

AWVA

AUCKLAND WEST VOCATIONAL
ACADEMY

Automotive
Building
Carpentry
Early Childhood Education
Engineering
Hospitality Plus
Multi Skills
Tourism

Welcome to the Massey High School Building Academy

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

Build Your Future. Build a House. Build a Career.

The Massey High School Building Academy is a hands-on program designed for students who are passionate about construction and are considering a career in the building and trades industry.

This is more than just a school course. Students become part of a professional team, gaining real industry experience by helping construct a full-sized residential house from the ground up while developing the knowledge, practical skills, and work ethic expected by today's employers and apprenticeship providers.

Throughout the program, students work towards a range of **Level 3 BCATS (Building, Construction and Allied Trades Skills) Unit Standards**, giving them nationally recognized qualifications and a strong pathway into apprenticeships, employment, or further training.



Students will develop knowledge and practical skills in:

- Timber floors
- Wall framing
- Roof trusses
- Insulation
- Interior linings and trim
- Interior joinery
- Exterior cladding and weatherproofing
- Exterior joinery
- Reading plans and specifications
- Construction measurements and calculations
- Timber and building materials
- Safe use of carpentry tools and equipment
- Communication and teamwork on construction projects
- Health and Safety
- Working at Heights

Students will also have the opportunity to gain industry recognised qualifications including:

- First Aid Certificate
- Site Safe Passport
- Paslode Nailer Certification
- Health and Safety Training
- Technical Drawing and Plan Interpretation
- Quantity Surveying and Material Estimating
- Competency in the safe use of carpentry tools and equipment (*academy tools supplied on loan*)

Entry Requirements

Students must apply through the **SchoolPoint** online course selection process or speak with **Mr Kanuta, Mr Hackett, or Miss Maxwell**.

Applications will be assessed, and shortlisted students will be invited to attend an interview before places are offered.

As places in the academy are limited, selection is based on more than just an interest in building. Applicants are expected to demonstrate:

- A genuine interest in the building and construction industry.
- A positive attitude, strong work ethic, and willingness to learn.
- Good standards of **attendance**, as regular participation is essential for practical learning and working on the house build.
- A commitment to maintaining positive behaviour and representing the Academy professionally.
- Appropriate **literacy and numeracy skills** to enable students to read plans and specifications, complete written assessments, perform construction calculations, and communicate effectively on site.

Students who consistently demonstrate commitment, responsibility, and a willingness to contribute positively to the Academy culture will gain the most from the programme.

Please note: There is no separate AWVA application form. All application information will be collected through SchoolPoint and discussed during the interview and Academy enrolment process.

For further information, please contact **Sarah Maxwell** at smaxwell@masseyhigh.school.nz.
Or send a message on Teams

Our Academy Values

Everything we do is built on four core values that prepare our students not only to become skilled builders, but also respected members of the construction industry and the wider community.

Service

We serve our school, our community, our clients, and one another. We take pride in giving back through projects that make a positive difference.

Purpose

We work with intention. Every lesson, every task, and every build has a purpose—to develop knowledgeable, skilled, and work-ready young tradespeople.

Responsibility

We take ownership of our learning, our behaviour, our safety, and the quality of our workmanship. We are reliable, accountable, and committed to doing every job to the highest standard.

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We uphold the values of respect, integrity, humility, and leadership. We honour ourselves, our teammates, and our community by taking pride in our work and representing the Massey High School Carpentry Academy with professionalism.

Our Vision

We don't just build houses we build good people.

Building Skills. Building Character. Building Futures.