



CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Year 9 and 10 2022 Information

Kia ora koutou,

The middle years are a time when young people begin to make choices as individuals that will significantly impact the rest of their lives. This stage is characterised by rapid physical, social, emotional and intellectual development, and it is essential that students are supported and nurtured through this important life stage by educators that truly understand the intricacies of emerging adolescents. Cambridge Middle School provides this environment for our Year 9 and 10 students.

Cambridge Middle School encourages and welcomes Year 8 and 9 students to continue their middle schooling experience into Year 9 and 10.

Why Middle School?

The middle years are a significant period of learning, and of learning good habits. Research shows that this period is only surpassed by that of early childhood development. Cambridge Middle School provides a safe space for emerging adolescents to continue their journey through this important life stage. Operating a homeroom environment for this age group of students offers many benefits for students to continue to refine and develop their skills by feeling safe to take risks, supported by strong relationships with their teacher and classmates. Cambridge Middle School supports students to flourish in an environment that is emotionally and physically safe, and socially appropriate for their age group.

Transitions are an extremely important time in a child's schooling life, and Cambridge Middle School provides a type of schooling that differs from both primary and secondary schools, focusing on the unique experience of emerging adolescents. Our school has done significant work on transitions, into, through and out of our school, and research shows that an additional year can have a significant impact on a child's growth and academic achievement through developing strong relationships with key adults.

The staff working with our senior students are skilled in creating relationships with emerging adolescents and the text "Teaching Middle Years" forms the backbone to the learning - academic, social and emotional - that is offered to our students.

Our Year 9 and 10 programme offers strong academic challenges and engaging experiences:

- Social experiences that are appropriate to this age group
- A homeroom environment that is nurturing, and physically and emotionally safe
- Opportunities to explore personal interests and strengths
- Opportunities to engage in work experience
- Positive relationships between teachers and peers
- Regular and positive communication with whaanau
- Extensive range of engaging learning experiences aimed to challenge and extend learners
- A wide variety of extension and enrichment opportunities

We look forward to the opportunity to be able to continue our journey with you and your child.

Naku noa,
Daryl Gibbs (Principal)



Academic Programme

The Year 9 and 10 academic programme includes: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education, and a range of Technologies, Arts and Language opportunities.

Student learning is based in a homeroom environment with an educator that has a passion for middle years education and strong skills in challenging, extending and motivating emerging adolescents.

The programme of academic learning is woven through a conceptual framework, where learning experiences are delivered in an authentic way to engage and motivate our learners. The programme challenges students to develop a curious mind and fuel innovative thinking. Students develop a culture of teamwork and celebration. The academic programme supports students to learn skills relevant to the 21st century, including innovation and cultural sensitivity. It supports a well-rounded education and differentiated instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners.

All subjects support students to enter Year 10 or NCEA Level One at Year 11.

Opportunities

Throughout the year there are many exciting opportunities for our senior students to potentially take part in:

- Enrichment and extension classes
- Leadership opportunities
- Arts Academy opportunities
- EOTC experiences and camps that focus on developing leadership, confidence and growing as a young person
- Work experience

Year 9 and 10 only

- Our senior students have the option to purchase a CMS senior school white polo shirt
- Stationery costs are covered by the school
- Some EOTC experiences are at a reduced cost (excludes camp)

Registrations of Interest

If you are interested in finding out more or registering your interest for Year 9 or 10 in 2022 please email Bridget Watkins (Deputy Principal) - bridget@cms.school.nz

