

Welcome to the Tourism Plus Academy

Nau mai ki te Whare Aronui o Tiriwa. The Tourism Academy welcomes you.

2020 saw huge changes to the Tourism Industry in New Zealand and across the world. In response to these changes, we have taken the backbone of the knowledge and skills from the Tourism Academy and added some future-proofing. The Tourism Plus Academy will also incorporate knowledge and professional skills from across the service sector. The new look academy will provide real opportunities for enthusiastic students to gain knowledge and skills relevant to the Tourism Industry that are also transferable across many customer service-based career pathways in an ever-changing world. This qualification works within the NCEA Level 2 and 3 frameworks whilst also meeting the requirements for the Level 2 Vocational Pathway. A close relationship with tertiary providers supports the pathway into further education.

The Tourism Plus Academy incorporates standards from Tourism, Workplace English, Customer Service, Financial Capabilities and Communications and Marketing. Targeted work experience will also provide clear avenues into employment. We will provide students with a breadth of understanding of the Service Sector Industry, both in terms of further study and employment.

Our aim is to produce reliable, resourceful, resilient leaders who can think for themselves. Students who can communicate effectively in a wide variety of situations, are customer focussed and responsive to client needs. Students who can work as part of a team, who are able to communicate ideas and information and are confident to participate in new situations. Our graduates will leave us as independent, enterprising individuals with a clear direction for their future pathway.

The Tourism Plus Academy is a single option at Level 2 and a double option at Level 3. At Level 2 students can also select to do the one-hour Hospitality option. This Level 2 combination is an exception to the rule that students are only allowed to select one academy.

In the second year of the programme we begin to explore specific interest pathways, which allow us to better target student needs outside of the classroom. These pathways can be selected from courses run at Tertiary providers as well as AWVA based modules within school. Students are also encouraged to make full use of the driver's licence programme and driving lessons that are an integral part of our Academy programme. All the courses are provided free of charge by AWVA.

All students will need to: complete the MHS online selection process or see Mr Hackett or Mr Tinling, plus complete an AWVA application form and have an interview with the academy tutor. Students will then be notified about whether they have been selected or not.

Places are limited in the academies and are not guaranteed until the application has been confirmed after the above.

Tourism Plus Academy Year1, Level 2 (1 hour per day)

Standard	Ver	Level	Domain	Brief Description	Int or Ext	Credits	SR
US 24728	2	2	Visitor Services	Work roles in Tourism	I	3	SR
US 24729	3	2	Visitor Services	World Tourism Destinations	I	4	SR
US 24730	2	2	Visitor Services	The business of Tourism	T	4	SR
US 24731	4	2	Visitor Services	Destination New Zealand	I	4	SR
US 24732	2	2	Visitor Services	Tourist characteristics & needs	I	3	SR
US 24727	2	2	Visitor Services	Tourism impacts: Physical	I	3	SR
US 18237	3	2	Visitor Services	Tourism industry numeracy	I	3	SR
US 23761	2	2	Visitor Services	Tourism industry literacy	I	3	SR
US 23767	2	2	Visitor Services	Tourism Industry use of the Internet	I	2	SR
US 24726	2	2	Visitor Services	Tourism impacts: Social and Cultural	I	2	SR
US 57	9	2	Service Delivery	Provide customer service – External Provider	I	2	SR
US 377	8	2	Work & Study Skills	Demonstrate knowledge of diversity in the workplace – External Provider	I	2	SR
US 28097	2	2	Financial Capabilities	Banking Products	I	4	SR
				Total Credits		39	39

Tourism Plus Academy Year2, Level 3 (2 hours per day)

Standard	Ver	Level	Domain	Title	Int or Ext	Credits	
US 28126	3	3	Travel	World Geography	I	5	
US 18212	5	3	Visitor Services	Destination NZ	I	8	
US 18211	6	3	Travel	Destination Australia	I	5	
US 3727	10	3	Travel	Destination Pacific Islands	I	5	
US 378	8	3	Visitor Services	Provide Customer Service for International Customers – External Provider	I	3	
US 1296	7	3	Communications	Interview in Informal Situations	I	3	
US 1312	7	3	Communication	Speak to a known audience in a predictable situation	I	3	
US30906	1	3	Social & Cooperative Skills	Plan & Engage in an activity designed to benefit the community (Eco- Tourism) – Part External Provider	I	6	
US 2925	6	3	Marketing	Describe Marketing Options for Enterprise Activities – External Provider	I	8	
US 9681	7	3	Communications	Contribute within a team or group which has an objective	I	3	
US 11097	5	3	Communications	Listen Actively to gain information in an Interactive Situation - – External Provider	I	3	
US 28099	2	3	Financial Capabilities	Analyse Credit Options and select strategies for personal finances	I	3	
Total number of credits							



Vocational Pathways Award within the Academies.

All the standards in Academy courses contribute to the NCEA. Students in the academies at Level 2 are also eligible for the Vocational Pathways Award. To get a Vocational Pathways Award, the student must gain Level 2 NCEA with a minimum of 20 Level 2 credits from Sector-Related, (SR), standards, (within that sector), and a further minimum of 40 credits from Recommended, (R), standards, (also within that sector), to make up a total of 60 pathway credits. (See tables). The SR standards are generally achieved within the academy and the R standards come from some academy standards plus standards in other subjects.



The Vocational Pathways Award enables employers to assess whether potential employees' skills align with their industry requirements more easily. The six Vocational Pathways sectors are: Constructions & Infrastructure (CI), Manufacturing & Technology (MT), Primary Industries (PI), Service Industries (SI), Social & Community Services (SC) and Creative Industries (CR). Note this award only applies to Level 2.

Diagram showing the minimum needed for the Vocational Pathways award.

Fees and Transport. Our academy courses are fees free. The Tourism Academy offers courses run by the International Travel College and other providers. These give students the opportunity to gain additional credits delivered by this NZQA approved tertiary provider. Transport to and from ITC is provided free from MHS.



Entry and commitment from students. All students who wish to apply for this

academy must complete an AWVA application form, plus indicate their choice of the Tourism Academy Pathway in the MHS Pathways online selection process. Places will be limited, and an interview process will be arranged with the student and their whanau or support person and the MHS academy tutor. Students will need to be committed to maintaining their attendance at 95% and to getting the bus at MHS to ITC, on the designated days. They must also show a willingness and commitment to volunteer work and placements. Failure to maintain great attendance may diminish that student's chance to participate ITC courses.

Course structure. Level 2 is one period a day, five days a week; and Level 3 is two periods a day, five days per week. The current existing standards are listed in the above tables. (Subject to change).

Individual education plans, IEPs. All students will have regular IEP meetings to check their progress towards their vocational pathways award and/or NCEA.

Preferred subject choices along with Tourism. Preference for Academy places will be given to students who also choose subjects from this list – *Hospitality, English, Geography, Business or Economics*. In 2022, students who select the Hospitality one-hour option can also select the Tourism Academy one-hour option as well. This is an exception to the rule below.

Students may only select ONE academy.

To apply for an academy.

- Complete the online MHS course selection process on schoolpoint, <u>SchoolPoint Useful Information</u> and select the Academy (AWVA), you wish to apply for. There is an Academy Application form to be completed – select the desired Academy from the drop-down list, print, take it home and complete it and hand it to one of the staff below.
- 2. See Mr Hackett, Ms Douglas or Mr Tinling in the Academy Office, by the Building Academy's worksite.
- 3. Email Mr Hackett at <u>nhackett@masseyhigh.school.nz</u> if you have any further questions.

