



## 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

- Culture of excellence
- Future-focussed curriculum
- Priority learners – Māori and Pasifika
- Commitment to Tangata Whenuatanga – “Māori achieving success as Māori”

### Resilient students

- Mentoring students by staff
- Students' sense of belonging
- The MAGS Way
- Leadership programme

### Inspiring staff

- Professional learning and development

### Productive partnerships

- Communities of learning (CoL)
- Marketing and branding
- Partnerships
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnerships

### Confident future

- Master Plan
- International students
- Farm Experience Centre



## Year 9 Academic Course

### WHOLE YEAR:

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

### SEMESTER TASTER ROTATIONS

Technology/Visual Art/  
Health/Music/Dance/Drama

### 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.

## 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.



## Sports Academies' Vision and Purpose

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

A love of training and a love of the game will give each Academy student the passion required to aspire to selection for the Premier team of their sport at the School. This will result in our Premier teams always having a presence in local, regional and national competitions. The Academies will improve the focus of each student with specialised programmes, where expectations are clear and standards are not compromised.

A culture of excellence will grow out of this where students can reach their potential.

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\*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](mailto:jcesan@mags.school.nz)

# Year 9 Enrolments for 2022

ALL applications are made online at [www.mags.school.nz](http://www.mags.school.nz). On the front page of our website is a box called "Enrolment". Click on 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 2022, in-zone applications should be submitted by Friday, 1 October, 2021.

## Out-of-Zone Applications

Close 4.00pm Wednesday, 1 September, 2021. Ballot conducted 8 September, 2021.

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 2021 school report.

## Academic Testing and Sports Academy Trials

There will be separate days for girls and boys to manage the logistics of Academic Testing and Sports Academy Trials.

These are planned for the end of Term 3 with dates yet to be confirmed. This information will be provided to students who have enrolled, and to our local intermediate schools closer to the time.



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