•	•	•		
General Technology	•				
Geography			•	•	•
German	•	•	•	•	•
Global Perspectives		•			

Subject	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Health	•	•	•	•	•
History			•	•	•
Japanese	•	•	•	•	•
Learning Support	•	•	•	•	•
LIFT (Learning Intensively for Future Training)			•	•	•
Mathematics	•	•	•	•	•
Mathematics (Calculus)				•	•
Mathematics (Statistics)				•	•
Mechanical Engineering (Competenz)			•	•	
Media Studies		•	•	•	•
Music	•	•	•	•	•
Numeracy and Literacy	•	•			
Outdoor Education		•	•	•	•
Painting			•	•	•
Photography				•	•
Physical Education	•	•	•	•	•
Physics				•	•
Social Science Studies			•	•	
Social Studies	•	•			
Sports Academy*	•	•			
Sports Coaching					•
Sports Leadership				•	
Technology Product Design		•	•	•	•
Te Reo Maori	•	•	•	•	•
Te Reo Rangatira				•	•
Travel and Tourism				•	•
Visual Art	•	•			
Visual Communication		•	•	•	•

\*Students are selected for the Aquatic, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Rowing, Rugby and Football Academies



Details of subjects and qualifications can be found in the Academic Guide – available at the Student Centre and on the school website, [www.mags.school.nz](http://www.mags.school.nz)





## Uniform

Mount Albert Grammar School is a school with a long history and tradition. A part of that history and tradition is that MAGS is a uniform school. There is a requirement that all students wear their uniform with pride, and this means wearing the uniform correctly at all times. Students are expected to maintain high standards of personal presentation.

The School requires the correct uniform to be worn, in the correct manner, when students are at school, travelling to and from school and while attending school functions away from the school.

All items of uniform must be purchased from the Lions' Den Uniform Shop which is located on site near the pool carpark. Check the school website [www.mags.school.nz](http://www.mags.school.nz) for the shop's opening hours. The shop opens for extended hours during busy periods throughout the year.

Uniform items can also be purchased online at [www.scoresportswear.co.nz](http://www.scoresportswear.co.nz). Only items listed are to be worn. All non-uniform items of clothing are prohibited.



### UNIFORM – GIRLS

ALL items, apart from footwear, are supplied by the Lions' Den Uniform Shop.

#### Compulsory Uniform Items

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| <b>Blouse</b>   | White, short-sleeved school blouse with embroidered lion emblem. T-shirts are not to be worn under the blouse.   |
| <b>Skirt</b>  | Navy school skirt, to be worn just above the knee.   |
| <b>Jersey</b>   | Navy school jersey with sky blue lion emblem.  |
| <b>OR</b>   |  |
| <b>Cardigan</b>   | Navy school cardigan with sky blue lion emblem.  |
| <b>Jacket</b>   | Navy school jacket with sky blue lion emblem. This is the only jacket to be worn when in school uniform. Jackets are not to be worn inside.  |
| <b>Sandals</b>  | Must be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Sandals are optional in Term 2 and Term 3. Black or brown leather Roman sandals; McKinlays 'Safari', Birkenstock 'Milano' and Hush Puppies 'Jacinta' are also acceptable. No socks or stockings to be worn with sandals.  |
| <b>Shoes</b>  | May be worn in Term 2 and Term 3. Plain black, leather lace-up shoes, with a defined low heel. These are to be worn with stockings or white ankle socks. Patent leather, suede, sports, ballet-style shoes and boots are not allowed. No buckles, bows, chains or other decorations are permitted. |
| *Year 13 students only are permitted to wear plain black leather lace-up or loafer style low-heeled shoes. No buckles, bows, chains or other decoration, are permitted. Parents are advised to view the school website link, prior to purchase. |  |
| <b>Socks</b>  | Plain white ankle — as supplied only by the Lions' Den Uniform Shop.   |
| <b>PE Uniform</b>   | Navy short-sleeved t-shirt with sky blue lion emblem and navy shorts. These are compulsory uniform items for Years 9 and 10. Refer to photo on page 3.   |

