



Welcome...

TO MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Mount Roskill Grammar School has served its community for more than 50 years. It is one of the largest and most respected schools in New Zealand providing education of outstanding quality for all of its diverse students. In a climate of high expectation and support our students enjoy outstanding facilities and excel in academic, cultural and sporting pursuits. We aim to help our students develop as successful learners, confident individuals, and active and responsible citizens who are equipped for the boundless opportunities that the future holds.

Quality learning is at the heart of everything we do. We focus on academic success, helping all our students to become aspirational learners. We seek to develop in students a desire to achieve excellence, together with an enjoyment and understanding of the learning process. This commitment to building learning power enables our students to consistently produce outstanding academic performances.

In the last few years Mount Roskill Grammar School has won several "School of the Year Awards" both nationally and in the Auckland region. In 2007 and 2008 students from the school gained a Premier Scholar Award – given annually to the top students in the country. In 2010 only 9 students in New Zealand were awarded this accolade and Mount Roskill Grammar was the only school with 2 students in this group of our highest national achievers. Our Chemistry and Technology students have consistently gained places to represent New Zealand in prestigious international competitions. These awards acknowledge the success of academic and co-curricular programmes, school leadership and teaching staff, and the positive relationship with the school community.

Our school is a warm, vibrant and caring place in which students can build capabilities for confident citizenship. We expect students to show respect for self and others, to develop a "can-do" attitude, and to participate in all areas of school life. The school's co-curricular programmes provide boundless opportunities for sporting, cultural and leadership activities, which enable students to enjoy competition and develop competencies such as sociability, reliability and resilience. Our vertical form system, leadership and mediation training equip students to meet challenges and work effectively together nurturing such enduring values as honesty, tolerance, fairness and courtesy.

Our students leave prepared to take up future opportunities in tertiary education and in a wide range of vocational areas, including the trades and commerce. We look forward to meeting you and hope that you enjoy your association with this special school.

Kind Regards,
Greg Watson



Introduction

In the following pages you can discover the many opportunities available to support students to become successful, powerful learners who are active and responsible citizens. Information about how the school is structured to meet each student's needs and enrolment procedures follow this.

Opened in 1953, MRGS now has 2300 students and over 200 staff. It is a multicultural, coeducational school with a warm, open, friendly atmosphere. The school has high expectations and a proud history of producing successful, caring members of the community.

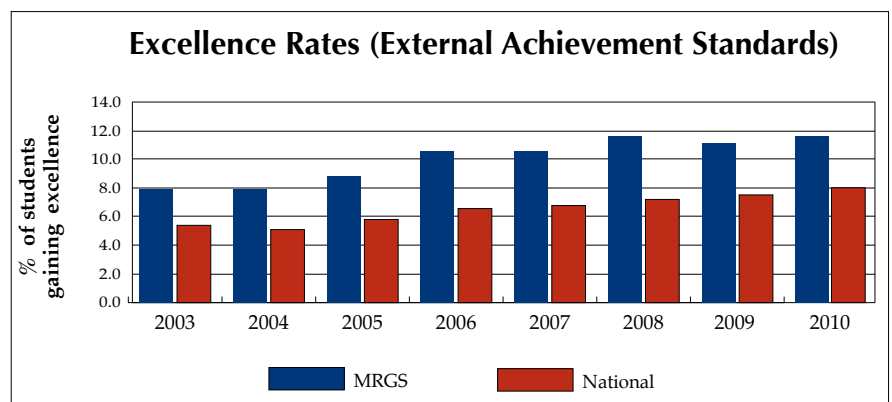
The MRGS school crest is the Phoenix, a mythical Arabian bird which lived for several centuries then burnt itself on a funeral pyre to rise again from the ashes, fresh, beautiful and renewed for another long life. The motto is "SURSUM" summing up our school's aims - "to the Heights".

Within the school we have bright, modern facilities to cater for all curriculum areas.

Our students consistently produce results above the national norm through their hard work and the support of our exceptional teachers as seen in the graph below.

In each of the last three years we have been ranked amongst the top five schools in Auckland in the annual Metro magazine "Best Schools" survey,

Further details of our successes are available on the website:
www.mrgs.school.nz .





Learning Together

Every member of the Mount Roskill Grammar School community is a learner; teachers, students and the wider community engage in learning together, not only subject content but also about the process of learning and about ourselves as learners. Further information is available at www.mrgs.school.nz/curriculum

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

This page and the Option Chart on page 4 outline the course structure for students at all levels at Mount Roskill Grammar School. Academic enrichment and support programmes, where individually appropriate, are provided.

