



# EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2023

## Overview

This document is designed to give parents an overview of the curriculum being offered at Emmanuel Christian School. We believe that we deliver, through each subject, an excellent programme of learning. This incorporates moderated assessment, standardised testing, learning support and a systematic curriculum.

### **Our Goal:**

The ECS board, leadership, and staff desire to deliver excellence in education that is Christ-centred, supports parents in the education of their children, is personalised and is culturally responsive.

### *Our values are:*

Excellence

Christ-like character

Service

Wisdom

## Communication with Parents

You are most welcome to contact any of our staff. The best way to do so this is through their school email address or to come in and arrange a meeting either before or after school. At times, teachers may share a student homework calendar so you can see when assignments and homework is due. Twice yearly we have the opportunity for conferences normally at the end of Term 1 and end of Term 2.

## Staff



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## Middle School Awards

In the Middle School students are encouraged to give their best in all that they do and get involved in a wide variety of activities. One of the ways this is encouraged is through the Aorangi Awards.

Over the year, students have opportunity to record their sporting, cultural and service involvement: this is included with their behaviour, work ethic and completion of homework tasks. Our Middle School team take this all in account when awarding The Aorangi awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Teachers work with students to encourage them in all areas, with these awards being presented at the end of the year.

## Curriculum



Learning happens everywhere at Emmanuel Christian School. Our teaching and learning programmes, both curricular and co-curricular, are designed to extend students and support them to develop the skills and attributes that will enable them to flourish in their future. We believe in developing the whole person while also nourishing a growth mindset and empowering learners to take ownership of their learning, in a God-honouring way.

Learning is personal, and quality relationships matter. Our classes enable teachers to know their students extremely well, monitor their progress, target learning to ensure the active participation and involvement of all learners, and provide a personalised response to learners' needs and aspiration.

### Learning Support

The vision of our Learning Support class is to develop a programme that accelerates and supports the learning of students who experience difficulties within English and Mathematics. These difficulties can range from English language learners to students with dyslexia or other learning barriers, or a combination of these. Our highly qualified staff, whose fields of expertise include special education needs and learning extension programmes, work to build self-esteem and confidence to support students to be independent in their learning in a caring, non-judgemental environment.

### Transition to Year 11

At Emmanuel Christian School we fully adhere to and teach to the standards set out by the New Zealand Curriculum. Our aim is that students have the opportunity to select any subject when they move to their High School and complete NCEA. To this end, we continue to monitor and moderate curriculum coverage and subjects offered at Middleton Grange School. Emmanuel Christian School has an established pathway of learning within the Christian Schools Network for our graduating Year 10 pupils. This means that parents who are able to confirm they are 'preference' (family of Christian character as defined by Middleton Grange School and at the time of transition to MGS), there is a pathway to Senior College at Middleton Grange School.



## Subjects

### Scripture/World View Studies

The goal is to develop deeper Christian thinking which leads students to be selfless, resilient and good stewards of their own gifts and talents. Our Year 7 and 8 programme is focused around building Bible knowledge and applying that to their lives. We aim to teach this in a creative way that promotes the gospel and reinforces what is taught at home. Our Year 9 and 10 programme aims to explore issues relevant to the pupils' current experience and illuminate how God's word speaks profoundly into all aspects of their lives. It is our desire to build students' confidence in their faith, so that they can proudly make a stand for what they believe.

### Passion/Impact



This subject was introduced so that students could glorify God through both following their own interests and completing acts of service to others. Students have the opportunity to serve as a class through leading sports activities at other local schools, visiting a local rest home and graffiti reduction. Students also spend time planning lessons, resources or games which provides our school community with a connection to the Middle School pupils. Teachers provide opportunity for students to gain a better understanding of themselves and try out how their interests can be used for others.

### Middle School Options



Every Tuesday afternoon we run our Middle School options, where students select from a range of elective subjects to be involved in for the remainder of the term. These classes are mixed Year 7 – 10 and include topics such as: Orchestra, Sports Academy, Digital Art, Electronics, Woodwork, Dance and Drama. During these times, students have the opportunity to try out new subjects and interact with different students.

