



# **SERVICES ACADEMY**

August 2021

## **General**

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

## **Aim**

2. The aim of this academy is to provide an opportunity for 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**

3. The programme runs one course per year funded for twenty students.
4. The academy will be attending a 12-day Induction Camp, 5-day Bush craft Camp and a 3-day Adventure Race during the year. These activities are run by the Youth Life Skills of the NZDF and all Academy students will be required to attend.

## **Venue**

5. The venue for this programme will be James Cook High School. We have a large upstairs class room which provides an excellent learning environment and includes downstairs ablution facilities. We also utilise the swimming pool, tennis courts and gymnasium for the fitness component of the course.

### **Criteria for Selection**

6. The successful applicants must:
- Be prepared to work hard, demonstrate commitment and self –discipline
  - Be prepared to improve their fitness, attitude and academic performance
  - Be free of serious convictions
  - Demonstrate an interest in the Services (Navy, Army, Air Force, Police, Fire)

### **Studies**

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

- Services training
- English
- Maths
- Science
- Personal fitness
- Life Skills
- Numerous camps run by the NZDF over the year



### **Qualifications**

9. On completion of this 12-month programme, trainees should have obtained credits towards the completion of NCEA Level 2

10. Trainees will have also developed some skills relevant for the following career pathways

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

## Attendance

11. Regular and reliable attendance is expected. This is essential, both for programme completion and educational requirements.
12. Absences and lateness must be notified and acceptable reasons given.
13. Failure to maintain regular attendance will jeopardise the trainees place on this programme.

## Interview

14. There will be an interviewing process prior to the selection of candidates.

Ensure you attend your classes during term 3 as your teachers will be given your scheduled interview time at some stage. Ask them if you are unsure.

Make sure you are on time to your interview and have thought about “WHY?” you want to join the Academy.

## Uniforms

15. All trainees selected will earn a customised Services Academy uniform.
16. All trainees will be expected to wear the uniform to a very high standard.
17. Trainees must also possess a regulation JCHS senior uniform which is to be worn until the services uniform has been earned.

## Point of Contact

18. If there are any questions about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact myself on 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.

Further information can be found on the school website [www.jchs.school.nz](http://www.jchs.school.nz) or [Services Academy Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#)