

Murupara Area School 2024



SERVICE ACADEMY

General

The Services Academy provides a military style programme to prepare students for meaningful employment.

Aim

The aim of this Services Academy is to provide an opportunity for the students to push individual boundaries, find new physical and mental limits, to encourage team work, discipline, competitiveness, and to develop skills that will increase the chances of gaining meaningful employment.

Conduct

The programme runs one course per year funded for twenty students.

The academy will be attending,

- 12-day Induction Camp in Waiouru,
- 5-day Bush craft Camp
- 5x Students nominated by NZDF staff to attend the Basic Leaders Course
- 2x Students nominated for the Advanced Leaders course and a
- 5-day Adventure Race held at the end of term 3 year.

These activities are run by the Youth Life Skills of the NZDF.

ALL ACADEMY STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ALL THESE CAMPS.

Venue

The venue for this programme is held in the Murupara Area School gym. We have a large classroom which provides an excellent learning environment and includes kitchen and ablution facilities. We also utilise the swimming pool, netball courts, surrounding hills and tracks, Murupara town fields and gymnasium for our fitness component of the course.

Criteria for Selection

The successful applicants must:

- Be prepared to work hard, demonstrate commitment and self –discipline
- Have a good standard of health and fitness
- Be free of serious convictions
- Demonstrate an interest in the Services (Navy, Army, Air Force, Police, Fire)
- Some students may be taken if deemed “At risk” of disengaging from school
minimum of 12 credits Math and English at NCEA level 1 will increase the chances of selection.

Studies

The programme curriculum covers the following components and assessments against unit standards and achievement standards.

- Services training
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Personal fitness
- Numerous camps run by the NZDF over the year

Qualifications

On completion of this 12-month programme, students should have obtained credits towards the completion of NCEA Level 2 and 3.

Students will also have skills relevant for the following career pathways:

- Any of the Armed Forces
- Police Force
- Fire Service

Attendance

Regular and reliable attendance is expected. This is essential, both for programme completion and educational requirements.

Absences must be notified, and acceptable reasons given. These attendance requirements will meet the standards already established by the School.

Failure to maintain regular attendance will jeopardise the students place on this programme.

Uniforms

All trainees selected will be given a customised Services Academy uniform.

All trainees will be expected to wear the uniform to a very high standard.

Point of Contact

If there are any questions about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact the following details:

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Conclusion

This programme is a great success. I encourage anyone who is interested in developing practical life skills and/or gaining employment within the Armed Forces or Services to step up and have a go.

Induction Course

Induction course is a 12-day course held in Waiohuru Army Military Camp. Here all 13 Service Academies from the Central North Island Region from Whakatane to Wellington experience the lifestyle of a Soldier, Sailor or Airmen. The students all stay in the Army barracks in their respective platoons commanded by Military Staff. Every day is planned to start at 0530 every morning to late hours of the night. Activities the students participate in are:

Military Drill

Ethos and Values of the Defence Force

Activity based learning

Army tent construction

Physical Training everyday

Mental exercises

Leadership tasks

Self-pride and confidence

NZ Military history

Team dynamics

Social responsibility work

Cross Country in the Army training areas

Army assault con course

Barrack routine and structure

And many more activities where the students are challenged Mentally, Physically, emotionally. There is no other environment better than being in a real-life Military Camp experience.



Bushcraft



Bushcraft is an Outdoor recreation course where the students learn how to live in a camping environment. Again, NZDF Staff oversee the entire exercise. It gives them an insight on some of the things the Defense Force practice whilst in the field. Here the students learn how to:

- Set up camp using what they have in their back packs
- Tramping
- River crossing
- Navigate using map and compass
- Building survival shelters
- Collecting water
- Improvised Stretcher making
- Cooking in the field
- Maintaining hygienic
- Setting up animal traps using what you have on you.

Bushcraft is a 5-day field exercise held in different parts of the country.



Basic Leaders Course

Basic Leaders is a 5-day leadership course held in Trentham Military Camp, Wellington. Students are nominated by their Platoon commanders from Induction Course for showing and displaying traits of Leadership. Here the students learn everything about leading teams with a military styled leadership template. The students are put into teams. They are put through numerous tasks and activities where they plan, come up with a set of orders (task plan) and they present it to their respective group. The objective is to give the orders and to stand back and let your team do everything. This is a challenge as some leaders get in and do the work where they are supposed to lead. Again, 5 students from each academy are nominated and all work together. Basic Leaders course is where students learn the fundamentals of leading teams.



Advance Leaders



Advanced Leaders is a more intense leadership course. 2 students from each academy are nominated by NZDF Staff from Basic Leaders. This is also held in Trentham Military Camp. The activities are more structured, challenging and more demanding into what you are required to have for the task to achieve the objective.



Adventure Challenge

Adventure Challenge is the last and final academy course of the year. This course is a 5-day course and changes location every year. Everything the students have learnt throughout the year is put into the Adventure Challenge. It is a final academy vs academy race and also finds out who the top academy is. The activities they participate in are:

White Water Rafting

Mountain biking

Hiking navigation course

Hot pools

Fun and games

BBQs and hangi preparation.

This is also a farewell to those students leaving to go onto their career paths and those starting their careers in the NZDF Army, Air Force or Navy.



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