Year 9

Students study six core subjects: English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Language study (Maori or French or Japanese) and Physical Education, as well as eight introductory courses in a full range of subjects to enable them to make a more informed selection for their future years at school. All of these subjects are printed in bold on the Option Chart.

Sports Academy

Year 9 students may apply to join our SPORTS ACADEMY. These students follow a full academic course of study as well as receive 3 hours specialist support in netball or soccer or hockey.

Year 10

All students continue studying a core of five subjects: English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and Physical Education. In addition they select a

number of option subjects from a wide range. The courses for option subjects may last for a half or a full year.

All students have one period of Health per week.

Year 11

All students take English, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and two or three other subjects. Most students will study at NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement) Level 1 on the National Qualifications Framework.

Year 12

All students take English and Physical Education and four other subjects. Entry to Year 12 courses is based on results achieved in Year 11 with Heads of Departments having discretion in borderline cases. The entry requirements are detailed in the Academic Programme Booklet.

Year 13

All students take 5 subjects designed to fit their learning needs. Entry requirements to Level 3 are detailed in the Academic Programme Booklet. Very high achieving students are encouraged to enter the Scholarship exams and exceptional students may

study concurrently at the University of Auckland.

The Academic Programme Booklet is available on the school website at www.mrgs.school.nz

ACADEMIC DEANS

Academic Deans support learning at all levels by assisting students in their choice of subjects, monitoring progress, and overseeing assessment. They also assist with transition and scholarship.

The Academic Deans for 2011 are:

Junior

Mrs F Burns and Mr K Hays

Senior

Mrs M Brightmore and Mrs S Singh

Year 13

Mr A Gipps and Mrs K Collins

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Students are welcomed from all around the world. Each student has an individually designed programme overseen by the Manager of International Students, Mrs Jean Harding, assisted by Mrs Wendy Reid. More information is available at www.mrgs.school.nz/international

OPTION CHART

DEPARTMENT	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
Art (Visual Arts)	Art	Art	Art Art: Digital Media	Art: Design Art: Painting Art: Photography	Visual Arts Art: Design Art: Painting Art: Photography Art: Printing
Business/Commerce	Business Ed	Business Ed	Economics Accounting	Economics Accounting Business Practice	Economics Accounting Business Practice
Computing	Info & Comm Tech	Info & Comm Tech	Digital Technology Digitech for Beginners Info & Comm Tech	Computing Computing for Beginners Info & Comm Tech	Computing A Computing B Info & Comm Tech
English	English	English	English or English Alternative	English or English Alternative English for Literacy	English English Alternative English for Literacy
ESL	ESL	ESL	ESL	ESL	ESL
Food & Hospitality	Food Technology	Food Technology	Food & Hospitality Food & Nutrition	Food & Hospitality Food & Nutrition	Catering & Hospitality Food & Hospitality
Languages	French or Maori or Japanese or Literacy Support	French Maori Japanese Literacy Support	French Maori Japanese	French Maori Japanese	French Maori Japanese
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics Maths with Calculus Statistics and Modelling
Media Studies		Media Studies	Media Studies	Media Studies	Media Studies
Music	Music	Music Performance Music	Music Performance Music 1	Music Performance Music 1 Performance Music 2	Music Performance Music 2
Performing Arts		Performing Arts	Dance Drama	Dance Drama	Dance Drama
Physical Education & Health	Phys-Ed Health	Phys-Ed Health	Phys-Ed Sports Science Applied Phys-Ed Health Studies	Phys-Ed Sports Science Applied Phys-Ed Health Studies	Sports Science Applied Phys-Ed
Science	Science	Science Biotechnology	Science	Biology Chemistry General Science Horticulture Physics	Biology Chemistry Physics
Social Sciences	Social Studies	Social Studies Tourism	Geography History	Early Childhood Ed Geography History Classical Studies Tourism	Geography History Classical Studies Tourism
Technology	Technology Graphics	Electronics Multi-Materials Fabrics Graphics	Electronics Multi-Materials Fabrics Tech Alternative Graphics	Electronics Multi-Materials Fabrics Tech Alternative Graphics	Electronics Multi-Materials Fabrics Tech Alternative Graphics
	NB Bold type indicates compulsory subjects: Info=Information; w=with; Ed=Education; ESL=English as a Second Language; Comm=Communication.				

