

Middleton Grange School Prospectus



Character Excellence Service

For the
Glory of God

Prospectus – From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce you to Middleton Grange School; a school that is known for its ‘Special Character’ where Jesus Christ is at the centre. The Bible and its truths permeate all aspects of school life, and students receive a high-quality academic education as part of a caring and compassionate community in which the God-given gifts and talents of students are nurtured and celebrated.



We work with parents as the ‘first-educators’ to challenge your children to integrate their faith with their learning, and to take their faith, as ambassadors and servants, out into the wider world.

At Middleton Grange School we want to develop godly character in your child, to help them aspire to excellence, to serve God and to serve others in the wider community. As a Christian school we do this for the glory of God and for the benefit of society.

God calls each one of us to use our gifts and talents for His glory and for His purposes. “My utmost for His highest” is a universal expectation at Middleton Grange School.

May I warmly encourage you to seek further information about our school as you discover that this is a wonderful choice of school for your son or daughter. I look forward to welcoming your family to Middleton Grange School.

In Christ

Mike Vannoort
Principal



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We Are...

Middleton Grange School (MGS) is more than a place of learning; it is a caring community; a family of Christ that is shaped daily by faith, scripture and prayer.

We are a 'Special Character' School offering a non-denominational Christian education for new entrants through to Year 13. Since the establishment of the school in 1964 the biblical truths of Jesus Christ have been our cornerstones and permeate all aspects of school life.

Our Mission

At Middleton Grange School we are committed to a rigorous learning culture based on an understanding of truth as revealed in the whole counsel of Scripture. We equip students with the knowledge and skills to understand their heritage and their place in it; and to critique and engage contemporary society. We work with parents to encourage students in their gifts and abilities to serve God and others.

Our Vision

Middleton Grange School assists families in the education of their children by providing an environment in which the Biblical truths of Jesus Christ are taught and lived.

Our Motto

Character, Excellence, Service for the glory of God.

Character Developing our whole self in Christ's likeness with characteristics of mercy, integrity, and compassion.

Excellence Always striving for personal best and utilising our God given gifts and talents to the best of our ability.

Service Having a heart for selfless giving and realising our gifts and talents in order to help others.

For the glory of God

All that we do is for His glory.

What do our parents say:



Middleton Grange School is a place where I am happy for my children to be. They are immersed daily in a culture where staff encourage, guide and train their students to develop and be the best they can be; they support our children to find and walk in God's plan.



Middleton Grange provides an excellent all round education with particular emphasis on character development and academic excellence.



Read more about our history, Statement of Special Character and Statement of Belief on our website: www.middleton.school.nz



We Encompass

Four Schools In One - *From small beginnings to big futures*

Primary School

Years 0-6

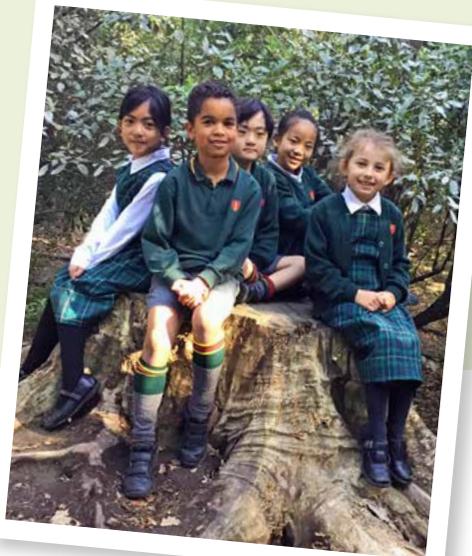
Building a firm foundation for the years to come at Middleton Grange.

Our aim in these formative years is to develop the skills and gifts of each child in our care: academically, socially and spiritually.

Biblical teaching is woven through the curriculum and Christian values modelled by our staff throughout the school.

There is a strong emphasis on numeracy and literacy in our Primary classes with a learning environment that is structured, firm and nurturing.

Our team of dedicated staff are committed to providing a first class Christian education based on the NZ Curriculum. We strive to be creative, innovative and to provide a wide range of opportunities, so that every child experiences success.



Middle School

Years 7-10

A place where purposeful learning and living occurs within a compassionate community.

These years are marked by growing independence and responsibility.

