

2009 has seen the launch of a new **Arts Academy** at Otumoetai Intermediate School.

For a number of years the school has provided an **Incredible Minds Programme** to cater for our gifted and talented students. This involves students who have been identified as gifted, in a range of advanced learning and activities. Each student has an **individual learning pathway** facilitated by a staff member whose role is to link these students with appropriate mentors and experts and to develop a programme of learning particularly suited to them as an individual.

The launch of our **Arts Academy** is the next stage of this continuing development in the arts at our school.

The Arts Academy provides opportunities for three different groups of students in the disciplines of Visual Art, Dance/Drama and Music. The Arts Academy programme will run in conjunction with our school **Incredible Minds programme** and involve students who have been identified through individual learning pathways as being our top gifted and talented students in these three disciplines.

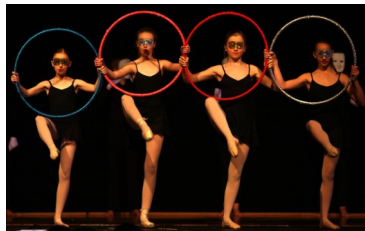
Successful applicants spend each Friday involved in extension activities in either; visual arts, dance /drama or music. Students are invited to apply to the **Arts Academy** and numbers are limited.

As a school we are committed to ensuring all students receive a large variety of opportunities and the introduction of this new initiative will enable students with a particular talent in these disciplines to extend their abilities and to be an active participant in the performing arts and visual arts.

**For all students there is an expectation of excellence in everything we do. This includes presentation, team work and a high standard of skill development. It is our goal to maintain the school's reputation as one of New Zealand's premier intermediate schools and to provide our year 7 and 8 students with the best opportunities for performing and visual arts in the country.**

## Dance and Drama

Students study Musical Theatre, Theatre Sports and Productions. They take part in Competitions, such as Fresh Moves, and put on a show at the end of the year. They also visit local theatres and attend workshops with local directors and choreographers.



## Music

Students spend each Friday studying music. The day is made up of ensemble work, playing in groups, including the school band. Students will study songwriting, composition, and arranging. They will examine Music Technology, including such topics as computer based recording and live sound production.



## Private Lessons

Within the Arts Academy umbrella are private lessons, which also take place on a Friday. Currently there are; Drum lessons, Guitar lessons, Saxophone and Trumpet tuition, plus Stomp Percussion workshops.



## Visual Arts

Students take part in the Young Designer Awards. They create works for local and national art competitions, and for exhibition. They also attend local exhibitions, and attend workshops by guest artists.





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