



middleton grange school
Christchurch New Zealand

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

International pupils will be tested on arrival to determine or confirm their level of English. Pupils must have a suitable level of proficiency at each year level before starting a course of full-time study in all subject areas at Middleton Grange School. If a pupil is below that level, they will study either four or eight hours of English, as well as studying other subjects. As pupils' proficiency increases, they will study less English and pick up another subject.

If a pupil has very low English language proficiency, we may suggest they study a full-time English language course at an external provider, prior to commencing at Middleton Grange School.

Recognition of Prior Learning

As part of the enrolment process, Middleton Grange School will receive school reports for two years prior to the application for enrolment. Pupils will be given the opportunity to discuss with the Assistant Director and, if necessary, the Curriculum Leader of the subject areas they will plan to study in, to determine whether the pupils have sufficient prior learning to enter that course or even to progress to a higher level. If the Curriculum Leader wishes, they may require the pupil to undertake a test to confirm the level of prior learning. Academic reports on file should help in this process. The pupil may also enter a course at a particular level on a trial basis. When this happens, it will be put in writing, and dates for appraisal of performance will be clearly stated.

If needed the school may ask a native speaker to interpret reports and appraise pupil's subject knowledge.