

How the Military-Style Academy programme supports rangatahi

The programme helps rangatahi:

- connect back to education in a supported and positive way
- achieve goals they set
- improve physical fitness
- develop skills that will help them in the real world
- try new experiences
- understand their behaviour, how it is contributing to offending and how they can develop new positive behaviours.

Military-Style Academy order

**Information for rangatahi
and their whānau, family
or caregiver**



The Military-Style Academy order is one of the orders the Youth Court can make if a rangatahi (young person) aged 15 to 18 has been declared a Young Serious Offender because they have committed serious offences, have a high risk of reoffending, and have not responded successfully to previous interventions and supports.

A family group conference will help the court decide how to respond to a rangatahi who is involved in serious offending

- Police indicate they are considering applying to the Youth Court for a Young Serious Offender declaration.
- The coordinator begins to convene the family group conference.
- The social worker gathers information from the rangatahi and their whānau or family to understand if a Military-Style Academy programme is the right fit.
- The rangatahi and their whānau or family take part in a family group conference. As part of the conference, they develop a plan that covers if a declaration is or if it's not made.
- The court considers the family group conference plan, the Police application and information from the social worker before deciding whether the rangatahi is a Young Serious Offender and what orders.

The court can make a Military-Style Academy order to respond to offending

If a rangatahi is declared a Young Serious Offender, the court may make a Military-Style Academy order if it considers that attending a Military-Style Academy programme is in the best interests of rangatahi, will help hold them accountable for their offending and will promote the safety and interests of the victim and community.

What can happen if a rangatahi is declared a Young Serious Offender

-  The judge may ask you to come back to court regularly to check how you are doing.
-  The judge may ask for longer supervision and supervision with activity, which may include curfew with electronic monitoring (wearing an electronic strap around your ankle).
-  The judge may include supervision with residence with no early release.
-  The judge may impose a Military-Style Academy order for 3 to 12 months.
-  A social worker will work closely with rangatahi and whānau or family to provide support.

The Military-Style Academy order means that a rangatahi:

- is in the custody of Oranga Tamariki
- must attend a Military-Style Academy programme run by Oranga Tamariki at a youth justice residence.

The Military-Style Academy programme must be followed by a supervision order.