



Hamilton Boys' High School

Academy of Arts 2011



Sapiens fortunam fingit sibi

He tangata maarama maana e whakairo toona ara

A wise man carves his own fortune

Academy of Arts

Based on a strong and proud arts tradition and a history of success at the highest level, the Hamilton Boys' High School Academy of Arts continues to develop fine young artists. The role of the Academy, and the Junior Specialist Arts Programme, is to provide our talented young artists with the guidance, tuition and coaching they need to reach their considerable potential. Not only do our artists improve at their chosen discipline, they also learn to balance their artistic commitments with their academic pursuits and their personal lives.

Mission Statement

To identify, support and maximise the development of talented visual and performing artists within Hamilton Boys' High School.

To create an environment that encourages artistic and personal excellence, one that develops creative thought and commitment through high performance programmes.

Hamilton Boys' High School has an enormous talent base and a strong sense of pride in the School and the artistic success it has achieved.

The School believes in the ideal of the 'right people delivering the right message,' and has been fortunate to secure the services of some of New Zealand's finest teachers, coaches and mentors.

Mr James Sutherland - Director of Culture

Head of Art

Painting, design, sculpture

With a degree from Edinburgh College of Art Mr Sutherland has 10 years experience teaching. He is a practicing artist, exhibiting both painted and photographic works and has experience in film making. Combined with a full time art teaching responsibility at school Mr Sutherland lectures University of Waikato Secondary Senior Teacher Trainee students.

Mr Adrian Botting

Head of Music, Head of Arts Languages and Music Faculty

Waikato's foremost music teaching specialist with over 20 years experience in Waikato schools, Mr Botting is a current band leader and professional musician in a wide range of genres. Mr Botting is the former Music Advisor and Arts Curriculum facilitator at Waikato University.

Ms Heather Bramwell-Fletcher

Visual Arts

A passionate and experienced artist, Ms Bramwell-Fletcher has an established art career within the Waikato. She is best known for her eclectic art practice which crosses a range of art media. Ms Bramwell-Fletcher curates the popular "Coasting" exhibition.

Mr Peter Skandera
Guitar & Gypsy Pickers

Mr Skandera is an internationally recognised performer and has taught guitar for 18 years at HBHS. Peter is a New Zealand Award winning Recording Artist and sought after performer. Peter is the inspiration and driving force behind the school guitar ensemble the Gypsy Pickers.

Mr Mike Booth
Trumpet/Band Leader

An ex-student of HBHS, Mr Booth is a highly regarded musician with over thirty years experience. He is recognised internationally as a performer, clinician and tutor. Mr Booth has tutored at various National Jazz clinics and was Big Band Director at the Alkmaar Conservatory in Holland.

Mr Bevan Galbraith
Rock, Drums

Mr Galbraith is an old boy of the school and has 12 years working with bands in a range of styles. In 2005 he took a European tour with 'Dead Pan Rangers' and has been teaching for 5 years. He taught for 8 years as an itinerant teacher. The school enters the Waikato Smokefree Rock Quest each year with considerable success .

Mr Alister Johnstone
Piano

Mr Johnstone teaches piano in both jazz and classical style, and also contributes to examination preparation. He is an experienced classroom teacher and former HOD Music.

Mr Nathan Koretz
Saxophone

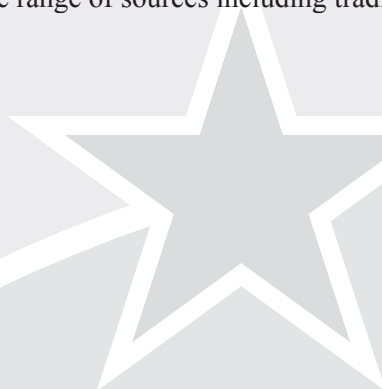
Mr Koretz is a prolific and multi-talented musician with over 12 years experience in rock and jazz. He is involved with many groups locally and has experience as a "session" musician in America.

Mr Daniel Peters
Choir

Mr Peters is a graduate of the University of Waikato where he was actively involved with the University Choir and the University Opera. Daniel has a wide range of musical interests including electroacoustics and composition with a strong emphasis on New Zealand music.

Whole School Assembly Singing

Our whole school focuses on singing in weekly assemblies and prepares for House competitions in both traditional and modern song. Songs are drawn from a wide range of sources including traditional, cultural and popular.



Specialist Visiting Lecturers and Clinicians

Mr Jeremy Mayall

Jazz and Composition

Mr Mayall is a well known composer who has had works performed by the NZSO and NZ Youth Orchestra. Jeremy writes for film as well as his own projects. Jeremy is an old boy of HBHS, and has a Masters Degree in Composition.

Matthew Hantler - Voice. Mr Hantler is an old boy and winner of the 2006 Golden Guitar National Award. He is a well known performer in both country and jazz domains.

Mr Brian Bevage - Voice. Mr Bevage has given many years assisting us in shows and professional performing.

Mr Thomas Botting - Jazz Rock. Mr Botting is an old boy with a Masters degree in Jazz and works with the school's Jazz Band and Combos.

Artist in Residence

The school's Art Department liaises with the Department of Media Arts at Wintec, sharing expertise and fostering links within the arts community. At senior levels Year 13 students attend joint life drawing classes. Such opportunities are set to expand to junior levels where weekend workshops will be offered. The Art Department offers an internship to Wintec students who wish to experience teaching as an Artist in Residence.

Mr Colin Leach

Drama and Production

Mr Leach has directed more than 20 school productions. For the last two years he has taught drama full time allowing boys to specialise within the curriculum in drama and movement. Mr Leach also teaches theatresports and directs Shakespeare productions for the Sheila Winn competitions. Each year the school combines with Hamilton Girls' High School for our annual full scale production. This is a major event allowing boys to experience all parts of a major production, from backstage work in lighting, sound and set to acting in a wide variety of possible roles. Our productions are always supported musically providing useful production experience for our musicians.

Debating & Speech

Mr Kevin Brown

Mr Brown has been involved in coaching, adjudicating and convening debating and speech over 20 years at school through to championship level. Boys are involved in Junior and Senior Waikato schools debating competition. This leads to National competitions. Toby Shephard has won a place in the 3 person Waikato team who will compete at the Nationals as well winning the Speakers Cup for Best Speaker at Waikato Regional Russell McVeagh Championship. All teams are involved in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) competitions.

Film and Television

Mr Quentin West

The school has an extensive video and audio programme. Students document the life of the school, as well as creating their own film and television works.

Mr James Sutherland- Director of Culture

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