



Welcome to the Early Childhood Education Academy.

This course provides students with the knowledge, skills, and practical experience needed to work with young children. Students will explore child growth and development, learning through play, health and wellbeing, positive behaviour guidance, and professional practice within the early childhood education sector. The course is ideal for students considering careers in teaching, early childhood education, primary education, health, social services, or other professions that involve working with children and families.

Course Structure

- One period per day, five days within the six-day timetable cycle.
- One day each week is spent on placement at an Early Childhood Centre, Kindergarten, or Primary School for approximately one and a half terms.
- Placements provide valuable workplace experience and contribute towards the completion of NCEA Level 3 unit standards.
- All assessments are a combination of practical and theory-based tasks.
- Academy course – No fees.

Students will learn about:

- Child growth and development
- Learning through play
- Children's health, hygiene, and holistic wellbeing
- Positive behaviour guidance strategies
- Early childhood education services, philosophies, and teaching practices
- Professionalism in the workplace
- Te Whāriki – The New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum
- Working with families and parenting practices
- Communicating with people from diverse cultures
- Teamwork and leadership skills

Placements are an essential part of the course, giving students the opportunity to apply their classroom learning in real early childhood settings while gaining valuable experience for future study and employment.

Academy students at MHS are offered driving lessons in a manual drive car, free of charge by our qualified driving instructor.

Early Childhood Education Academy Level 2

Unit Standard	Ver	Level	Description	Credits
32988	1	2	Describe and demonstrate basic care needs and practices for young mokopuna/children	5
23091	6	2	Communicate in the workplace using conversational te reo Maori and waita	5
29860	2	2	Describe strategies and practices to develop positive relationships, social and emotional competence in young children	6
29857	2	2	Describe patterns of development and learning for young mokopuna/children	5
29858	2	2	Provide and reflect on the value of play experiences for a mokopuna/child's development and learning	5
29855	2	2	Describe attachment behaviours and strategies used to support transitions for young mokopuna/children	3
Total credits				29

Early Childhood Education Academy Level 3

Unit Standard	Ver	Level	Description	Credits
29868	2	3	Describe professional behaviours and manage personal health and wellbeing in an early childhood setting	3
10019	7	3	Describe and contribute to safe practices and a safe environment for mokopuna/children in an early childhood setting	4
10026	7	3	Demonstrate knowledge of mokopuna/children's holistic development and learning in an early childhood setting	6
26708	5	3	Describe respectful, reciprocal and responsive relationships with mokopuna/children in an early childhood setting	4
29871	2	3	Describe and compare a range of ECE services and philosophies in Aotearoa New Zealand	3
29865	2	3	Describe and reflect on practices to protect and promote the health and holistic wellbeing of young mokopuna/children	4
Total credits				24

Fees and Transport. Our academy courses are fees free. Any trips for our students will have the transport paid for by MHS.

Entry and commitment from students. All students who wish to apply for this academy must indicate their choice of the Early Childhood Education Academy Pathway on the MHS Pathways online course selection. 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%.

Students may only select ONE academy.

To apply for an academy choose ONE of the following

1. Complete the online MHS course selection process and select the Academy (AWVA), you wish to apply for.

Email Sarah Maxwell at smaxwell@masseyhigh.school.nz for any further information