



Rotorua Boys' High School

ACADEMY BOOKLET

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SPORTS ACADEMY

Developing Talent. Building Character.
Achieving Excellence.



ABOUT OUR

SPORTS ACADEMY

Our Sports Academies provide students with the opportunity to excel in both sport and education through specialised coaching, structured training, and strength and conditioning support.

Offering pathways in Hockey, Football, Rugby, Golf, Cricket, and Basketball, the academies focus on developing skill, fitness, leadership, resilience, and teamwork while encouraging students to uphold high standards and represent the school with pride.

Through these programmes, we aim to develop well-rounded young people who are prepared for success both on and off the field.



HOCKEY ACADEMY



The Raukura Hockey Academy is a one-of-a-kind, hockey-specific programme in the Bay of Plenty region, dedicated to nurturing the next generation of talented players.

Our goal is to develop well-rounded hockey athletes by focusing not only on technical and tactical skills, but also on the physical, mental, and emotional elements that contribute to success both on and off the field.

Integrated into the students' in-school physical education time, the Academy enables players to grow their abilities within the school day while maintaining a strong academic focus.

Students can expect a comprehensive development programme including video analysis of matches, detailed skill breakdowns, modified games, hockey-specific strength and conditioning sessions, individual performance planning, off-site field trips, and mental skills workshops.

Training is supported by the latest hockey equipment and coaching techniques to ensure every athlete reaches their full potential.



DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY



Jamie Carroll

Mr J Carroll, our Director of Hockey and proud RBHS Old Boy, brings over 20 years of international playing and coaching experience to the Raukura hockey programme.

An accredited FIH Coach Educator and FIH Level 3 Coach, he most recently coached the New Zealand 35+ Men's team at the World Cup and worked with the New Zealand U18 Future Black Sticks Boys at Super Camp.

His expertise and leadership continue to strengthen and inspire our hockey community.



BASKETBALL ACADEMY



At the Raukura Basketball Academy, we welcome individuals who strive for excellence both on and off the court. Our academy is dedicated to nurturing well-rounded student-athletes by providing a structured and supportive environment where talent, discipline, and determination are developed to their fullest potential.

Our mission is to deliver high-quality, innovative training programmes that focus on both the technical and mental aspects of basketball. Through skill development, tactical understanding, and game awareness, our athletes are encouraged to push their boundaries and take pride in their growth. Beyond the game itself, we aim to instil values that translate into everyday life—resilience, confidence, and respect.

Academic achievement remains a cornerstone of the Raukura Basketball Academy. We believe that success in the classroom is just as important as success on the court. Our athletes are supported to set short- and long-term goals, manage their time effectively, and maintain balance in all areas of life.

Our vision is to empower every athlete who joins the Raukura Basketball Academy to reach their maximum potential—as skilled basketball players today and as confident, capable leaders of the world tomorrow.



DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL



Douglas Courtney

Our Basketball Academy is led by a proud Raukura Old Boy with over 20 years of coaching experience, a trained Physical Education teacher, and extensive involvement in high-performance sport. Passionate about giving back to the community that helped shape him, he fosters a positive, challenging environment where our boys develop their skills, build confidence, and learn to perform consistently at a high level—both on the court and in the classroom.

Through expert guidance, encouragement, and a focus on personal growth, the Academy empowers students to reach their full potential as athletes.



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL



Jared Davis

With over 15 years in sports coaching, I bring a deep passion for athlete development, performance, and holistic growth. My experience spans multiple disciplines — 12 years in Strength and Conditioning, 15 years in Basketball, and 10 years in Touch Rugby — giving me a well-rounded understanding of athletic performance across diverse sporting environments.

I've had the privilege of working with athletes from grassroots to competitive levels, helping them reach their full potential through tailored programs that build strength, agility, injury resilience, and sport-specific skills.



RUGBY ACADEMY



The Raukura Rugby Academy is built on a proud tradition of excellence, discipline, and brotherhood. Our program develops young men who show strength of character, leadership, and integrity both on and off the field. At Raukura, success in rugby begins with strong values and a commitment to continuous growth.

Students in the academy are expected to embody three core principles that define the Raukura Rugby whānau:

Work Ethic – Success comes from discipline, commitment, and a daily drive to improve. Players are encouraged to give their best in every training, classroom, and game.

Embrace the Culture – We are a brotherhood. Students are encouraged to honour our traditions, engage with Māori culture, and contribute positively to our kura and community. A good man makes a good rugby player.

Be Coachable – Growth comes from staying open-minded, listening, and applying feedback. The best players are those who adapt and keep learning.

Through expert coaching, strength and conditioning, performance analysis, and leadership development, the academy provides a pathway for players to reach their potential. Academic achievement and life balance remain key priorities, ensuring our players leave Raukura ready for success in sport and in life.



