



# Why Middle School at Aidanfield?



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# Greetings

**Mark Richardson**

Tumuaki – Principal

**Kaye Lawn**

Deputy Principal

**Teresa Thomson**

Head of Middle School

**ACS Ambassadors**

Abby, Jade, Noah, Alyssa, Sam, Nadya, Charlotte



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# Overview

## Interview panel

With the ambassadors  
– some time for Q and A

## Key strengths of the MS programme

Faith in action

Relationships

Academic excellence

Opportunities and subject options

## Addressing some key questions

– some time for Q and A



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# Faith in action

## Our staff seek to model authentic lives of faith

- **Learning tree:** learning, character and purpose
- **Stand and be confident**
- **Staff devotional life and commitment to the special character**



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# Relationships

## We know our students

- Intentional, multi-layered system of support
- Proven establishment of long-term connections and friendships



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# Academic excellence

## Solid foundations in core subjects

- We know our subjects
- Strong results



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# Academic excellence - Reading

In 2022 we continued an upward trend across all levels

**Year 1-10 = 89%** of all students were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ Reading. **Year 9 – 10 = 90%**



**2021** - 87% of all students (Year 1-10) were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ

**Year 9 – 10 = 88%**

**2020** - 86% of all students (Year 1-10) were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ

**Year 9 – 10 = 88%**

**2019** - 85% of all students (Year 1-10) were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ

**Year 9 – 10 = 65%**



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# Academic excellence - Writing

In 2022 we saw overall results improving year to year

**Year 1-10 - 88%** of all students were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ Writing. **Year 9 – 10 = 92%**

**2021** - 80% of all students (Year 1-10) were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ

**Year 9 – 10 = 88%**

**2020** - 81% of all students (Year 1-10) were “At or Above expectations for OTJ

**Year 9 – 10 = 79%**

**2019** - 76% of all students (Year 1-10) were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ

**Year 9 – 10 = 71%**



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# Academic excellence - Mathematics

In 2022 strong achievement in Mathematics continued

**Year 1-10 = 91%** of all students were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ Mathematics. **Year 9 and 10 = 98%**

**2021** - 89% of all students (Year 1-10) were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ  
**Year 9 – 10 = 92%**

**2020** - 88% of all students (Year 1-10) were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ  
**Year 9 – 10 = 89%**

**2019** - 85% of all students (Year 1-10) were “At or Above” expectations for OTJ  
**Year 9 – 10 = 76%**



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# Excellent preparation

## Smooth transition to Senior College – it works!

- A history of well-prepared Year 11s
- High NCEA pass rates



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# Wide ranging subjects

## Broad as well as deep

- **Core subjects** (English, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Health, Physical Education)
- **NCEA co-requisites**
- **Modules and options**
- **MGS Technology classes**



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# Wide ranging subjects

## ACS Options 2023

- Sports Pro, Events Training, 3D printing, Coding, International Relations, Financial Enterprise, Creative Writing, Journalism, Chinese, Languages (Dutch, French, German, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Scottish Gaelic, Spanish)

## ACS Modules 2023 (so far)

- Sports Careers, The Arts (Music and Visual Art), Typing and Study Skills, Te Reo, Chinese



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# Wide ranging subjects

## MGS Technology Options 2023

- Digital Information, Media and Film Production, Design and Visual Communication, Structural Technology. Hard Materials, Food and Nutrition, Electronics and Robotics



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- **Te Kura** (The Correspondence School)



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# Academic challenge?

## Have you heard about these?

- **Extension programme development**
- **Cantamaths**
- **CANMUN**
- **Junior Mathematics Challenge**  
(Otago University)
- **Kiwi Competition**  
(Canterbury University)
- **ICAS** (Australian)
- **Differentiated programmes**



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# Leadership opportunities

## All Middle School students are leaders

- “White shirts”
- Ambassadors
- House Leaders
- World Vision
- Student Council
- Peer mediators
- Librarians
- Kapa Haka
- Service opportunities



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# Questions we get asked

## But what about...? Sports

- An area we are working on
- Canterbury Sport
- Parent help
- Clubs

## The Arts

- The Arts
- Curriculum opportunities



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# Questions we get asked

But what about...?

Missing out on a place at MGS

- The network of schools
- The guaranteed pathway



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# Questions and answers



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# Closing prayer

**Kia tau ki a tātou  
katoa  
Te atawhai o tō tātou  
Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti  
Me te aroha o te Atua  
Me te  
whiwhingatahitanga  
Ki te Wairua Tapu  
Ake ake ake,  
Amine**

**May the grace of  
our Lord Jesus  
Christ, the love of  
God and the  
fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit be with  
us all.  
Forever and ever,  
Amen**



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