



MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 8 Information



Welcome to Mount Albert Grammar School, where our 'MAGS Way' values are integral to our respectful school culture.

Our 'MAGS Way' banner features in every classroom promoting these values and expectations.

PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

- RESPECT
- SELF-DISCIPLINE
- COMMITMENT
- RESPONSIBILITY
- HONESTY

RESILIENCE

- BELIEF
- PERSEVERANCE
- SELF-DISCIPLINE
- HOPE
- RESPONSIBILITY

INTEGRITY

- HONESTY
- RESPECT
- KINDNESS
- EMPATHY
- PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

DIVERSITY

- COMMUNITY
- WHĀNAU
- RESPECT
- KINDNESS
- RELATIONSHIP

EMPATHY

- LOYALTY
- RESPECT
- COMPASSION
- KINDNESS
- WHĀNAU



MAGS' Strategic Plan

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

**Excellence
Connection
Growth**

Year 9 Academic Course

WHOLE YEAR:

English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Physical Education

SEMESTER TASTER ROTATIONS:

Technology/Visual Art/Health/Music

LANGUAGE OPTIONS: 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 Matua Peter Walters, Acting Head of Te Puna o Wairaka: pwalters@mags.school.nz



Siapo

Our Siapo mentor class uses a vertical structure and was established in 2021 to support our Pasifika learners. Siapo welcomes new students from Year 10 onwards via an application process. To apply, or for more information, please contact Mr Danny Liuliu-Afoa: dafoa@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, Drama and Music 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 and/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.



Year 9 Music Academy

This is open to students who have music experience and are passionate about music. Students have the opportunity to work alongside other talented musicians, be a part of ensembles, and master their instrument.

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

Year 9 Enrolments for 2026

ALL applications online at www.mags.school.nz
On the front page of our website is a box called 'Enrolment'. Click on this and please read the page carefully, following the instructions to the bottom of the screen where you will see 'Start New Enrolment Application'.

In-Zone Applications

To assist with planning for 2026, in-zone applications should be submitted by Friday, July 4, 2025.

What is required with your application:

- Signed JP Statutory Declaration Form.
- **Three** forms of proof of living in-zone. These must clearly show your name and supply address – e.g. a current electricity, water or rates bill, official rental agreement, internet/ broadband account.
- A copy of the student's mid-year 2025 school report.



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

Out-of-Zone Applications*

It is unlikely that out-of-zone enrolments will be accepted in 2026. However, should the school be in a position to do so, any out-of-zone applications must be received by 4.00pm Wednesday, August 27, 2025 to be included in a ballot conducted Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Academic Testing & Sports Academy Trials

These are normally held in early November, in the morning and afternoon respectively on separate days for boys and girls. Times and dates to be advised.

*Out-of-zone applications do not require the completion of the in-zone Statutory Declaration Form or provision of proof of residence.

For further information on all that Mount Albert Grammar School offers, go to www.mags.school.nz

