

# | The Arts

***Mountainview Arts offer a unique and collaborative approach to drama, music, dance and visual art; with a focus on practical experience and maximizing performance opportunity. We believe in building confidence in each student through rich Art experiences and have a focus on growing the individual. As students grow their capability, by practicing the Arts in real world situations, they are given the opportunity to be leaders.***

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Rich learning of the Arts allows students to grow, develop a sense of belonging and personal ownership. Our delivery of the Arts in the Junior school allows students to grow in authentic learning contexts, which fosters creativity and allows students to find, express and articulate their own ideas and voice.

The learning of the Arts allows for a full expression of what it is to be human... to be creative, use the imagination, to develop technical skills to express and communicate ideas with fluency. Arts disciplines allow for unique expressions of imaginative thinking, they are a way of exploring a diversity of perspectives (including those other cultural viewpoints and ways of seeing things).

## **Music**

Year 9-13 courses in Music allow students to create and perform music that comes from their own personal experience.



Music students are encouraged to express ideas, share and collaborate, and develop leadership qualities. In composition, performance or musical appreciation students are given the opportunity to explore their own creativity. Rich opportunities to practice music are integral to learning at Mountainview High School. Musicals, concerts, Junior and Senior productions, solos, Jazz Band, Rock Bands, School Trips - Mountainview Music can do it all! Pathways through national qualifications (NCEA) in Music lead to vocational and tertiary opportunities.



## **Drama**

Year 9-13 courses in Drama at Mountainview creates a sense of belonging and acceptance, where students can express and refine thoughts and ideas in a safe space - fostering a sense of student ownership. Pathways through national qualifications (NCEA) in the Drama lead to vocational and tertiary opportunities.

## Visual Art

Year 9-13 courses in Visual Art involve creating by drawing, painting, printmaking, photography and digital processes.

Using a variety of tools and materials like pencils, pens, lino cut, acrylic paint, inks, spray paint, cameras and digital mediums. It includes an understanding and appreciation of fine art, its traditions, as well as its contemporary contexts. Pathways through national qualifications (NCEA) in the visual arts lead to vocational and tertiary opportunities.



## Theatre Sports

“Theatre sports” is improvisational performance which combines elements of theater and competitive sports. It’s a dynamic and interactive form of entertainment where teams of performers compete against each other in a series of improvised scenes, games, and challenges, often based on audience suggestions. Theatre sports offer a rich and rewarding learning experience that empowers participants to unleash their creativity, build meaningful connections with others, and embrace the joy of spontaneous storytelling and performance.



## Jazz Band

The Mountainview High School Jazz Band is an extracurricular group that all students at Mountainview are welcome to join. Whether a beginner or a more advanced musician the Jazz Band is for you. The group practices weekly at lunchtime. During the year the Jazz Band plays at a variety of community and in school events. These include Mayoral Receptions, MVHS Concerts, visits to local primary schools and community concerts. A big highlight of the year is the annual Jazz Band Tour. This sees the band touring around a variety of regions performing concerts. Recent destinations include Central Otago, Bank Peninsula, Nelson, Catlins and the Fjordland. This is an amazing opportunity for music students to develop their performing skills!



## Musical Production

An exhilarating journey through the world of musical theatre, where students are invited to immerse themselves in every facet of performance magic. From mastering the art of lighting and sound; to unleashing the full spectrum of acting, dance, singing, and costume design, this class promises to ignite passion and creativity in every aspiring performer. Prepare to be swept away by the rhythm of the music, the allure of the stage, and the

transformative power of storytelling. Whether you're a seasoned performer or a newcomer to the world of musical theatre, this Mountainview High School course is your ticket to unlocking your full potential and shining bright in the limelight. This class allows students to follow their passions, on stage, in the orchestra, in production roles, and in tech (lighting and sound).



## Musical Instrument Lessons

Mountainview High School is part of the Itinerant Music Scheme. This programme sees specialist tutors coming into MVHS weekly to give students lessons on specific instruments during the school day. These include brass (eg. trumpet, trombone), woodwind (eg. clarinet, flute, saxophone), strings (violin, viola, cello), guitar, bass guitar, drums and piano. High school is a great time to give a musical instrument a go!



## Arts Council

The Arts Council is formed every year allowing Senior students to promote the Arts amongst the wider student body. The annual Arts Week is led by these student leaders and they run events such as Arts Workshops, Mounties Got Talent, Have a Go Days, Theatre Sports, Art Exhibitions and lunchtime concerts.