The Middle School embraces this stage in the development of our young people and as such, we design teaching and learning programmes that equip, engage and inspire.

An essential element of Christian education is the development of a young person's character towards a Biblical understanding of Godly living. Biblical foundations form the core of our learning programmes, and with an eye to the future we help to put the routines and disciplines in place for learning success.

There are plenty of opportunities for Middle School students to broaden their learning horizons in areas such as technology, languages, the arts and outdoor education.

A homeroom system for core subjects provides a consistent environment in which our students can flourish.



We Encompass

Senior College

Years 11-13

The years where Godly character, gifts and intellect mature.

The Senior College values achievement in all areas of school life and offers a challenging and supportive learning environment where students are encouraged to pursue excellence; to develop their intellectual, physical and creative gifts for service to God and others; and to build their capacity for godly leadership.

The school's curriculum embraces the National Curriculum statements in all subject areas, and interprets these statements from a biblical perspective. We encourage students to confront issues of faith and weigh popular ideologies on the scales of scripture.

Students are prepared for University or other Tertiary education through a broad but balanced curriculum delivered by caring and well qualified staff.

Leadership, service, missions, and extra-curricular opportunities are available and encouraged within a supportive structure.

Students who leave from Senior College have been taught the principles of developing Godly character and are well prepared to offer a positive influence within their communities.

International College

Years 1-13

Adding cultural richness and learning opportunities.

The International College welcomes students to all year levels (1-13) from a range of countries.

The presence of international students in our College provides opportunities to share the Gospel and celebrate cultural diversity.

The College provides care and support to ensure success. Students join mainstream classes while receiving comprehensive English language support and unique pathways to Tertiary studies.

Our team of International Ambassadors is made up of Middleton Grange School leaders who ensure that all international students are welcomed and integrated into our school. They are also encouraged to participate in the wide range of extra-curricular activities offered.

Special features of the International College are the Study Tours and English Camps we offer to many international students from all over the world. We also provide an International Teacher Development programme that builds important links with schools and educators abroad.



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We Serve...



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

By actively serving others at Middleton Grange School we build a nurturing community from which the gift of service can flourish.



Opportunities to Serve

Opportunities for service are abundant at Middleton Grange School with greater responsibility available as students progress through the year levels. There are opportunities to be class captains, library monitors, sports helpers, House helpers, buddies to new students, tutors for younger students, peer support leaders, organisers for mission fundraisers, Chapel servers – the list is extensive!

Servant Leadership

At Middleton Grange School we believe in 'servant leadership' which means that, first and foremost, we lead others with a selfless heart, always ensuring that we are focused on the greater good for the glory of God. Service in the Senior School is led by Head and Deputy Head Prefects who preside over Team Leaders, distributed across 12 key interest areas. Teams are made up of members from across Years 11-13. Other contexts for leadership exist in the Vertical Groups, Technologies, Magazine writing and Audio/Visual technical support.

Serving Our Community

In our Middle School, teachers and students decide on a community focus at the beginning of each year and plan a series of service opportunities based upon this focus. To complete the year, a dedicated service day is planned with the students collective enthusiasm wonderfully channeled toward enriching the lives of others.

To serve our global Christian brothers and sisters, Scripture classes raise funds throughout the year for the KIVA loans scheme, an organisation that works across five continents to provide loans to people without access to traditional banking systems.

Destinations for overseas short-term mission trips in recent years have included Argentina, Cambodia, India and Tonga. While we value offering global experiences to serve, these trips depend on staff availability.





Character

We Care



We are called to build the family of Christ.

We care a great deal about building the Middleton Grange family of Christ. Students have opportunities to embrace their role within our large household, while also offering them individual support when they need it. Our staff are committed Christians who care deeply about children and young people; their love and support make our culture of nurture a reality.

Some of the intentional ways we build the Middleton Grange family of Christ follow.



Houses

The House system encourages camaraderie and builds a sense of family between all age groups. The four Houses are named after heroic Antarctic explorers with historic connections to the school.

Each House has been gifted words that signify attributes of the explorer's name they carry.

BOWEN	SCOTT	SHACKLETON	WILSON
Sir Charles	Captain Robert	Sir Ernest	Dr Edward
Service	Courage	Leadership	Dependability
Hospitality	Endurance	Perseverance	Faith

During the year, sports, cultural and service events become part of the House Competition toward a trophy at the end of the year. Students are encouraged at each event to wear their House colours and enter into the spirit of the occasion.