## Year 7

### Year-long courses

- English (Reading & Writing)
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Scripture
- Health and Physical Education
- Technology \*

*\*Technology – is run at Christchurch Seventh Day Adventist and involves Soft Materials, Hard Materials and Food and Nutrition*

### Partial-Year courses

- Digital Technology – 2 terms
- Passion – 2 terms
- Te Reo Māori – 3 terms
- French – 1 term (even years)
- Spanish - 1 term (odd years)
- Music – 2 terms
- Visual Art – 2 terms

Middle School Options – Runs termly depending on choices

## Year 8

### Year-long courses

- English (Reading & Writing)
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Scripture
- Passion
- Health and Physical Education
- Technology \*

*\*Technology – is run on site and consists of 1 term each of: Electronics, Structural Technology, Wearable Arts, and Coding/Robotics*

### Partial-Year courses

- Te Reo Māori – 3 terms
- French – 1 term (even years)
- Spanish - 1 term (odd years)
  
- Music – 2 terms
- Visual Art – 2 terms

Middle School Options – *Runs termly depending on choices*

## Year 9 & 10

### Year-long courses

- English
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- World View Studies
- Impact
- Health and Physical Education

### Partial-Year courses

#### Technology at Middleton Grange

Each Monday afternoon, our Year 9 & 10 students travel to Middleton Grange to take part in Technology classes. This is done in conjunction with Hillview Christian school and Aidanfield Christian school. Students are able to choose from: Electronics and Robotics, Food and Nutrition, Design and Visual Communication, Hard Materials, Structural, and Digital Media and Film.

#### Languages

Students have the option of either taking Te Reo Māori with a teacher or they can choose to learn either, French, Spanish, Chinese or Te Reo Māori extension from an online provider: Te Kura.

#### Arts or Accounting and Economics

Students have the choice between an Arts option (which includes Visual Art, Music and Drama) or Accounting and Economics.

## Co – Curricular activities

Aside from our normal classroom programme at Emmanuel Christian School, we offer a wide variety of sporting and cultural opportunities.

### Musical

We have a number of itinerant music teachers that come into our school for individual and group tutoring these include:

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| - Violin | - Cello | - Ukelele           | - Drums | - Saxophone |
| - Guitar | - Piano | - Brass Instruments | - Flute | - Clarinet  |

Students also have the opportunity to be part of senior choir, orchestra, and perform in a variety of different musical concerts and performances.

## **Kapa Haka**

We have a strong Kapa Haka group that practises weekly, and perform at assemblies, school events and at the Tuhono Festival.

## **Sporting**

In addition to the whole school events, we offer a wide variety of sport teams including:

- Football
- Hockey
- Volleyball
- Canoe Polo
- Netball
- Table Tennis
- Basketball

## **Other**

### **Devices**

In the Middle School we encourage students to bring their own device (BYOD). We recommend students have a Chromebook as this gives easy access to the relevant learning systems that we have in place. For students who don't have a device we have a number of school devices that can be used while they are at school. Devices are used widely throughout the curriculum to reflect the 21<sup>st</sup> century environment our children are growing up in. However, the teachers are very aware that devices are just another tool that is useful, and in practise a mixture of online and bookwork is completed in most subjects.

### **Leadership**

At Emmanuel Christian School we pride ourselves on instilling skills and values which will help our students to become the leaders of tomorrow. We provide many opportunities for them to develop and demonstrate leadership qualities in the Middle School. Middle School Leaders perform a variety of important leadership and service functions within the Middle School. Students must be able to work well as part of a team, relate and respond well to a wide range of other students, and be reliable, responsible and co-operative in a leadership role.

### **Uniform**

At Emmanuel Christian School, our parents have decided that a smart school uniform is positive for our community. The school uniform is compulsory. Parents who enrol at our school agree to accept and abide by all the uniform requirements of the school throughout their child's involvement with us. We have endeavoured to design a uniform that is smart, allows for some sense of individuality, that is reasonably priced, and that is readily serviced. For a copy of the full uniform details, please see the school website at [www.emmanuelchristian.school.nz](http://www.emmanuelchristian.school.nz) or contact the School Office.

Uniform is available for purchase from Mainland Uniforms, at 511 Wairakei Rd.

Please note that the uniform requirements change from Year 6 to Year 7 with the Middle School uniform reflecting the growing maturity of the students.

### **Extension**

Our aim is to extend each individual student in every class. We also offer a number of extension activities both within regular class time and through targeted learning opportunities. Some of these have included Epro8 (a technology challenge), Sports Academy, Orchestra, English extension and Math interchange, whereby students who need more advanced work are able to be extended.

### **More Information**

If you have any questions, please contact the Office to arrange a time to meet with either our School Principal, Alistair McKinnon or Head of Middle School, Tom Littlejohn.

In God's Service



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