



🕒 Riding Courses

Courses are a speciality at Moutere Downs. Below is an outline of our 3 most popular ones. We can also run customised learning programmes built for your specific requirements.

Holiday Programmes



These are available every New Zealand school holidays for students 9 years of age and over.

Each course is for 4 days, usually operated from Tuesday to Friday inclusive. The course content is 50% riding and 50% horse care. Students are matched on age and experience, their course work is adjusted accordingly. They make rapid progress during

the 4 days and have lots of fun. They may stay on in the afternoon by arrangement and help out at the Centre.

Our holiday courses are very popular with students and parents. We also run similar courses for adults by arrangement.

Advance bookings are essential. To register please use the booking form on our website, or call at the below numbers.

Jumping Courses

These are currently run one weekend per month for our regular customers and you are welcome to join in. You can either bring your own horse or pony - or ride one of our Moutere Downs schoolmasters. Or we can arrange a course when we have interest from a minimum of 3 people.

Courses are offered at all levels from beginners (never jumped before) however if you can walk, trot and canter in a forward position to advanced (jumping 1.20m or more).

Dr Rhona MacKenzie is the lead trainer for these courses. She has an extensive background of over 40 years experience in training and competing homebred horses in both showjumping and eventing.

Rhona has added to this background with knowledge gained from training with top trainers and completing her own coaching qualifications. She uses proven methods to help her pupils gain confidence and skills.

The courses are held in our all-weather arena so the conditions are good for riding whatever the weather.

These courses are ideal for improving your technique and also for starting young horses over fences.

Horsemastership

Learn all about horse behaviour, horse care and management from the experts. Dr Rhona MacKenzie will teach you about the natural behaviour of horses in the wild and what that means in terms of handling and communication with us as human beings. You will learn about temperament and the structure and function of the horse as an equine athlete and what this means in relation to training methods.

Stable management

Handling the young or frightened horse

Practical tips in correction of behaviour problems.

Customised Courses - Just for You

Tell us what you want, and we'll design a course to meet your specific needs.

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