



## Special Character and School Costs ....

### Statement of Special Character

#### Context

- Middleton Grange School is a non-denominational Christian School established for new entrants to Year 13 in 1964 by the Christian Schools' Trust in Christchurch. The School was founded to establish the educational needs of Christian families and present the message of the gospel to children and the community within the context of Biblical truth and practice as recognised by adherents of the evangelical Christian faith. The same Biblical truth and practice encourages a mission perspective. Pupils are expected to support the Special Character of the School.

#### Who determines and safeguards?

- The Special Character of the School is determined by Biblical principles and practice. The Christian Schools' Trust, the Middleton Grange School Board and all staff endeavour to work out those Biblical principles and practices in the School. The Christian Schools' Trust reserves the right to determine from time to time what is necessary to preserve and safeguard the Special Character.

#### Goals and principal features of Special Character

- The School is a caring community built on Christian beliefs which permeate all aspects of School life. These beliefs recognise God's purposes are revealed in the Scriptures and in the risen Lord Jesus Christ. They are dynamic and determine the purpose and content of the curriculum in a changing community. They were originally expressed, for the School (in a summary form subordinate to the Scriptures), in the annexed Statement of Belief incorporated in the Trust Deed for the Christian Schools' Trust when the School was founded.
- Because these beliefs encompass all aspects of School and permeate the mind and heart of each staff member all staff must demonstrate unqualified commitment to the School's Special Character.
- The objective of the Christian Schools' Trust is to pass on to students the truth that all creation is subordinate to the Will of God as expressed in the Scriptures; that all truth finds its meaning and centre in God and that God gives purpose and hope to individuals as well as His creation by virtue of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. It is the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, communicated by the Holy Spirit operating in the human individual, that gives substance to intellectual, physical, spiritual, ethical, emotional, social and aesthetic development.
- The curriculum, including all the New Zealand Curriculum Statements, is presented within a Christian world view. Such a world view gives perspective and meaning to all learning in the School
- Implicit in the curriculum is the development of character exemplified by the Decalogue and Beatitudes. Such character is the foundation for personal and social peace, just government, responsible citizenship, compassionate neighbourliness, wise parenting and a responsible attitude to creation. Such character also recognises that a life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty.

# Enrolment Information 2024

## Enrolments

1. Enrolments will be accepted mainly at Year 1, Year 4, Year 7 and Year 9 and Years 11-13. Some places may be available at other year levels.
2. Enrolments at each of Year 1 to Year 13 will be determined by the spaces available at each year level.
3. Class configurations will approximate to:
  - Year 1-6 : two classes at each level
  - Years 7-8: four classes at each level
  - Years 9-10: five classes at each level
  - Years 11-13: depends on subjects/coursesThe school will endeavour to establish class sizes approximating to Ministry of Education staff/student ratio guidelines.
4. The Board operates a Ministry of Education approved Enrolment Scheme.

## Enrolment Procedures

The enrolment procedures for Middleton Grange School shall be as follows:

1. Applications must be made via the online 'Middleton Grange School Enrolment Application 2024' form. One separate application is to be completed for each child. To ensure fairness, it is important that each application includes all requested information and failure to disclose full and accurate information may compromise the enrolment process.
2. All applicants are assessed against the criteria outlined in The Enrolment Scheme.

## International Students

1. Middleton Grange has a full fee paying international student enrolment policy. Enrolment of full fee paying students are in addition to the school's approved maximum roll.
2. International students should request a prospectus from the International College. The Application Form and the Application Form for International Student Homestay and Guardianship should be submitted directly to the International College.
3. International students who change to Permanent Resident status may apply for a domestic place in the academic year following the status change. Applications are subject to the same conditions as all domestic applications.

## Enrolment Deadlines

Applications must be received at Middleton Grange School Office by 4.00 pm on the following dates:

### Years 7 – 13

Closing date: Friday, 9 June 2023

### Years 1 – 6

Closing date: Thursday, 17 August 2023

NB: All Year 1 Students commence on or after their 5th birthday.  
The school will inform parents of the starting date.

## 2024 Attendance Dues : \$1,700 pa

Attendance Dues (subject to annual review) are a compulsory fee approved by the Ministry of Education and are payable to the Proprietor of the school, The Christian Schools' Trust (CST), for the provision of buildings and facilities together with other property related costs as required by the Ministry of Education under the Deed of Integration. Please note:

- Each student will be charged an Attendance Dues fee of \$1,700 pa (GST incl)
- On acceptance a deposit of \$425.00 is payable to the CST which will be applied to the first term's fees
- Attendance Dues will be invoiced by the CST at the commencement of each Term
- An application will only be confirmed on receipt of the original and completed Direct Debit form. A request for another form of payment must be made in writing to the Proprietor.
- Payment can be made by direct debit at the start of each term, monthly or fortnightly
- A discount of \$50 per student is available when the full year Attendance Dues are paid at the commencement of Term 1

## Special Character Voluntary Donation

One child: \$540

Three children: \$1,080

Two children: \$972

Four+ children: \$1,188

Special Character Voluntary Donations are the primary source of funds used to "maintain the school's Christian character". These are fixed by the Middleton Grange School Board and used to fund "elements of the school" that are not provided for in the Operations Grant provided by the Ministry of Education. These "elements" include the work and resource required to redevelop the NZ Curriculum into a biblically based Christ centred curriculum, professional development for staff around teaching Christianly, extra staffing to provide smaller classes and learning support, and service and missions based programmes. Please note that the Special Character Voluntary Donation has Tax deductible status, currently a 33% rebate.

The Special Character Voluntary Donation will be invoiced by Middleton Grange School and can be paid:

- In full at the commencement of Term 1
- In four instalments, one at the commencement of each term
- In monthly or fortnightly instalments by automatic payment (forms available from the School Office)

## School Activities - Course Costs/Contributions

Some courses incur charges to recover costs where families have chosen to take up a voluntary project or activity within the course. Details of charges are available in the course information booklets. School Activities – Course Costs/Contributions will be invoiced by Middleton Grange School.

## Middleton Grange School Board Scholarship Years 7 - 13

The Board offers two scholarships to assist in cases of financial difficulty. These scholarships are available to students across Year levels 7-13. Scholarships are valued at \$850 pa for two years; following which the full Attendance Dues will be charged. Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship should apply in writing. Please contact the school office for information. Applications for scholarships must be received at the school office by Friday, 9 June 2023.