



**MOUNT ALBERT
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Year 8 Information



Welcome to Mount Albert Grammar School, where our 'MAGS Way' values are a cornerstone and reflect the core values of our school community.

We expect all students and staff to abide by these important values:

Aim for Excellence; Respect Oneself, Others and the Environment; Value Education; Be Honest.

Our school culture also fosters a strong sense of MAGS Pride – and we are promoting qualities integral to growing fine MAGS students:

MAGS PRIDE:

Personal excellence
Resilience
Integrity
Diversity
Empathy



MAGS' Strategic Plan

Designed to produce an aspirational, resilient learning community that affirms personal excellence, MAGS' Strategic Plan focuses on the following areas:

Educational excellence

Resilient students

Inspiring staff

Productive partnerships

Confident future

Year 9 Academic Course

WHOLE YEAR:

English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Physical Education.

SEMESTER TASTER ROTATIONS:

Technology/Visual Art/Health/Music.

CHOOSE TWO LANGUAGES FROM:

French, German, Māori, Japanese, Chinese.

NOTE: MAGS has single sex classes for core subjects at both Years 9 & 10.

We are a BYOD School

Students may use either a MacBook, a Windows laptop, an iPad with a keyboard or a Chromebook as their digital learning device.

Te Puna o Wairaka

Te Puna o Wairaka, also known as “Puna”, is the Māori Unit at MAGS.

It is a safe environment within which our students are able to practice tikanga Māori (customs and traditions), as well as strengthen their knowledge of te reo through various kaupapa such as karakia, whakawhanaungatanga, pōhiri and kapa haka.

This is in addition to their learning within the Reo Māori and Reo Rangatira courses in the Māori Department.



Students can apply to join Puna at any year level and at any stage throughout the year. Please contact Whāea Waimirangi Paul, Head of Te Puna o Wairaka: wpaul@mags.school.nz



Siapo

Our Siapo mentor class uses a vertical structure and was established in 2021 to support our Pasifika learners. Each year we take in 10 Year 9 students via an application process. To apply, or for more information, please contact Mr Corey Todd, Deputy Principal for MAGS Pasifika: ctodd@mags.school.nz

Sports Academies

The Sports Academies identify and work with high-performing students who have the potential to become elite competitors during their time at School. The aim is to improve their skill levels so that by the time they reach senior level, they are significantly advanced.

In Years 9 and 10, students participate in their chosen Academy, representing one of eight key sports: Aquatics, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rowing and Rugby.

MAGS will produce well-balanced athletes with both a sporting and academic focus.

A love of training and their sport will give each Academy student the passion required to aspire to selection for the Premier team of their sport.



The Academies will improve the focus of each student with specialised programmes, where expectations are clear and standards are not compromised. For more information about Sports Academies, go to: www.mags.school.nz/co-curricular/sports-academies/

*Academy selection must be applied for and, on acceptance, a Sports Academy Contract must be signed by each student and their parents.

Dance and Drama Academies

The Academies give those with a passion for these subjects a chance to get involved from the first term.

Year 9 Dance Academy

This is open to students who have Dance experience and/or demonstrate a passion for Dance. Students learn different genres of dance from Dance teachers and guest industry professionals, and have the opportunity to perform on stage.



Year 9 Drama Academy

This is open to those who have experience in Drama, or who are passionate about studying Drama. Students work with a variety of scripts and drama genres, devise their own plays and develop performance skills. Emphasis is placed on developing confident self-expression and performance techniques.



Entry to the Dance and Drama Academies is by application. Please contact Director Arts Co-Curricular Ms Jacqui Cesan: jcesan@mags.school.nz

Year 9 Enrolments for 2023

ALL applications are made online at

www.mags.school.nz

On the front page of our website is a page called "Enrolment".

Use this to take you to the start of the process. All information is within this tab. Please read carefully, following the instructions to the bottom of the screen where you will see a blue box titled "Start New Enrolment Application".

In-Zone Applications

To assist with planning for 2023, in-zone applications should be submitted by Friday, September 30, 2022.

Out-of-Zone Applications

Close 4.00pm Wednesday, 7 September, 2022. Ballot conducted 14 September, 2022.

What is required with your application:

- Signed JP Statutory Declaration Form.



- Three forms of proof of living within the school zone. These must clearly show your name and supply address – e.g. a current electricity account, water or rates bill, official rental agreement, internet/broadband account.

- Child's NZ Birth Certificate **OR** Passport if born outside New Zealand (must show residency status) and date of entry into NZ.

- A copy of the student's mid-year 2022 school report.

Academic Testing

Year 8 Girls

Thursday, 3 November
(8.30am-12.00pm)

Year 8 Boys

Friday, 4 November
(8.30am-12.00pm)

Sports Academy Trials

Year 8 Girls Thursday,
3 November
(12.30pm-2.30pm)

Year 8 Boys
Friday, 4 November
(12.30pm-2.30pm)



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all that Mount Albert Grammar School
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