Form Classes and Vertical Groups

Years 9-11 meet in Form Classes and Years 11-13 meet in Vertical Groups with students from all 3 levels.

Peer Support

Senior students train to become peer support leaders and nurture younger students.

Guidance Counselling

Our trained counsellors are part of our supportive staff network; they are available to help all Middleton Grange students and families.





Excellence



Service



We Excel

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Always striving for personal best and utilising our God given gifts and talents to the best of our ability.

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Excellence

Excellence is one of Middleton Grange School's foundational mottos. We craft an ethos of excellence where students want to give of their absolute best for the glory of God.

Academic

Middleton Grange School has a reputation for academic excellence. We teach the New Zealand Curriculum presented within a Christian world view. Our staff are highly skilled professionals who help our students to achieve consistently impressive National Standards and NCEA results.

My Utmost for His Highest

Our students are offered a diverse range of courses that include the core subjects along with a wide variety of option classes to accommodate students' strengths and interests. A key to our academic success is our staff who further enhance learning with numerous lunchtime and after school tutorials.

We believe that building a strong partnership between school and home is critical to our academic programmes. To ensure every child has learning success we have developed early intervention strategies that identify students at risk and provide practical supports for them.

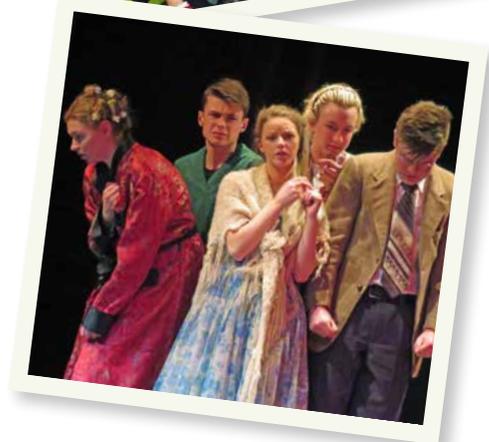
Our Fostering Strengths programme is co-ordinated by a dedicated teacher who works with staff to identify students with specific gifts. Appropriate academic programmes or outside courses are explored with the aim of encouraging and nurturing their God given talents.

Sports

With approximately 100 sporting teams across 27 sporting codes, the opportunity is assured for all students to explore their personal interests and pursue their potential. Each year, our young sports people enjoy considerable success in regional and national competitions.

Middleton Grange is well known for achieving outstanding results in basketball, football, canoe polo and volleyball. Our Outdoor Pursuits programmes are nationally recognised for their quality and competitiveness.

High performing students are encouraged to strive to be the best they can be as they develop the gifts and talents given to them by God and live out 'My utmost for His highest'.



We Create

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Middleton Grange School celebrates, nurtures and develops God-given talents.

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We value creativity and have a strong culture of excellence in music, drama, dance and the visual arts. Our Performing Arts Centre is a state of the art facility for our growing music, drama and dance programmes.

At Middleton Grange, students have extensive opportunities to develop their creative talents.



Drama

In addition to the curriculum teaching of drama, each year we produce a major production. Middleton Grange students also enter the Shakespeare Festival and the regional Theatre Sports competition.

Music

Music is offered throughout the school curriculum as well as providing students with extensive co-curricular opportunities. Our itinerant music teacher programme offers ready access for those who wish to learn an instrument. Two school orchestras cater for students of all ages while the jazz band is open to Middle and Senior school students.

Choral opportunities include two junior choirs as well as the Crescendos choir for Years 9-13. During the year, the Middleton Grange community is treated to a series of showcase concerts.

Dance

Dance is compulsory as a trimester subject combined with drama in Years 7 and 8, and afterwards is available as a co-curricular activity in The Vision Dance Company, the premier dance troupe at Middleton Grange School that performs at school events.

Performance Company

The Performance Company is a contemporary performance group with responsibility for providing worship and items in school assemblies and other community outreach events.

Visual Arts

The visual arts complete Middleton Grange School's suite of creative opportunities for students. Housed in a purpose-built facility, the visual arts programme incorporates painting, design, photography, printmaking, sculpture, three dimensional studies and drawing.





