

ACORN ACADEMY

Information and Application Pack 2012

Looking for a better education for your child?
Wanting more support with your homeschooling?
Needing to prepare your child for high school?

The answer is:

ACORN ACADEMY

Private Home Education – New Entrants to Year 8

Winner of the Great NZ Book Quiz 1998, 1999, 2005, 2006
Winner of Paperplus National Children's Literature Quiz 1999
Runner-up in Great NZ Book Quiz 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

- ✓ small group classes – for maximum personal progress
 - ✓ genuine individual attention for each child
 - ✓ full academic curriculum
 - ✓ regular assessment programme during term
 - ✓ detailed written reports each term
- ✓ stationery and textbooks provided at no extra cost
 - ✓ especially suitable for the gifted child
- ✓ training in work study habits and personal goal-setting
- ✓ accelerated Maths including early high school Maths where appropriate
 - ✓ emphasis on correct formal language skills in all subjects
- ✓ enriched literature programme including the best of the classics and an introduction to Shakespeare
- ✓ unique Social Studies programme covering all major periods of history, studied chronologically
 - ✓ optional foreign language studies (French and Latin)
 - ✓ thematically-linked Art sessions using a range of media
- ✓ music: group voice training with professional singing teacher plus music appreciation studies
 - ✓ opportunity to participate in annual Australian Maths, English and Science competitions
- ✓ involvement in a variety of events with other schools, eg. Music Festivals, Poetry and Art Competitions, Book Quizzes

For further details, contact Mrs Deborah Penk
by phone: 818 4449 fax: 818 5394 email: acornacademy@xtra.co.nz

web: www.acornacademy.co.nz

An application form and relevant paperwork are included below for your convenience.

Acorn Academy - Enrolment Application

Child's Full Name		Boy/Girl	Date of Birth
Child's place in family	Name of last school attended		Class
Does the child have any allergies?		Is the child taking special medication?	
Does the child suffer from any disability?		Has the child attended a speech clinic?	
Has the child undertaken any psychological counselling, either privately or on referral by an education authority?		Ethnic Origin	Language spoken at home
What serious illnesses, diseases, operations has the child had?			
Parents' or Guardians' full names			
1.		2.	
Occupation		Occupation	
Residential address		Residential address	
Mailing address (if different)		Mailing address (if different)	
Email:		Email:	
Home telephone number		Home telephone number	
Business telephone number		Business telephone number	
Mobile telephone number		Mobile telephone number	
If the need should arise, whom may we contact in an emergency?			
Name	Relationship to child	Telephone number	
Address fees accounts should be sent to if different from above:			

Please forward, along with a copy of the child's latest school report to:

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 Acorn Academy
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 Glen Eden
 Auckland 0602

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Acorn Academy - Enrolment Application

I should like my child _____, age _____, to be considered for enrolment at Acorn Academy in the following programmes:

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| A. | ACADEMIC CORE PROGRAMME (MON, WED, THURS, FRI) | [|] |
| B. | ONE-DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME (TUES) | [|] |
| C. | JUNIOR PROGRAMME (YEARS ONE AND TWO) | [|] |
| Or | A & B COMBINED | [|] |

Should my preferred programme not be available, I should like my child to be considered for the following:

My child has these special interests/abilities: _____

My child has these special needs: _____

My reasons for wanting to enrol my child at Acorn Academy: _____

My name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Please note that these applications may be made at any time. On acceptance of a place, a bond will be required, equivalent to two weeks' fees. (For details of fees, bond, period of required notice and other conditions, please refer to the separate Rules of Tuition)

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'Tall oaks from little acorns grow'
(David Everett 1769 – 1813)

HOME EDUCATION SUPPORT for the Primary and Intermediate Years

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FLEXIBLE PROGRAMME FOR ATTENDANCE IN 2012

A. Academic Core Programme (Years 1 – 8)

9am – 1pm *Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.*

Comprising: *English Language*

English Literature

Mathematics

Mental Arithmetic

Science

Social Studies

B. One Day Enrichment Programme (Years 1 – 8)

9am – 3pm *Tuesday*

Comprising: *Art*

Singing

Poetry Appreciation

Mental Arithmetic

Music Appreciation

C. Junior Programme (available for Years 1 – 2)

9am – 1pm *Monday – Friday*

Comprising: *English*

Handwriting

Maths

Topic Studies as appropriate.

