



MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Starting at MAGS 2020

Student Information Booklet

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 schools in Auckland.

Our commitment to quality educational opportunities was recognised in 2000 by the inclusion of girls at what had previously been a boys-only school. This was a first for New Zealand and was intended to provide Mount Albert Grammar School with the flexibility of the best single-sex and co-educational education. The girls' school has grown exponentially with successive Year 9 intakes.

The school has a staff of well-qualified and dedicated professionals who work in excellent facilities. Academic acceleration and extension is offered for the top academics in the school, and Dance and Drama Academies offer extension in the Arts. Successful sports Academies operate in Aquatics, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rowing and Rugby to provide specialist coaching for our premier sportsmen and sportswomen. School House, the school boarding facility, houses 100 boys, and the ASB MAGS Farm provides a remarkable resource for the study of agricultural science in a central city school.

The school motto is:

“Per Angusta, Ad Augusta”

Through Hardship, To Glory

This is the school hymn:

Dusk on the walls, and the twilight lingering,
Darken, yet lighten, our half-dimmed gaze;
While on the panels still bright with his fingering
God writes this legend in golden rays;

“Through hardship to glory”, Mt Albert, create us
Such that our honour may live ever more:
And these be our thoughts, when in years that await us
We should look back to the motto of yore.

Grant with the days, then, Mt Albert, a reverence
Springing from duty but vital with love,
That, in the ending, there be not a severance
Torn in the pattern thine own hands wove.

It was written in 1928 by J.A.W. Bennett, a past student of MAGS, and is sung at assemblies.

The MAGS Way

Mount Albert Grammar School promotes the following school-wide values:

- Respect for others
- Honesty
- Respect for Oneself
- Respect for property and the environment
- Aim for excellence
- Value education

These form the guiding principles we call **The MAGS Way**.

- **The MAGS Way** encompasses all individuals in the school community.
- **The MAGS Way** is to guide all daily relationships between all staff and students.
- **The MAGS Way** is based on respect for others and the dignity of the individual.
- All individuals in the school have both rights and responsibilities as part of **The MAGS Way**.

Expectations of Students

Each student is expected to:

1. Complete classwork and homework to the best of their ability.
2. Follow all instructions given by staff and Prefects.
3. Attend all classes.
4. Be punctual.
5. Always dress in the correct school uniform.
6. Respect others, show courtesy and good manners at all times.
7. Respect both school property and the property of other students.

Expectations of Behaviour

Student behaviour should enable a positive teaching and learning environment to be maintained in the classroom.

This means that students should:

- Be thoughtful, co-operative and tolerant.
This makes it easier for students to learn and live together.
- Respect others' right to learn without interruption.
This ensures that all pupils have a chance to learn without disruption from others.
- Be well-mannered, considerate and friendly to each other, to staff and to visitors.
This makes it easier to learn and live together and the school maintains respect within the community.
- Be proud of their school and keep it clean, safe and attractive.
This ensures that everyone can work in a pleasant environment and helps maintain the community's high regard for this school.
- Wear the correct uniform properly and behave well at all times.
This brings credit to them and their school.

- Remember the most important things are self-discipline, common sense and respect for others.

The following types of behaviour are not acceptable among Mount Albert Grammar School students:

- Rude or abusive language.
- Bullying, whether verbal or physical.
- Damaging or stealing property.
- Possessing or using tobacco, alcohol or harmful drugs.
- Disruptive behaviour.
- Defiance.
- Violence or threatening behaviour.

School Rules

The School Rules have been established in partnership with the community over a long period of time. They reflect the school community's expectation of acceptable standards of behaviour, dress and personal presentation in the widest sense.

Students are expected to abide by the School Rules at school when in school uniform or when engaged in activities that are associated with the school. At these times a student is deemed to be under the jurisdiction of the school for the purpose of these rules.

1. Students are subject to school discipline from the time they leave home until they return home and are expected to meet a high standard of behaviour both inside and outside the school grounds.
2. The school uniform is to be worn, tidily and correctly both at school and between home and school at all times. This includes the journey to and from school each day. 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 jewellery, except a wristwatch, is permitted for boys. Girls may also wear a small, plain gold or silver stud earring in the lobe of the ear. Non-regulation items, including jewellery, may be confiscated. Tattoos, cultural or otherwise, must not be visible.
3. The following items are not to be brought on to the school grounds:
 - Alcohol
 - Drugs or any device associated with the use of drugs
 - Synthetic cannabis and/or vaping devices
 - Chemicals
 - Cigarettes or tobacco
 - Glass bottles
 - Knives or other weapons
 - Chewing gum
 - Lighters/explosive or dangerous materials
 - Matches
 - Marker pens
 - Skateboards
 - Expensive bicycles or bicycle accessories or other costly equipment

Year 13 only

Blue short-sleeved blouse with embroidered lion emblem. Navy skirt.

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 Uniform page prior to purchase.

All other regulations listed above apply.

Boys' uniform

All items apart from footwear are supplied by the uniform shop.

Shirt

Grey school polo shirt with embroidered sky blue emblem. The shirt is to be worn tucked in. T-shirts are not to be worn under the polo shirt.



Shorts

Navy serge school shorts.



Belt

Plain black leather belt with a small plain buckle.



Jersey

Navy school jersey with sky blue lion emblem (compulsory).



Jacket

Navy school jacket with sky blue lion emblem. This is the only jacket to be worn with school uniform. Jackets are not to be worn inside.



Sandals

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.

Shoes

May be worn in Term 2 and Term 3. Plain black leather lace-up, with a defined low heel. Parents are advised to view the school website Uniform page prior to purchase.

Socks

Black knee-length socks, as supplied by the uniform shop. Socks are to be worn with garters and pulled up to just below the knee.

