

| Media Studies

Mountainview offers Media Studies at Levels Two and Three. In Media Studies, students learn about the ways in which media both shapes them and is shaped by them. Year 12 students learn about the representation of New Zealand young people and tease out questions about dominant and absence voices and representations and what that means for themselves and in a wider context.

Both year levels study genre and in 2024 we have chosen horror to focus on. Students learn to think critically about the ways in which genre responds to and reflects societal fears, big events such as wars and pandemics, as well as changes in technology.

Students also have the chance at both levels to plan, design and create a short film or trailer and/or to design a media spread for the school yearbook.

In the junior school, students will analyse New Zealand advertisements, short films and trailers. They will learn about the codes and conventions of visual media such as camera angles and shots, composition, characterisation, symbolism and narrative. These skills will become invaluable as they move into senior school and continue to study English and perhaps choose to take up Media Studies.

