



# Opportunities

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# Motueka High School

*Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders*

## Opportunities

There is a wide range of opportunities for students at Motueka High School. As well as our outstanding number of scholarships, there are many leadership roles and forums as well as a large range of extra-curricular activities.



### Scholarships

Motueka High School awards a range of scholarships each year, totalling \$80,000, including five \$8,000 Kina Beach Scholarships generously donated by the estate of Muriel Sterling.

#### Year 8 - Emerging Talent Scholarships

Fees/Uniform, Stationery. Criteria: Year 8 students who will attend Motueka High School

#### Year 11 & 12 - ITM Sports Performance Scholarship

Up to \$2,500 towards sports fees for Elite athletes

#### Year 13 - Kina Beach Scholarships

5 x \$8,000 Criteria: Work to potential, attend Motueka High School for 3 years, studying towards tertiary qualification

#### McKee Trust Scholarship

\$2,000 a year for 3 years. Criteria: All round financial need

#### Rowling Memorial Scholarship

\$3,000 Criteria: All round financial need

#### Riwaka Educational Scholarship

\$2,000 Criteria: Living in Riwaka, for tertiary study

#### Manoy Scholarship

\$1,500 Criteria: All round financial need

### Leadership roles

Leadership development is a major strength of Motueka High School and we actively nurture the potential of our students. There are 20 designated Captains or Head Student roles in Year 13 and many opportunities to lead and participate in groups and forums such as Student Council that are open to everyone.

Each year volunteers are sought for leadership roles in the Breakfast Club, the Youth4Youth Mentoring Programme and Rev up Respect Week. Every three

years there is the opportunity for a student to become a Board of Trustees representative by the nomination and election process. Students at any year level can join the Environmental Action Groups or apply to be an Abel Tasman Youth Ambassador.

## **Arts Opportunities**

Students can participate in exhibitions held during the year: in June for Matariki and in October students can make a mask for the Nelson Masked Parade.

## **Building and Construction Trades Academy**

Students interested in building, construction and related trades may be eligible. It is based on strong partnerships with industry and is designed to support students into apprenticeships and future careers. Students take part in classes as per normal at school and will gain experience out in industry one day per week. Students are expected to have achieved Level 1 NCEA and have an excellent record of attendance and attitude. Places are limited, entry is via application form and interview.

## **Dance Opportunities**

Dance is a subject available to all year levels and students can enter the school Dance production 'Momentum' at the Motueka Memorial Hall and the combined secondary school Dance festival 'Vast' held at the Theatre Royal in Nelson.

## **Drama Opportunities**

Drama is also available to all year levels and students can participate in the annual Shakespeare Festival. There are varied performances offered throughout the year including the school Cabaret and the choice of joining the Theatre sports groups and the Drama Club that meets weekly in the Drama room. Opportunities are available for students to assist backstage and to learn about Make-up, Costume or become part of the school's Sound and Lighting crew.

## **Maths Opportunities**

Students are encouraged to participate in: University of Otago Junior Mathematics Competition (for Y9 – Y11 students), Australian Mathematics Competition (for all year groups), Casio Victoria University Senior Mathematics Competition (for Y11 to Y13). Students may be selected for the annual Nelsomathix competition which is a team-based competition for Y7 to Y10 students against other schools in the top of the south. Capable senior Mathematics students are encouraged to support the school and other learners by offering themselves as lunch-time tutors.

## **Music Opportunities**

Under the Itinerant Music Scheme, the Music Department provides individual and group tuition in woodwind, brass, guitar and singing. There is a selection of brass and woodwind instruments which students may hire from the school. There are also tutors who offer private lessons in drumming, piano, singing and violin.

The department is fortunate to have several practice studios which provide a base for the large number of students who receive instrumental and/or vocal tuition. Extra-curricular music activities include the Motueka Singers choir, an auditioned choir: Suono Bellissimo, Senior Band, Junior Jazz Band, Jazz Band and Jazz Combo, Saxophone Trio, Chamber groups and a Brass ensemble. Students also create their own bands and can book rooms for rehearsals. These groups are keenly supported by students and perform in school concerts and the wider community.

## **Science Opportunities**

Students in all year levels are encouraged to participate in the Cawthron Science and Technology Fair, the Royal Society of New Zealand and the Big Science Competition. Students may be invited to participate in the Brain Bee in Dunedin.

## **Sports**

Motueka High School continues to achieve highly in both regional and national competitions and has had 4 students athletes represent New Zealand. Students can receive specialist coaching through a variety of structured programmes including physical training and coaching skills. The MHS Athletics Academy is available by invitation only. Currently, there are 25 students in the Academy, which operates a three tier Incentive award programme. Students showing good ability will be given the opportunity to join.

## **Uniform Services Trades Academy**

The Uniform Services Trades Academy started in 2017. Whenua iti Outdoors run this program for senior students over four week-long blocks throughout the year. It enables students to explore career pathways such as Search and Rescue, Coastguard, Emergency Services or Armed Forces. Students also learn sea survival skills, emergency services, search and rescue and civil defence training and gain credits during the course that contribute to NCEA Level 2 & 3.