Academic Opportunities

Enhanced Learning Programme

One Year 9 and one Year 10 class follow an enhanced learning programme in their core subjects. Students are selected according to their high level of ability and commitment to achievement. The classes are exposed to a wider range of learning experiences. These students are given the option of sitting NCEA Level 1 Science in Year 10 with the aim of extending their range of subjects in the senior school. All students in Year 10 attempt some NCEA internally assessed standards in English and Mathematics.

Scholarship

Students are encouraged to enter NZ Scholarship examinations and join the long list of successful students at this level.

In 2010 students from MRGS gained 57 scholarships in a wide range of subjects of which 12 were at the outstanding level. MRGS was the only school in New Zealand to have two premier scholars, out of nine that were selected nationally.

Learning Extension

The Learning Extension Department provides a range of support for students at MRGS. This includes academic and practical support for students with mild to moderate special needs, including Special Assessment Support for students with diagnosed learning needs.

In-class support is provided through the use of highly skilled teacher aides working together with classroom teachers. They also administer a range of programmes to raise academic achievement for all MRGS students such as the Cross Age Peer Tutoring Programme, the School Wide Literacy Programme (Year 9), and the Study Skills Programme.

MacLean Centre

Students with disabilities who have their needs recognised under the Ongoing Reviewable Resourcing Scheme (ORRS) may apply to enrol at the MacLean Centre. The Centre provides educational and therapy support so that students can

continue to grow and gain maximum contact with their age peers.

The manager of the Centre is Mrs J Whitaker-Hall (Ph 621 0052).

Music Tuition

Music Tuition is available at minimal cost in orchestral instruments and voice. In many cases instruments (eg. violin, flute) are available for hire at a small charge. Musical activity is given full encouragement; orchestra, bands, groups and choirs all rehearse and perform regularly, competing at national levels.

ESL

The ESL Department provides English language support for students from non-English speaking backgrounds. This support includes vocabulary development, along with listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. An emphasis is also placed on helping students adapt to the New Zealand style of education and appropriate classroom behaviour. Students are tested prior to starting school to determine their level of need. These students may be placed into fulltime English language classes, or have ESL as one of their options. As students make progress in the language, they spend less and less time in the department, until they are fully mainstreamed.

Homework Centres

Homework consolidates classroom learning and encourages students to plan and take responsibility for their learning. Students are encouraged to attend a Homework Centre when it suits their learning needs. The Library is open after school for all students and a number of language support Homework Centres operate in the afternoon or evening.

Study and Examination Preparation

As part of our Achievement Initiative all students are taught study and examination skills. The Learning Extension Department and teachers present a co-ordinated programme which covers goal setting, short and long-term time management, revision skills and examination technique.





Growing Citizens

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

The school's sports programme enables learning in the skills relating to citizenship. These include competition, participation, sociability, reliability, resilience and a 'can-do' attitude.

Students are encouraged to take part in the wide range of co-curricular activities offered.

Nearly 150 teams are involved in competitions with other secondary schools in many codes. MRGS looks forward to the annual sporting exchanges with Mahurangi College and Pukekohe High School.

In recent years Mount Roskill Grammar School teams have been champions in Basketball, Golf, Rugby, Rugby League, Squash, Table Tennis, Volleyball and Water Polo, and over twenty individual students gain selection every year in provincial or national teams. In 2010 these students displayed their skills in 9 codes including Athletics, Badminton, Hockey and Softball.

We offer Sports Academies in Hockey, Netball and Football.





CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Students celebrate the diversity of their backgrounds and interests by participating in:

Maori and Polynesian Cultural Festival

Various ethnic cultural groups have represented the School with credit in the annual Maori and Pacific Island Cultural Festival and in other community events.

Music Groups

The School has a number of musical groups, bands and an orchestra, catering for a wide variety of musical tastes. The choirs offer singers the chance to perform in a wide range of styles. Music groups have regular performances at assemblies, enter competitions and regularly play in the community.

Performing Arts

Formal and informal drama productions, dance and concerts are staged throughout the year. Participation in every aspect of production by students at all levels is further encouraged by events such as expressive arts week.

Dance

Enthusiastic groups of students build on their talents in the field of dance. They compete regularly in regional and national competitions such as "Bring it On" (Winners - Central Zone 2008-2011) and "Raize the Roof".

Debating

Junior and Senior clubs operate for students who enjoy public speaking and compete in inter-school competition.

Future Problem Solving

There is a year long problem solving programme for students of all levels. Students are given futuristic scenarios in which they must invent ways and means of solving the challenges they discover. This is a national and international team competition.





RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Students are supported to learn about themselves and others in an orderly and ethical learning environment. Mount Roskill Grammar School operates Houses and Vertical Forms to help create a sense of belonging. Restorative practices underpin the discipline applied within the school.

Houses

The School is divided into five Houses, to provide students with an identity in a large school. Each House has two Deans who supervise house activities and students' discipline, welfare, guidance and work habits. House assemblies are held regularly and inter-house events are arranged during the year in activities such as volleyball, basketball, netball, athletics and swimming.

HOUSE DEANS (2011) are:

Blue House: Mr C Swanwick, Mrs S Cave
Green House: Mr D Williams, Ms M Cranch
Orange House: Ms F Leigh, Mr D Garraway
Red House: Mr C McGirr, Mrs A Rakete
Yellow House: Mr R Subramaniam, Ms V Earl

Vertical Forms

There are 16 form classes in each House. They consist of less than 30 students from all year levels. Form classes meet daily at 8.40am for a roll check and administration and then again after lunch for a sustained silent-reading session. A student remains in the same form class for the duration of their time at the School.

Support Services

Guidance

Students can self-refer to our four Counsellors for support. All Counsellors are members of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors and abide by

its code of ethics.

The Counsellors are:

Ms Margaret Hoogendoorn
 Ms Donna Hourigan-Johnston
 Mr Graeme Smith
 Ms Katie Wasson
 Ms Marianne Wilson

Students may make an appointment, or may be referred to the Counsellors by members of staff. Parents may contact the Counsellors through their assistant, Mrs J Pace, on 621 0050 ext 815.

Careers

Students have access to a powerful resource in the Career Department, which provides information booklets and flyers as well as access to computer programmes. Guest speakers from universities, private providers, trades training, Armed Forces and NZ Police visit on Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime. Career Counsellors are available to help guide students of all levels.

All Year 13 students are interviewed in-depth. Year 10 and 11 students receive specific help with options as well as a class visit/discussion forum provided by one of our Career Counsellors. General information about careers is also delivered through career education units by the Health and Social Studies teachers.

Members of the Careers staff are:

Mrs M Brightmore
 Ms A Hodge
 Ms A McCarthy

Health

The school has three full time, fully qualified nurses. The nurses oversee the health and wellbeing of students, administer medication to them by arrangement with parents, and liaise with parents, doctors, dentists and the Public Health Nurse as the need arises.

The nurses are:

Mrs R Bruce
 Mrs J Cox
 Ms M Shepperd

Expectations

School rules and uniform regulations facilitate learning by making MRGS a civilised, pleasant and safe place for students and staff.

Students are expected to understand what behaviour is acceptable and show care and consideration for others. Parents commit to supporting our non-racist, non-sexist, non-bullying code of conduct.

A detailed outline of rules and uniform regulations is included in this prospectus and is also available on the website: www.mrgrs.school.nz



Growing Citizens

LEARNING TO LEAD

A significant number of opportunities are provided for students to develop their leadership skills. As well as in the classroom, students at all levels can take on leadership roles.

House Captains, Sports Captains, Student Councillors, Peer Tutors, Mentors, Peer Support Leaders, Mediators, Guides, Sports Councillors, Multicultural Group Leaders, House Committee members and Peer Sexuality Support Leaders all contribute and give worthwhile service to their fellow students. Each year a group of Year 13 students are chosen as Prefects to lead the school. They are selected on three main criteria:

- Leadership skills
- Quality of character
- Support for the School and participation in school activities.

Once selected the Prefects undergo further specific training for their important role.





Organisation

Student learning is organised through departments, led by Heads of Department and supported by Academic Deans. Junior students are grouped in academic bands and vertical form classes within houses. The progress of each student is monitored by their Form Teacher. House Deans and Career and Guidance Counsellors also oversee the pastoral care of students.

The Senior Leadership Team is

Mr G Watson, Principal
MSc(Hons), MEd Admin(Hons)

Mrs J Barker, Deputy Principal
NDA, MEd Mgt(Hons)

Mr K Hall, Deputy Principal
BA(Hons), Dip SM

Mrs M Heywood, Deputy Principal (acting)
BA, NZCE

Mr M Loretz, Deputy Principal
BSc, MEd (Hons)

Ms K Thomas, Deputy Principal
MA(Hons), MEd Mgt(Hons)

Mr J Wilkinson, Deputy Principal
BA(Hons)

Mrs B Wong, Business Manager
BCom, CA

The school is governed by the Board of Trustees

Ms M Pot, Chair,
Mr G Watson, Principal
Dr A Horne
Mrs D Alefosio
Mrs E Kumar
Mr E Lim

Ms H Oge
Mr P Gray
Mrs S Mulrennan
Mr D Williams, Staff representative
Mr J Windsor, Student Representative

The school's kaumatua is:

Mr John Komene



FEES AND LOCKER HIRE

Textbook Deposit

A deposit of \$25.00 is payable on enrolment. Textbooks are issued on loan from the B1 Resource Centre. Lost Textbooks must be paid for. The deposit may be refunded on request when a pupil finally leaves the School but very often it is left as a much appreciated donation to the School.