#### Optional or Alternative Uniform Items

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| <b>Stockings</b> | Natural coloured or black non-patterned pantihose.   |
| <b>Trousers</b>  | Girls' navy blue school trousers, as supplied by the Lions' Den Uniform Shop.  |
| <b>Hair</b>      | Hair must be clean and tidy, with long hair tied back for health and safety reasons. All hair ties, hair clips and ribbons must be plain black, brown, white or navy in colour. No other hair accessories are allowed. |
| <b>Hat</b>       | School cap - navy with school emblem.  |
| <b>Scarf</b>     | School scarf, worn only in Term 2 and Term 3.  |
| <b>Shirt</b>     | White long-sleeved shirt with embroidered lion emblem.   |

#### Year 13 ONLY

Blue short-sleeved school blouse with embroidered lion emblem and navy skirt.  
Year 13 students only are permitted to wear plain black leather lace-up or loafer style flat-heeled shoes. Patent leather, suede, sports, ballet-style shoes and boots are not allowed. No buckles, bows, chains or other decorations are permitted. All other regulations listed above apply.

**Other Regulations** *Refer to page 11.*







Mount Albert Grammar School has a tradition as a uniform school. Students are expected to maintain high standards of personal presentation.





Our students consistently produce top academic and sporting results. NCEA and Scholarship results exceed national averages; sports teams regularly win championships.





## UNIFORM – BOYS

ALL items, apart from footwear, are supplied by the Lions' Den Uniform Shop.

### Compulsory Uniform Items

<b>Shirt</b>	Grey school polo shirt with embroidered sky blue lion emblem. The shirt is to be worn tucked in. T-shirts are not to be worn under the polo shirt.
<b>Shorts</b>	Navy serge school shorts.
<b>Belt</b>	Plain, black, leather belt with a small plain buckle.
<b>Jersey</b>	Navy school jersey with sky blue lion emblem.
<b>Jacket</b>	Navy school jacket with sky blue lion emblem. This is the only jacket to be worn when in school uniform. Jackets are not to be worn inside.
<b>Sandals</b>	Must be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Sandals are optional in Term 2 and Term 3. Black or brown leather Roman, Birkenstock 'Milano' or McKinlays 'Safari' sandals. No socks are to be worn with sandals. Sandals are not to be worn with long trousers.
<b>Shoes</b>	May be worn in Term 2 and Term 3. Plain, black, leather, lace-up school shoes, with a defined low heel. Parents are advised to view the school website prior to purchase.
<b>Socks</b>	Black, knee-length socks, as supplied by the Lions' Den Uniform Shop. Socks are to be worn with garters and pulled up to just below the knee.
<b>Garters</b>	As supplied by the Lions' Den Uniform Shop.
<b>PE Uniform</b>	Navy short-sleeved t-shirt with sky blue lion emblem and navy shorts. These are compulsory uniform items for Years 9 and 10. Refer to photo on page 3.

### Optional or Alternative Uniform Items

<b>Trousers</b>	Black school trousers with school logo, as supplied by the Lions' Den Uniform Shop. Sandals are not to be worn with trousers.
<b>Hat</b>	School cap/wide-brimmed hat - navy with school emblem.
<b>Scarf</b>	School scarf, worn only in Term 2 and Term 3.
<b>Year 13 ONLY</b>	White school polo shirt with embroidered sky blue lion emblem. All other regulations listed above apply.

ALL items, apart from footwear, are supplied by the Lions' Den Uniform Shop.



