

# International Prospectus



## The Villa NCEA Academy – *The unique approach for Years 11-13*



*Pathway to Opportunity*



## No ordinary school

The Villa NCEA Academy ('the VNA') offers a truly unique individualized educational experience that fully engages your child at the most critical time in their schooling. Children enrolling in years 11-13, follow the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) pathway as well as experience a level of personal support and teaching style that motivates them to learn and mature their thinking.



With very small class sizes (**just** 10 students per class), the academy can truly personalize and tailor learning to support students achieve their academic and personal goals.

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn" Benjamin Franklin*

## A place where students can be who they want to be

The academy, which has a maximum capacity of 30, is designed for students who will benefit from being in a small, positive environment which allows them to flourish as individuals, unconstrained by traditional teaching styles.

### Our vision and values:

- Provide a window of opportunity for outstanding learning.
- Preparing students for full participation in their future careers, based on a university pathway.
- Provide a learning environment that is, innovative and able to be applied to the best advantage to **each** student.

## Not following convention



Students attend school from 1pm-6pm. This allows them the morning at home to study. There is also flexibility in the day structure for students to pursue their extra-curricular interests.

### What our parents say -

*"What you have at your school is extremely special and should be preserved at all costs. To provide a school environment that achieves additional goals in a nurturing environment gives teenagers the confidence to try new things and overcome fears. It is simplistic to tell children to be more risk adverse, but to provide them with the platform to do so allows this to happen of its own accord."*

## Curriculum and Academic Information



NCEA is the main qualification for secondary school students in New Zealand. It is recognized by employers and used for selection purposes by universities and polytechnics both in New Zealand and overseas. At the VNA, students can take six subjects across NCEA Levels 1-3. Core subjects of English and Mathematics are taught by specialist teachers for one period respectively each day.

In addition, generalist teachers will support students to study three or four additional subjects of their choice (chosen in consultation with the Principal) through 'Te Kura', the Correspondence School'. 'Te Kura' provides distance education, in a variety of subjects, with the support of teachers and learning advisors, to ensure students reach their true potential.



'Te Kura's' broad based curriculum offers excellent, personalised, authentic, learning experiences to its students and whanau. 'Te Kura' aims to provide each student with learning programmes which are meaningful and relevant, based on the individual's passions and goals, following our own ethos.

*"If a child cannot learn in the way we teach, we must teach in a way the child can learn,"*  
Unknown

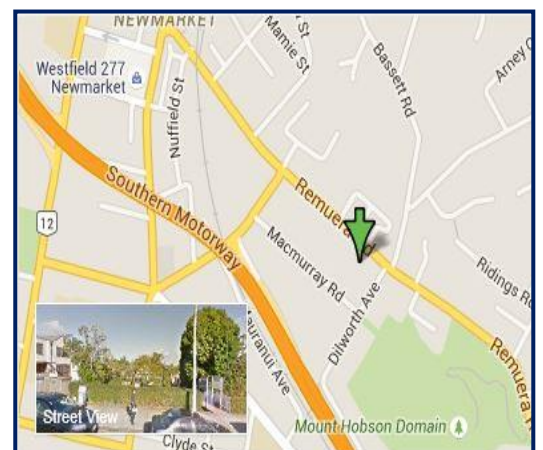
## Personal Support and Guidance

Academic counselling ensures students can follow a pathway to achieve the University of Auckland rank score for their chosen course of tertiary study, therefore encouraging students to achieve NCEA at Merit and Excellence levels. The approach also helps students to choose academic subjects that lead to high-quality degrees.

## Location and Facilities

The VNA is co-located within Mt Hobson Middle School at 131 Remuera Road, Newmarket. The building is a 1900s Villa that provides excellent learning spaces, including a science room, an art room, a kitchen, and areas set aside for quiet, individual and group learning. There is ample access to desktop computer suites and laptops and a wireless network provides connectivity across the facility.

Transport systems are excellent, as is access to a range of community activities to enrich the learning experience making the site stimulating and exciting, for students.



