



MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL



International Prospectus

AUCKLAND • NEW ZEALAND



"Mount Albert Grammar School provides International students with high quality pastoral care. They integrate well into the school's education programme and are involved in all aspects of school life. The school provides good quality English language support for its International students."

(ERO – Ministry of Education)



Welcome to Mount Albert Grammar School

A New Zealand education delivered by teachers of the highest quality is the cornerstone of the many features that attract International students from around the world to our school.

Here they are cared for in a supportive and inclusive environment, encouraged to take part in all aspects of school where they can make friends and try new experiences. This enables our International students to feel secure in reaching heights of academic achievement that sees Mount Albert Grammar placed among the top schools in New Zealand.

We are widely considered a top sporting school in the country, and offer a wealth of opportunities for International students to follow their sporting passion, or try something new.

Our arts and culture programmes are also varied, and many International students enjoy being part of performance groups.

We value our International students as much as they value being here. They add to the cultural diversity that makes Mount Albert Grammar School such an interesting and enjoyable place to learn.

I look forward to meeting your students in the near future.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

...through hardship to glory





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

Mount Albert Grammar School – one of New Zealand's best

- Located in Auckland, the largest city of New Zealand, a country of 4.8 million people
- Auckland city is rated the fourth most liveable city in the world on the Mercer Quality of Life Survey
- Auckland is home to a diverse range of cultures and is always interesting and colourful
- We are one of the country's most desirable schools, located 10 minutes from Auckland city centre
- Founded in 1922, MAGS is a co-educational school with 3,100 students which include International students from around the world
- Academically one of the top five schools in New Zealand
- A top sporting school in New Zealand
- We provide outstanding support for our International students
- Award winning performing arts groups
- New Zealand top scholar awards – our students are demonstrating exceptional academic excellence in the Sciences, Mathematics and Languages
- 90% of International graduates attend university
- Armed with a world class education, our former students are excelling internationally in a variety of fields



The school enjoys superb grounds and fine permanent buildings including two heated swimming pools, tennis courts, large playing fields, two gymnasiums, an astronomical observatory and an 8.1 hectare school farm.



MAGS is among the top schools in New Zealand after record results in NCEA and Scholarship exams. We support International students to reach their full potential. Our academic support network includes providing an English language programme to prepare our students for entry into mainstream classes.

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	•	•	•	•	•
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



| School Life

Extra Curricular programmes

International students are offered a rich variety of opportunities to get involved with their New Zealand friends and learn more about New Zealand life. Mount Albert Grammar School runs clubs for special interest and special events for International students.

Clubs:

- Animal Allies
- Blog
- Chess
- Creative Writing
- Debating
- Drawing
- Environment
- Photography
- Poetry
- Robotics

International Student Events

Each year our students get involved in a variety of special events tailored especially for them. These activities are a great way for the students to get to know each other, make friends and display their cultures to the wider school community.

- Auckland Orientation Tour
- International Food and Culture Evening
- Polyfest Cultural Event
- Dodgeball Tournaments
- Auckland Rippa Rugby Tournament



Performing Arts

Mount Albert Grammar School has a long history of performance and achievements in the arts, and new facilities and purpose-built spaces for Dance, Drama, and Music will continue to foster excellence. We offer Dance and Drama academies for Year 9 and Year 10 students, academic courses in Dance, Drama and Music and a variety of performance opportunities throughout the year that many students love the opportunity to be part of:

Performance opportunities:

- MAGS Mega Crew – Hip Hop dance
- You Dance Youth Dance Festival
- Junior School Performing Arts Concert
- Senior School Performing Arts Concert
- School Productions (Drama, Dance and Music)
- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival
- Theatresports
- Storylines Festival
- Cultural Groups



Mount Albert Grammar School understands the importance of Dance, Drama and Music in meeting the academic needs of students who wish to make a career in the arts, and in enhancing the school experience of all students.



Sporting Excellence

Mount Albert Grammar School is widely recognised as a top sporting school in New Zealand. Our teams compete in Auckland Secondary School Championships leading to regional and national championships.