*Details of fees for all programmes
are available on request.*

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Rules of Tuition

In the interests of all concerned, certain conditions need to be stated and agreed to. Failure to adhere to these conditions may result in termination of enrolment, without refund of fees or bond. Please read the following carefully and indicate your agreement by signing on the second page.

Behaviour: Children should be respectful, co-operative and friendly at all times.

Punctuality: Children should not arrive before 8.30am, and not later than 8.55am (ready to begin work promptly at 9am).

Regular attendance: Attendance must be regular, to ensure steady progress. Any absence or late arrival should be explained by a telephone call, preferably by 10am on the first day of absence.

Stationery: Basic stationery (e.g. exercise books and other materials) will be supplied, but children will be required to provide their own writing instruments and other miscellaneous items (see list). It is the child's responsibility to make sure they bring whatever stationery will be required for each day. Borrowing is not encouraged.

Books and other resources: Children may borrow books or other resources but will be liable for any loss or damage.

Homework: Homework will be set and should be done according to instructions – any work not completed should be explained in a signed note from a parent.

Homework books: These should be signed by a parent each night. Your child has the responsibility to present the book to you when they have completed their work each evening. If you sign the homework book, that is your indication that the parent is happy with what has been done. If there are any difficulties, a short signed note should be added. This communication is vital to ensure your child's optimal progress while at Acorn Academy.

Trips: Short walks under supervision in the immediate neighbourhood may be undertaken without written permission, but any trips involving transport will be advised in the usual way. Once permission is given, the trip will proceed at the parents' risk, in the knowledge that full supervision will be provided.

Field trips are a carefully-planned part of the curriculum. Except in exceptional circumstances they should be attended by all children who are enrolled on the day involved. If a half-day is missed because of a trip, the child is also likely to miss other work, which is fitted in on the morning of the trip or in the afternoon after the trip. This is disruptive, as well as detrimental to your child's learning. None of the trips are frivolous; they are all chosen to enhance what is being studied, and the child's work often incorporates what has been seen on a trip.

Children's behaviour on any trips must be of a high standard so as to maintain the good reputation of the Acorn Academy. Bad behaviour (including swearing) will not be tolerated at any time or in any place.

Other commitments: These should be arranged so as to avoid your child having to leave early. Not only does your child miss part of their topic work, but it is also disruptive for the whole group, who tend to think that their learning is already over for the day if one child leaves early.

Fees: Fees are payable either in a lump sum at the beginning of each term, for the whole term, or at a slightly higher rate on a weekly basis throughout the term.

On confirmation of your child's enrolment you will be asked to pay a bond, equivalent to two weeks' fees, which will be retained while your child remains at Acorn Academy. If you wish to withdraw your child during a term, you remain liable for fees for all the remaining weeks of the term involved. If your child is not continuing in a subsequent term, at least two weeks' notice is required; otherwise the bond will be forfeited.

Lunch Refuse: Children should take home with them any rubbish from their morning tea or lunch (i.e. uneaten food, wrappings etc.) so it does not create a storage problem.

Water-only Rule: Children should bring a drink of water with them to accompany their morning tea or lunch. No other drinks will be permitted for both health and environmental reasons.

Rules of Tuition – continued...

Discipline: All matters of behavioural interaction should be referred to Mrs Penk. No parent may directly or indirectly approach the child of another parent on such issues.

Progress: While every care is taken to ensure the optimal progress of each child, no guarantees of this can be given. The parent of each child retains the ultimate responsibility for the child's academic progress.

Payment: All payments, whether for trips or tuition fees, must be in a named, sealed envelope.

Agreement

I have read the above Rules and agree to abide by them. I accept that any continued or serious breach may result in my child being required to leave Acorn Academy without a refund of fees.

Signed (Parent) Date:/...../.....

Print name

Signed (Child) Date:/...../.....

Print name