***"We have proved that individualized learning in a small, nurturing environment, combined with excellent teaching, prepares students for excellence in all spheres of life".***

**Alwyn Poole, Principal**  
**B.B.S, M.Ed.(Hons), Dip.Tchg, P.G. Dip.Spt.Mgmt**





## WHAT OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES SAY:

*"Thank you so much for an amazing experience. I look back at it now and can't believe how much I learnt and developed."*

*"Many thanks to you for your invaluable input into \*\*\*\* confidence and academic skills. We are very proud of his achievements."*

*"The class sizes are great. Children cannot 'hide' or 'slip through the cracks'. We like the work ethic and culture being encouraged"*

*"You have all done such a good job in setting high expectations for behavior and reinforcing the importance of respect, whilst allowing students the freedom to have some fun. I can't thank you enough for playing a huge part in helping my son to grow from an impulsive kid who was disillusioned with the value of school into a lovely young man who actually enjoys learning and has increased his personal confidence level enormously."*

*"The influence you have personally had on \*\*\* has helped him through two impressionable years of huge growth and learning in a way which cannot be measured by academic results alone. He now has a far better attitude to learning. The pride, self-belief, sense of humor and respect you have fostered will be with him for life and will help him have the confidence to tackle future challenges. For this we are very grateful."*

## Uniform

Students studying at the academy are not required to wear a uniform. Instead they are encouraged to attend school tidily, dressed in smart, casual clothing.

## Academy Rules

The Trust Board sets rules to ensure that all students are treated fairly and respect each other and their property. Rules may be changed from time to time as the Board sees fit. Given the location of the school and the frequency we are in the community; it is important that the rules are adhered too;

**Attendance** – students must attend each scheduled day. When there is sickness, or another good reason, the Academy must be notified as soon as possible on that day. When students return to the Academy, a written note is required.

**Inappropriate Items** – Items including gum, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and inappropriate literature or electronic material are not to be brought into Mt Hobson Middle School or onto the grounds.

**Internet Use** – the Internet and e-mail facilities must not be misused in terms of sending or downloading inappropriate materials. All students/parents will be required to sign a standard Cybersafety Agreement Form.

**Off-Site Behaviour** – When off-site during school hours, Villa NCEA Academy students must treat all people with respect and obey all laws with regards to traffic.



## Term Dates 2018:

### Term 1: Wednesday 31st January to Friday 13th April

**Statutory Holidays:** Tuesday 6th February (Waitangi Day), Friday 30th March (Good Friday), Monday 2nd April (Easter Monday), Tuesday 3rd April (Easter Tuesday)

### Term 2: Monday 30th April to Friday 29th June

**Statutory Holidays:** Monday 4th June (Queen's Birthday)

### Term 3: Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September

**No Statutory Holidays in Term 3**

### Term 4: Monday 15th October to Wednesday 5th December

**Statutory Holidays:** Monday 22nd October - Labour Day

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***"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."***

**— Dr. Seuss**

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## **Come and see for yourself.**

We welcome any enquiries from prospective students and their families and would be happy to arrange a tour of our site and a meeting with Principal Alwyn Poole to discuss your child's specific requirements

Please contact us on -  
[admin@mthobson.school.nz](mailto:admin@mthobson.school.nz)  
or call us on -  
09 5231241

Villa NCEA Academy and Mt Hobson Middle School  
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## Villa NCEA Academy International School Fees

(These fees apply to students without permanent residence in New Zealand)

(All amounts inclusive of GST)

<b>Overseas Student: 1 week</b>	<b>\$585 per week</b>  (This includes the application, enrolment and activity fee. Second hand uniform will be provided but must be returned. If new uniform is required a nominal fee will be charged).
<b>Overseas Student: 2-9 weeks</b>	<b>\$585 x number of weeks</b>  (This includes the application, enrolment and activity fee).
<b>Overseas Student: 1-3 terms</b>	<b>\$5250 x number of terms</b>  (This includes the application, enrolment and activity fee).
<b>Overseas Student: 1 Year</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>  (Fully inclusive of application and entrance fees and TeKura fee)  The annual tuition fees for overseas students must be paid <b>in full by January 14th</b> to provide adequate time for a student visa to be issued by the New Zealand Immigration Service).
<b>Additional Costs:</b>	Additional costs throughout the year, will include stationery and prize giving. Invoices will be issued when necessary.
<b>Course Related Costs:</b>	Examination fees for entrance into the NCEA standards: \$383.30 per year. (Included in 1 YEAR FEES) <b>PLEASE NOTE</b> , these figures are subject to change.  Course workbooks and materials.
<b>Homestay Fees: *</b>  Homestay Administration Fee: Homestay Placement Fee: Average weekly charge:	<b>\$250.00</b> <b>\$250.00</b> (exempt for the first placement within a 12-month period). <b>\$270.00</b> (please note, this fee can range between \$250.00-\$300.00)

\*MHMS will source each 12-month Homestay family, inspect the property, room and facilities, conduct an interview with the 'Homestay Parents' and arrange Police checks/references as required. The Homestay Placement Fee is not charged for the first placement within a 12-month period. Please note, for each and every additional placement, a \$250 fee will be charged.