



Extension Classes at MBI

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At MBI we offer two Extension Classes in Year 7 and Year 8. These classes aim to provide students with the opportunity to explore key issues and themes in greater breadth and depth. There is an enhanced focus on intellectual challenges that stimulate student agency, creativity, problem solving, analytical expression and higher order thinking.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CANDIDATES

The following characteristics can be reflective of students who are potential candidates for Extension Classes:

- Masters information quickly, easily grasps underlying principles
- Displays logical and analytical thinking
- Likes intellectual challenges
- Produces original ideas
- Is prepared to experiment with novel ideas and risk being wrong
- Strives for high standards and personal achievement
- Is highly self-motivated and sets personal goals
- Is persistent in seeing tasks to completion
- Asks searching questions
- Embraces leadership opportunities

SELECTION PROCESS

With limited spaces available, we aim to select students who are a 'best fit' for the opportunity. The following process supports our ability in making this judgement.

1. Parent(s) and/or students indicate interest during the Enrolment process
2. Recommendation/support from Primary School
3. Previous academic success
4. Involvement in passion areas (Music, Arts, Sport, Humanitarian, Social, etc.)
5. Achievement on entrance tests (Math, Reading, Writing, Critical thinking)
6. Creative and Social Leadership characteristics during Problem Solving task

Students who would like to apply for a place in one of our Extension Classes will be asked to attend a 'Selection Day' in Term 4. Please refer below or over the page for further details.

All final decisions of placement in the Extension Class are confirmed by the Extension Class Co-ordinator and school Principal. MBI reserves the right to review any class placement and make a decision regarding the continuation or exemption of the placement in the Extension Class.

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SELECTION PROCESS continued:

- The cost to participate in an Extension Class Selection Day is \$15 per student
- During the Extension Class Selection Day students will participate in entrance tests and problem solving tasks.

- Applicants have the choice of two Extension Class Selection Day dates:
 - Monday 21st October, 9.15am - 2.30pm OR
 - Tuesday 29th October, 9.15am - 2.30pm
 - Students attend EITHER day, not both*

- To register your child's name and details for one of the Extension Class Selection Days, please follow this process:
 - Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>
 - Click on 'Make A Booking'
 - Enter the Code m3xrb
 - Enter the required information.

- Please make payment of \$15 in one of the following ways
 - Internet Banking:
 - Account Name: Murrays Bay Intermediate School Board of Trustees
 - Account Number: 12 3042 0257051 01
 - Particulars: Y7EXT
 - Code: Family Name of student
 - Reference: First Name of student
 - MBIS School Office between 9am and 2.30pm

- Registration and payment for both Extension Class Selection Days will CLOSE Friday 27th September at 3pm
Both registration and payment must be received by this date and time please.

- 2020 class placements will be advised to families by email.

SELECTION DAY:

- On 'Selection Day' can students bring these items with them please:
 - Pens, pencils and an eraser
 - A packed morning tea, lunch, and drink
 - They may bring money to make a purchase from our lunch room if they wish