

Wednesday, 22 January 2025

Dear MAGS Parents,

Welcome to 2025 and all the promise each new school year brings.

Summer has seen our Property Team busy maintaining and refreshing our school buildings, and our Cleaning Team are on-site dusting and polishing in preparation for the term ahead.

School will soon be busy with course confirmation, Peer Support Training and Staff Administration meetings in readiness for the return of our students next week.

With MAGS' start-up fast approaching, I want to remind you of the specific dates and times to ensure everyone is where they need to be, when they need to be.

WEEK 0: FRI 24 JAN SENIOR COURSE CONFIRMATION 10.30am-12.00 noon

WEEK 1: MON 27 JAN *Auckland Anniversary Day - SCHOOL CLOSED*

TUES 28 JAN Staff Administration Day

WED 29 JAN Staff Administration Day

THU 30 JAN YEAR 9 ONLY - Powhiri and induction with Prefects and Peer Support Leaders. Students will need to bring their lunch and a drink bottle. The Tuckshop is closed on Wednesday.

**FRI 31 JAN WHOLE SCHOOL on site.
Day starts at 8.45am for all, 5-minute warning bell will ring at 8.40am**

Year 9 to Mentor Classes

Year 10 to UPPER Gym

Year 11 to LOWER Gym

Year 12 to F.W. Gamble Hall

Year 13 Mentor Class Lists will be posted at the Student Centre & Grandstand

NOTE:

- 1) All students can expect to attend five subject lessons across the day and will need to bring basic stationery.**
- 2) Students will have both Interval and Lunch breaks. The Tuckshop facility currently operating at MAGS WILL be open from this day.**

WEEK 2:

MON 3 FEB Whole school on timetable

TUE 4 FEB Whole school on timetable

WED 5 FEB Whole school on timetable

THU 6 FEB *Waitangi Day Observance – School Closed*

FRI 7 FEB

Whole school on timetable

2025 Start-Up:

As is the MAGS Way, we fully intend to start our year as we mean it to go on: setting standards high; expecting all students in class on time every day and in correct uniform. We are very proud of the fact that **most** of our students do understand the importance of high standards and reflect this in their commitment, attitude and presentation every day.

All students are fully aware of our expectations and understand that there are consequences for choosing not to meet standards and/or follow rules. Those who choose to come to school without showing respect for our school expectations, rules and uniform requirements can expect immediate consequences. Year 12 and Year 13 students can expect to be sent home to address any issues before being permitted to attend classes.

As a school we are increasingly in demand and our collective success remains dependent on our school community being respectful of, and committed to, walking the talk of our **MAGS PRIDE** values:

Personal excellence / Resilience / Integrity / Diversity / Empathy

GENERAL INFORMATION & REMINDERS:

2025 YEAR 11/12/13 TIMETABLE STRUCTURE:

Please note that Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 senior students have 24 timetabled teaching periods and are dismissed from school at 1.30pm on Wednesdays because they do not have a scheduled Period 5 class. Any students who rely on school buses are welcome to remain at school and study.

NOTE: This Period 5 slot can, from time to time, be allocated to special programmes, special assemblies and/or assessment opportunities available to Year 11/12/13 students. Should this occur, there will be further and more specific information at those times.

STUDENT PAYMENT REQUESTS for course-related stationery/expenses:

Mount Albert Grammar School is now using the **Kindo** payment system for all charges – excluding international trips and boarding house payments.

If you have not done so already, you can sign up using this link [here](#)

If you are new to Mount Albert Grammar, please select class 2025 ENROL or Unknown. This will update once the students have started school. Existing students can use their 2024 class which will also update once school commences.

Any problems signing up to Kindo, please contact their help desk on 0508 4 Kindo.

We will have the Year 9 and Year 10 costs up and ready for payment by 31st January.

For Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13, we will load any charges by 11th February.

STUDENT LOCKERS FOR 2025:

YEAR 9: The sale of school lockers will be available to our Year 9 students first via an online ordering process

commencing 4.00pm, **Thursday, 30 January**. This is to enable new Year 9 students to tour the school first and try to get lockers in a position that will work with their timetable. We will not be taking orders at the Finance Office –

please use the link below. As with previous years, **Year 9 students will be given priority for 24 hours – until 4.00pm, Friday 31st January.**

Locker access is opened to all other students - Years 10/11/12/13 - after this.

YEAR 9 - to reserve a locker, **from 4.00pm Thursday, 30 January**, please click on the link below and complete the form:

[Locker Orders for 2025](#)

Locker prices = \$65 per year for a standard locker, or \$100 for a sports locker (hockey/cricket etc). Once your online order has been received and processed, you will receive a payment request via Kindo, and, following payment, you will receive your locker number. Students are required to supply their own padlocks.

ID NUMBERS:

All students receive their unique ID number on enrolment and keep this for the duration of their enrolment at our school.

New students will find their ID number on their timetable initially and this will also then be on any invoices/statements received as well. For any queries, please email finance@mags.school.nz and we will reply as soon as we can.

DROP OFF/PICK-UP: An important reminder is that, in the interests of Health and Safety for all, vehicles are not permitted into the school grounds to drop off / pick up children. We are a school community of well over 3500 students on site and our school driveway cannot accommodate unnecessary traffic congestion. Please respect our duty staff who are required to ensure this safety measure is adhered to.

Please drop off / pick up your children well away from the front entrance and school gates. Our advice is to work out a meeting point for any pick-up, well away from the school gate, so as to avoid adding to delays caused by traffic congestion.

Thank you to those students and parents who already recognise the safety challenges that the school manages on a daily basis and who actively respect this request.

SCHOOL GATES: Most will be aware that until recently the MAGS main gate has been the only access to the Aquatic Centre. Many will also be aware that there is now a separate entrance off Alberton Avenue for pool patrons and that the pool carpark is now separate to the MAGS staff carpark and grounds.

While the works are still to be completed, parents can anticipate that **when finished**, in the interests of Health and Safety, our MAGS **school gates will remain closed during the school day.**

We are excited to be welcoming our students back and settling into our new school year next week.

Likewise, I hope our students are all well-rested and ready for making the most of opportunities offered and facing any challenges 2025 has in store for us.

Warm regards,

Jo Williams
Associate Principal