Garters

As supplied by the uniform shop.

PE Uniform

Navy short-sleeved T-shirt with sky blue lion emblem and navy shorts. These are compulsory items for Years 9 and 10.



Optional or alternative uniform items

Trousers Black school trousers with school logo, as supplied by the uniform shop. Sandals are not to be worn with trousers.

Hats School cap and wide-brimmed hat - navy with school emblem.

Scarf School scarf, worn only in Term 2 and Term 3.

Other uniform regulations applicable to boys and girls

- No other clothing may be worn over the uniform.
- Beanies may not be worn.
- It is expected that all items of clothing will be clearly named, with the students name and form class.
- No make-up or nail polish is permitted.
- Boys must be clean shaven.
- The only jewellery allowed is a watch. Girls only may wear one pair of small plain gold or silver ears studs in the lobe of the ears. The school will take no responsibility for lost jewellery. All non-regulation jewellery worn with the school uniform will be confiscated.

- 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.
- Tattoos, cultural or otherwise, are not to be visible.
- No adjustments are to be made to the shape of the uniform items.

School bags

- Every student must have their own bag.
- The bag must be suitable for the purpose of carrying school books and equipment – it must be of sufficient size, be sturdy, weatherproof and comfortable to carry.
- Bags must be free of graffiti and slogans.

Sport uniforms

Students in a Sports Academy need to order and pay for their Academy Uniform from the Uniform Shop before Term 1 begins, once your child's selection has been confirmed.

Sports Teams will be announced during school terms and team uniforms can be purchased at that time

Uniform supply information

All items of uniform, except footwear, are available from the MAGS uniform shop, The Lions' Den, which is located on site near the pool car park, ph 09 846 0439, email lionsdenuniforms@gmail.com
The uniform is also available online via www.scoresportswear.co.nz
Payment can be made by cash/EFTPOS/credit card - Mastercard or Visa only. No cheques.

Normal hours:	Monday	8am-11.30am
	Wednesday	8am-9am
	Friday	8am-9am

Check the school website for periodic variations to these hours.

NB: Footwear is not sold at the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop closed on December 13, 2019 and will re-open on Monday, January 6, 2019

January 6-17

Monday	9am-1pm
Tuesday	3pm-6pm
Wednesday	3pm-6pm
Thursday	3pm-6pm
Friday	9am-1pm

January 20-24

Monday	9am-1pm
Tuesday	3pm-6pm
Wednesday	9am-1pm
Thursday	3pm-6pm
Friday	9am-1pm

Auckland Anniversary Day

Monday, January 27	9am-12 noon
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Please do not leave the purchase of your uniform until the final few days of the school holidays or the first day of school, when queues may be long and stock may be depleted.

Key Contacts

School phone: 09 846 2044
 School fax: 09 846 2042
 Website: www.mags.school.nz

Management

Headmaster	Patrick Drumm	Ext 8150	paheadmaster@mags.school.nz
Associate Principal	Jo Williams		jwilliams@mags.school.nz
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Director of Guidance	Tanya Montgomery	Ext 8181	tmontgomery@mags.school.nz
Director of International	Bronwyn Watts	Ext 8137	bwatts@mags.school.nz
Director of Sport	Allie Wright	Ext 8186	awright@mags.school.nz
Director of School House	Daryl Cartwright	021 350 080	dcartwright@mags.school.nz
Communications & Community Liaison	Graham Hepburn	Ext 8236	info@mags.school.nz

Deans responsible for pastoral care

Year 9 Boys	Shelley Mackinlay-Milne	Ext 8116	smackinlaymilne@mags.school.nz
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School Nurses	Claire Brown Ade Brierley Shirley Shirreffs	Ext 8108 Ext 8108 Ext 8108	nurse@mags.school.nz
Enrolment Officer		Ext 8108	enrol@mags.school.nz
Student Centre Reception	Rose Akava-Moodley	Ext 8131 Ext 8155	rakava@mags.school.nz

Heads of Faculty / Department

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English	Aubrey Mason	Ext 8190	amazon@mags.school.nz
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Heads of Faculty (HOF) or Departments (HOD) will be able to give you advice about what is involved in a course of study and on how best to achieve in a subject. Senior students must get HOF / HOD permission to enter a course.

Who should I contact regarding the following areas?

Curriculum

- For a curriculum or subject concern, first contact your subject teacher or the relevant Head of Department.

Pastoral

- For a concern that relates to pastoral or behavioural issues, first contact your child's Form Teacher, Dean or a Guidance Counsellor.

Attendance

- For attendance concerns, including absences and lateness, please contact Attendance Officer Fiona Liuliu Afoa and, if necessary, leave a message: 09 846 2044 x 8142 or email attendance@mags.school.nz

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

- For all queries re BYOD, please contact Mrs Elise Goddard, the Director of E-Learning, egoddard@mags.school.nz
- For full information on BYOD, please see the BYOD section of the school website, www.mags.school.nz

How do I make contact?

- To contact a form teacher or a subject teacher phone 09 846 2044 and leave a message with the receptionist, or contact your child's Dean via their extension. **However, the most direct line of contact is via email.** All teachers have an email address: the initial of the teacher's first name, followed by their surname and @mags.school.nz e.g. Kerry Baker becomes kbaker@mags.school.nz
- Teachers will make every effort to return voice mail messages as soon as possible between classes. Urgent messages can be delivered through the receptionist.

Student contact information

- It is critical that school records regarding contact details and address etc are up to date.** In an emergency the school must be able to contact a parent or caregiver as soon as possible.
- Should you have any change of address, landline or mobile phone number please contact the Enrolment Officer Shirley Shirreffs, Ext 8131 or email enrol@mags.school.nz