We offer many sports with students able to participate at social, competitive and elite level.

Sports we offer and coach:

Athletics	Futsal	Softball
Badminton	Hockey	Swimming
Basketball	Lacrosse	Underwater Hockey
Cricket	Netball	Volleyball
Cycling	Rowing	Water polo
Fencing	Rugby	
Football	Rugby League	

Sports we offer and manage:

Cheerleading	Table Tennis
Cross country/distance running	Tennis
Squash (limited coaching)	Triathlon

Sports Academies

MAGS is unique in New Zealand in our offering of sports academies for talented athletes in the following areas:

Aquatics	Boys Football	Netball
Basketball	Girls Football	Rowing
Cricket	Hockey	Rugby







| Pastoral Care

International Office

Mount Albert International Office staff are here to help students ease into life at MAGS, and make the most of the opportunities. At MAGS we want our International students to be happy and secure. We have a range of services to ensure International students are well looked after

and can get on with the business of studying and having fun. The door is always open and students are welcome to our International Office where our friendly staff are on hand to help students with any problems or queries and make their stay successful and enjoyable.

Mount Albert Grammar School is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016, overseen by the New Zealand Government. Details are on the website of the New Zealand Qualifications authority www.nzqa.govt.nz

Accommodation

Students must live in a homestay, at the school's boys only hostel (limited places) or with a relative or close friend.

Students coming to study in New Zealand have homestay accommodation arranged with families. Living with a family helps students learn about the New Zealand way of life and improve their English language. Students have their own room and the host family will provide three meals a day.

We work with the host families to ensure every student is happy. The school is committed to guaranteeing every student a safe home and school environment.





Hannah – Germany

Auckland is a beautiful city and I am happy to be here. The teachers at Mount Albert Grammar School are very nice and are very helpful. I love my homestay family and they have included me so well into their family life. The International Food and Culture Event is so much fun. The International Student Committee work together to make it a perfect evening.



Shunta – Japan

Everything in New Zealand is perfect. My homestay family is really nice and I feel they are like my second family. I enjoy my subjects which we are allowed to choose. I play rugby for the school and I am proud to have this opportunity.



Carol – China

The school's facilities and subjects are abundant. This gives me a comprehensive education at Mount Albert Grammar School. I am very happy living with a very kind homestay family and I am grateful for their care.



Rebecca – Italy

I think Mount Albert Grammar School is a great school. Everyone is really nice and ready to help you. Every class is amazing and I am discovering new ways to learn things at school. Recently, I joined the swimming club and I have been welcomed into the team. I took part in a swimming competition and won an award.



Tanapat – Thailand

My teachers are very helpful and they always answer my questions. I played softball for the school and had a great time. My homestay is really good, just a five-minute walk to school and they make Thai food which is tasty.



Celine – Mexico

Mount Albert Grammar School is huge and offers a lot of amazing subjects. Teachers are really pleasant and have different teaching techniques. New Zealand is a place with nice people and nice weather where you can do a lot of outdoor activities and visit Auckland's wonderful islands.



Felipe – Chile

I came to MAGS because it has a good rugby team and has a good reputation as a sporting school. I am staying at the School House and a lot of the House Boys are in my rugby team and it's like being with your friends all day and we do a lot of activities. It's really easy to fit in.



Kha Xuan – Vietnam

I came to MAGS three years ago and I enjoy studying here. My favourite subjects are Maths and Physics and MAGS makes them more interesting with their teaching style and teachers are very supportive. I joined the basketball team and it has been a good experience for me. I met new people and made new friends and learned new skills from the team.



Orion – Canada

I live in the School House and it is like a big family with a lot of boys helping each other out. I played rugby and the competition at MAGS for rugby is huge. Being part of the top team was a phenomenal experience. We also have the rugby academy which teaches physical education through rugby which improves skills and discipline.



Mingi – South Korea

I like our learning style at MAGS and I especially enjoy all my science subjects and maths. I play football for the school which I love playing because I get to play with my friends. Living in a homestay I got to know more about New Zealand culture and lifestyle.



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