### Other Regulations applicable to Boys and Girls

- No other clothing is to be worn over the uniform.
- Beanies may not be worn.
- It is expected that all items of clothing will be clearly named, with the student's name and form class.
- Hair must be clean and tidy, with long hair, both for boys and girls, tied back for health and safety reasons. Excesses of current fashions are not acceptable.
- Boys are to be clean shaven.
- No make-up or nail polish is permitted.
- The only jewellery allowed is a watch. Girls only may wear one pair of small plain gold or silver ear studs, to be worn in the lobe of the ear. No other jewellery is to be worn. The school will not take responsibility for lost jewellery. All non-regulation jewellery worn with the school uniform will be confiscated.
- Tattoos, cultural or otherwise, are not to be visible.
- No adjustments are to be made to the shape of the uniform items.







## Tradition

### Per Angusta Ad Augusta

#### Through Hardship to Glory

Mount Albert Grammar School has a rich history and proud traditions, producing graduates with outstanding records of achievement in all spheres of life. Albertians have gained knighthoods and other honours in a range of areas, including manufacturing (Sir Woolf Fisher, founder of Fisher & Paykel), science (Professor Jeff Tallon, New Zealand's Rutherford medallist as the top New Zealand scientist of 2002), medicine (Sir John Scott, former Medical School Dean at The University of Auckland), music (Sir Donald McIntyre and Eddie Muliaumaseali'i, international opera singers), art (Sir Peter Siddell), politics (Sir Robert Muldoon, Prime Minister of New Zealand), university administration (Sir Graeme Davies, Vice-Chancellor of London University) and rugby (Sir Bryan Williams, former All Black and president of the New Zealand Rugby Union).

Other Albertians of note include: poet, novelist and literary critic, Professor Karl Stead ONZ; New Zealand's Athlete of the Twentieth Century and three-time Olympic gold medallist, Sir Peter Snell; world-renowned athletics coach, Arthur Lydiard ONZ; 1984 Olympic rowing gold medallist, Shane O'Brien; ex-Mayor of Auckland City and Commonwealth Games discus gold medallist, Les Mills; former governor of the Reserve Bank, Dr Alan Bollard; Professor of Economics at Yale University, Peter Phillips; White House Deputy Chief of Staff and former Chief Financial Officer of Microsoft Corporation and Vice-President of General Motors, Chris Liddell; philanthropist, Neal Plowman; CEO of Virgin Group, Josh Bayliss; broadcaster, Simon Mercep; Rugby Sevens star and World Rugby Women's Player of the Year 2017, Portia Woodman; and Silver Fern Maria Folau, who, in 2005, was the first female Albertian to be selected for an international sports team. We have also had three Rhode Scholars: agriculturist, Sir Alan Stewart; lawyer, Charles Cato; and co-founder of 1000 Memories, Jonathan Good.













## Performing Arts

The School has a long history of performance and achievement in the arts, and new facilities and purpose-built spaces for Dance, Drama and Music will continue to foster excellence.

Students are encouraged to develop to their full potential and all Performing Arts subjects are recognised university entrance subjects with scholarship offered in all three strands. There are an impressive number of former students who are completing tertiary qualifications, both in New Zealand and overseas, in these areas.

Dance and Drama Academies are overseen by teachers who are leaders in their field. Students are also able to learn to play a wide range of musical instruments from specialist teachers.

"Arts Alive" Dance and Drama productions, Cultural and Music concerts are a feature of the MAGS year and students at all levels are encouraged to be involved. The school also participates in a number of extra-curricular performing arts projects and competitions, and regularly supports high achievers in Dance, Drama and Music to attend workshops to further develop their potential.