Course Fees

A fee is charged in subjects where students are provided with materials which may later be taken home (e.g. Technology, Food and Hospitality, Art).

Parental Contribution

For 2012 the voluntary contribution is \$180 for one student or \$300 for two or more. We request this contribution on enrolment for all new students.

Locker Hire

Over 900 lockers are allocated on a first come first served basis to students in Y9 to 12 for an annual non-refundable hire charge of \$10. Students supply their own padlocks which can be purchased from the stationery shop. Year 13 students hire a locker in the Common Room from the Coordinator at a cost of \$10.00. A schedule of fees is available on request from the Administration Office.





Enrolment for 2012

ENROLMENT SCHEME

In-Zone

Mount Roskill Grammar School's enrolment scheme involves a geographic zone from which a student may be enrolled as an in-zone student.

Zone Description

The description of the Enrolment Zone is:

From the Manukau Harbour via Waikowhai Road and Hillsborough Road (both excluded) to Dominion Road Extension; via Dominion Road Extension (excluded) to Richardson Road; thence via Richardson Road (excluded), May Road and Stoddard Road (both included) to Sandringham Road; via Sandringham Road (excluded) to Mt Albert Road; via Mt Albert Road (included), Renfrew Avenue (excluded), Invermay Avenue (included), Landscape Road (excluded); via St Andrews Road (excluded) to Mt Albert Road (included); thence via Hillsborough Road (excluded) to Hillsborough Cemetery/Richardson Road Corner and Manukau Harbour.

(A map showing this zone is available from the School or can be viewed on the school website www.mrgs.school.nz)

Enquiries: Please contact Ms Thomas (Ph 621 0050)

Details regarding enrolment may be checked on our website: www.mrgs.school.nz

IN-ZONE ENROLMENTS Procedures, Dates and Deadlines

(Dates correct at time of going to print.)

Open Day Tuesday 5 July 3.30 - 6.30pm

Application Forms are downloadable from the website (www.mrgs.school.nz) or available from the school office. Application Forms will also be delivered to intermediate schools.

All students who wish to enrol at MRGS attend an interview with their parent/caregiver and a member of the MRGS staff.

Parent interview evenings: **Tuesday 6 September and Thursday 8 September** in the Administration Building. Justices of the Peace will be available at the school on these evenings.

Parents unable to attend at the times above should contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

Parents/Caregivers are asked to bring:

- Your child
- Your child's Birth Certificate or Passport
- Your child's 2010 Mid-Year School Report or latest School Report.
- \$25.00 for ID Cards (\$5 per year)
- \$25.00 Text Book deposit
- \$40.00 for a Y9 stationery pack
- \$20.00 Technology Materials fee
- \$20.00 Mathematics workbook
- \$180.00 Voluntary Parental Contribution
- Proof of your address as indicated on the enrolment form.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS

The school will accept out-of-zone applications for 2012 for all year levels. Applications close at 5pm Thursday 1 September 2011. The Board of Trustees will then determine the number of out-of-zone applicants it will accept at each level and, if necessary, hold a ballot on Thursday 8 September 2011. All applicants will then be informed of the outcome of the ballot.

Out-of-zone application forms may be obtained from the administration office or the website. Out-of-zone applications made after the closing date will not be eligible for the ballot.

Procedures, Dates and Deadlines

(Dates correct at time of going to print.)

Out-Of-Zone Enrolments

Application forms delivered to intermediate schools and available from MRGS main office: Monday 2 August 2011

Applications close: 1 September 2011

Ballot day: 8 September 2011

Notification of result by: 9 September 2011

Interviews will be arranged by booking an interview time with Mrs Wills, Ph 621 0050.

MACLEAN CENTRE

Enrolment packs are available from the manager, Mrs J Whitaker-Hall (Ph 621 0052). All documents should be returned to the Centre by 24 August 2011.