

South Auckland Middle School

Sponsor:	Villa Education Trust
Location:	South Auckland
Type of school:	Co-educational middle school for years 7 to 10
Size of school:	An opening roll of 90, rising to 120 by 2015
Target group:	Māori, Pasifika and students from low socio-economic backgrounds.
Teachers:	The core curriculum will be planned, taught and overseen by registered teachers.

Background

The Villa Education Trust was established in 2002 to provide a governing body to Mt Hobson Middle School in Newmarket, Auckland.

Proposal

The Villa model looks to teach students in a 1:15 teacher student ratio in quality facilities, conducive to a family-like environment. The school provides a strong emphasis on project-based learning for each student within a structured environment.

With a commitment to the individual learner, the Villas will provide an inclusive and safe environment that allows students to become successful, connected and confident members of society.

The school has a focus on academic success and completing cross-curricular based projects, as well as having formal classes to teach the base curriculum. The afternoon learning programme will reach out into the community to allow students to pursue cultural, artistic and sporting interests with important partners being the Auckland Rugby Union and Wynrs NZ.

The school will use the New Zealand Curriculum to provide students with the skills, expertise and knowledge to succeed in the 21st century. Students will be prepared to enter secondary school with the academic knowledge and skills to succeed at NCEA.

Community service and contribution towards others, as well as outstanding manners and behaviour from the individual, will be key features.

Vision

Through effective teaching, quality facilities, an optimal day structure, an integrated curriculum – building of personal character through applied Christian values, allowing young people to develop and learn so as to give them the base for excellence in all spheres of life.

Aims

- To provide a window of opportunity for outstanding learning for Year 7 to Year 10 learners.
- To play a significant part in preparing students for full and effective participation in their future academic, cultural, sporting, social and working lives.
- To provide a learning environment that is thorough, innovative and able to be applied for each learner and their families, through his or her individualised education.

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