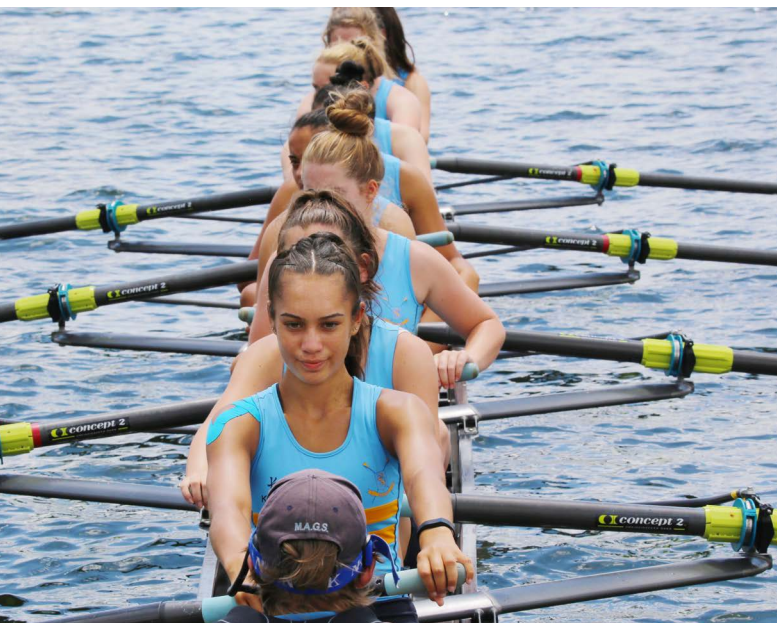
## Sporting Excellence

Mount Albert Grammar School has built on the tradition of sporting achievement at the highest levels throughout Auckland and New Zealand. Our teams compete in Auckland Secondary School competitions leading to regional and national championships.

The participation of teachers and parents ensure that all teams and activities are well organised, supervised and successful.

Students are encouraged to participate in at least one sport each year. Mount Albert Grammar School values sport as a means of developing character and a life-long health interest.

ERO recently commended the school on its sports programme. "Positive relationships between teachers and students, combined with teacher participation in the wider life of the school, support student engagement. The Headmaster and staff continue to promote high levels of academic, sporting and co-curricular achievement and success for students."



### Sports we offer and coach:

Athletics	Futsal	Swimming
Badminton	Hockey	Touch
Basketball	Lacrosse	Underwater Hockey
Cricket	Netball	Volleyball
Cycling	Rowing	Waterpolo
Fencing	Rugby Union	
Football	Rugby League	
	Softball	

### Sports we offer and manage:

Canoe Polo	Lawn Bowls	Triathlon
Cheerleading	Orienteering	
Cross Country/ Distance Running	Squash (limited coaching)	
Equestrian	Table Tennis	
Golf	Tennis	

### Sports for which we can facilitate entries into secondary school events:

Aerobics	Mountain Biking	Wrestling
Adventure Racing	Skiing	
Gymnastics	Snowboarding	
Kart Sports	Shooting	
Motocross	Trampolining	





## Mount Albert Grammar School Sport Academies

Mount Albert Grammar's Sport Academies are under the supervision of Director Ms Allie Wright.

The Academies are for Junior students only (Years 9-10). These students are carefully selected after trials and testing. The Academies are part of the Junior school Option structure and run twice a week during school time.

We have eight academies headed by coaches of national and international standing. They are:

### Aquatic

Paul Kent, New Zealand Olympic representative swimmer and World gold medallist

### Basketball

Daryl Cartwright, former Auckland, North Harbour and Tall Blacks representative, Coach of the NZ Junior Tall Blacks (Under 19)

### Cricket

Tony Sail, former Auckland Aces coach

### Hockey

Mark Dempster has played and coached hockey for 25-plus years. He has coached or assisted 27 representative teams who have won 10 national titles.

### Boys' and Girls' Football

Peter Smith, former NZ Football National Talent Centre coach and Waikato Bay of Plenty Football Development Manager

### Netball

Sarah Hann, coached MAGS Premier Netball 2018 to a National title, MAGS Prem Coach 2019, Auckland Representative Coach, won AIMS Netball with Holy Cross twice, Auckland Premier Club Coach.