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We Embrace (Kaingākau ai tātou)

Māori

Middleton Grange offers a number of opportunities to embrace the Māori culture. Te Reo Māori is compulsory for Years 7-8 and is offered as an option for Years 9-13 which includes NCEA Levels 1-3. Within the Māori Department there are opportunities to be part of Marae stays, participate in Manu Kōrero speech competitions and perform waiata and haka. Our Kapa Haka group performs regularly at school functions and annually at the Tūhono Cultural Festival.

Staff are also encouraged to use the language and we have a whānau committee established to assist in the home/school relationships for Māori whānau.

Pasifika

The Pasifika students at Middleton Grange know their languages and cultures are respected and upheld. Pasifika students have the opportunity each year to participate in the SPACPAC Pasifika Speech Competition and speak in either Samoan, Tongan or English. They can also enter in NCEA External Achievement Standards in the same Pasifika languages. We have two fono a year where parents, students and school representatives discuss issues relevant to Pasifika students, outside guests are invited to speak, and refreshments are served. Pasifika students also attend the Careers Expo annually, which is specifically for Pasifika students across Christchurch. Some students have the opportunity to receive extra tuition at University of Canterbury during the holidays. Pasifika food is shared at the International Festival.



We Are Global

International College

Adding cultural richness and learning opportunities

International students from a range of countries are welcomed to our school at all year levels from Years 1 to 13. The presence of international students provides opportunities to show genuine hospitality and celebrate our cultural diversity.

The International College provides care and support to ensure success. Students join mainstream classes while receiving comprehensive English language support and unique pathways to tertiary studies in New Zealand and overseas. Our team of International Ambassadors, is made up of Middleton Grange School leaders, who ensure that all international students are welcomed and integrated into our school. They are also encouraged to participate in the wide range of extra-curricular activities offered.

International students either live with their parents or become a member of a local homestay family.

Special features of the International College are the Study Tours and English Camps we offer to many international students from all over the world. We also provide an International Teacher Development programme, training English teachers and building important links with schools and educators abroad.

"It has been an awesome time being at Middleton Grange. Kiwi students help and are really nice to everyone. I have laughed a lot here. Even though I am leaving, I won't forget anything and everyone at this amazing school." - Chinese Student

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I feel I am more independent now that I am in New Zealand. My studying has improved a lot because of new and different teaching methods.

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Vietnamese Student





Strategic Plan 2020–2022

Our Vision

Middleton Grange School assists families in the education of their children by providing an environment in which the Biblical truths of Jesus Christ are taught and lived.

Our Goals

Our Mission

Points Of Action



Strengthening Capability

Whakapakari āheitanga

We are committed to a rigorous learning culture based on an understanding of truth as revealed in the whole counsel of Scripture.

- 1.1 Professional learning and development is regular, differentiated and of the highest quality with an enduring focus on teaching Christianity.
- 1.2 Innovative and appropriate technologies are integrated into classroom practice and effective e-Learning practice is clarified, personalised and embedded.
- 1.3 Leadership opportunities are encouraged and supported for both staff and students.
- 1.4 Students will have a voice in decision making and re direction of the school.



Responsive, Christ- Centered Curriculum

Mātauranga-a-Karaiti

We equip students with the knowledge and skills to understand their heritage and their place in it; and to critique and engage contemporary society.

- 2.1 Is Christ-centered and authentically infused with biblical truth.
- 2.2 Is responsive in meeting the needs of students in order to experience wholistic success and fully realise the gifts and talents God has placed within them.
- 2.3 Is challenging, develops critical thinking, inspires action and offers opportunities for service and mission.
- 2.4 Promotes engagement, excellence, waiora and equity for all students.



Building Partnerships

Whakarahi Rangapū

We work with parents to encourage students in their gifts and abilities to serve God and others.

- 3.1 Parents are involved in the life of the school and regular communication between home and school supports teaching and learning.
- 3.2 We are actively involved in the CENCoL and other professional associations to improve the learning outcomes of all students.
- 3.3 Service and mission are an integral part of being 'a light' in our community.
- 3.4 We will establish an active and functioning parent and Alumni community.
- 3.5 We will build our relationship with local Iwi and our Mana whenua and CEN.



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