### Rowing

Alice Denyer, rowed for Great Britain, coached Great Britain Coxless four to gold, four medals at National Schools in Great Britain.

### Rugby

Nicholas Leger is an IRANZ facilitator and before joining MAGS in 2018 served as Counties Manukau Player Development Manager for eight years.



An extensive range of extra-curricular opportunities and activities is offered to students. These include high performance sport and a strong focus on visual and performing arts.





## School House

There are few state-funded schools that boast a boarding establishment. School House, the Mount Albert Grammar School Boys' Boarding Hostel, was opened in 1927 and has forged a tradition rich in academic, sporting and cultural achievement.

School House caters for 105 boys from New Zealand and around the world, each of whom is assisted to grow and fulfil his potential in a safe, structured and caring environment. Five and seven-day boarding is catered for, at the same cost per term, with fees payable by term in advance. These fees cover all meals, laundry, recreation and accommodation. Boys are well supervised and can obtain leave passes by prior arrangement with the School House staff.

School House boys are provided with extra educational opportunities. Supervised homework and study programmes take place between 7.15pm and 9pm Sunday to Thursday.

Each House has 21 boys, who are led and managed by a Housemaster and two Prefects. The accommodation is in twin and single rooms in each House.

The School House runs House competitions each week and the boys experience a wide range of House activities, ranging from Theme nights, Movie nights, Quiz nights, Talent nights, and House v House Sports nights. The boys also attend games at Eden Park and take part in other weekend activities.



School House is under the control of the Director of Boarding, one of the School's senior leadership team, who lives on the premises with his wife and family. All Housemasters and their families live on site.

### **The School House Philosophy consists of four basic tenets:**

- Each house-boy will have a secure, safe and clean environment to live in.
- Each house-boy will be given the opportunity to fulfil his academic, cultural and sporting potential.
- Each house-boy is expected to participate as fully as possible in the wider life of the School.
- Each house-boy is taught to be self-disciplined and well organised, and to maintain a consistently high standard of behaviour at School and in School House.





“The culture and climate of the hostel reflects the school’s positive values.”

ERO report 2018







## ASB MAGS Farm

The ASB MAGS Farm is a key feature in the unique character of Mount Albert Grammar School. The farm was established in 1933 and occupies 8.1 hectares. It is a rural oasis in the middle of New Zealand's largest city. Not only does it provide a green area for local residents, but it also gives people from across Auckland the opportunity to experience farm life and to interact with animals. Thousands of people, from pre-schoolers to senior citizens, visit the farm every year.

It is a complete working model farm. Buildings on the farm include a one-stand wool shed with full wool handling facilities, sufficient pens to hold 150 sheep overnight, a two-stand walk-through milking shed with milking plant, an implement shed, a unit for small animals, a classroom, and a manager's residence.

The school offers courses in Agricultural Science from Years 10-13 and AgriBusiness in Years 12-13, and has supplied numerous students to farm schools and tertiary courses around the country. The agriculture programme at Mount Albert Grammar School has a national reputation for producing outstanding young people for the agriculture sector.

A \$12 million Agri-food and Fibre Experience Centre is being planned that will teach and showcase best practice in Agriculture and Horticulture.



## The Mount Albert Aquatic Centre

The school has one of the finest indoor heated swimming pools and leisure complexes in the country. A 25 metre competition pool provides excellent swim training, waterpolo and underwater hockey facilities. Its variable depth floor allows for group aquarobics and swimming tuition. An adjacent leisure pool includes a waterslide, paddling pool and a wave pool. This outstanding joint school-community complex also has spa pools, a sauna, steam room, swim shop and a café.

## Te Puna O Wairaka Whanau unit

Te Puna O Wairaka is a specialised whanau unit that offers beginner and fluent speakers of te reo the opportunity to develop further in the language and tikanga Maori.

Applicants should register their interest on the school enrolment form. There is a formal interview process to enter Te Puna O Wairaka.











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