DIRECTOR OF RUGBY



Jeremy Te Huia

Jeremy brings a wealth of experience and a deep passion for developing young athletes. A former semi-professional player in New Zealand, he represented North Otago, Wairarapa Bush, and the Hurricanes Development team before taking his talents to Europe, where he played test rugby for Germany after qualifying through residency.

Jeremy's coaching philosophy centres on discipline, hard work, and integrity—values that develop not only exceptional rugby players but outstanding young men. He fosters a strong sense of whānau (family) within his teams, ensuring every player feels supported and connected.



DIRECTOR OF RUGBY ACADEMY



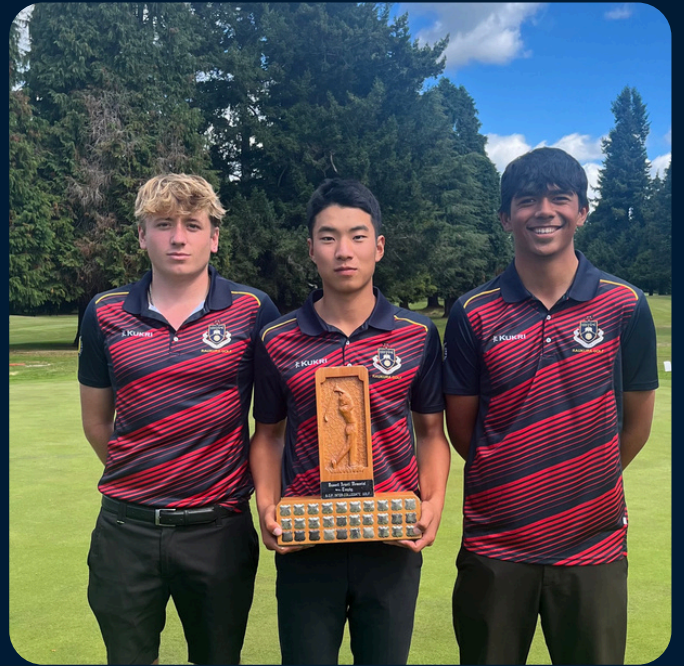
Hikawera Elliot

We are proud to have Hika Elliot, former All Black and renowned rugby legend whose career has inspired players across New Zealand and beyond.

A powerful hooker known for his strength, skill and leadership on and off the field, Hika represented the All Blacks, Chiefs, Hurricanes and Māori All Blacks with distinction. Over his career, he earned a reputation for his relentless work ethic, professionalism, and deep understanding of the game. Hika continues to give back to rugby, mentoring and coaching young athletes while sharing his passion, and values.



GOLF ACADEMY



The Raukura Golf Academy is committed to developing well-rounded young men who excel both on and off the course. Situated in the heart of New Zealand's geothermal capital, the academy delivers a structured programme that blends high-quality golf experience with academic support, mentoring, and personal growth.

Students receive up to four hours of golf training each week, including coaching, practice, and monitored 18-hole rounds. With memberships at Rotorua, Springfield, and Lakeview Golf Clubs, our players benefit from full access to top facilities and expert coaching to further refine their skills. The programme also incorporates FlightScope performance analysis, with future plans for a dedicated golf room featuring advanced simulator technology.

Academy golfers regularly represent the school at local, regional, and national competitions, gaining valuable experience in competitive play.

Supported by the school's strong sporting culture and the Tai Mitchell Hostel for boarding students, the Golf Academy provides a clear pathway for aspiring golfers to reach their potential — in sport, academics, and life.



DIRECTOR OF GOLF



Gordon Hunt

As Teacher in Charge of Golf, I'm proud to support our young men as they develop their skills, confidence, and love for the game. The Raukura Golf Academy is built on hard work, respect, and perseverance — values that matter both on and off the course.

With the support of our dedicated volunteers, coaching staff, and the wider golfing community, we provide every golfer with opportunities to learn, compete, and grow. My goal is to help our students become well-rounded young men who represent Raukura with pride, integrity, and a lifelong passion for golf.



FOOTBALL ACADEMY



The Raukura Football Academy is dedicated to developing confident, disciplined, and skilled players who strive for excellence both on and off the field. The academy provides a structured and supportive environment where students can grow as athletes, scholars, and young men.

Our programme focuses on technical ability, tactical understanding, physical conditioning, and mental resilience. Students participate in regular training sessions, match play, and skill development activities designed to enhance performance and teamwork.

Academy members represent the school in regional and national competitions, gaining valuable experience in high-level play while building a strong sense of camaraderie and pride in the Raukura jersey.

Backed by expert coaching staff and the proud sporting traditions of Rotorua Boys' High School, the Football Academy offers a clear pathway for talented players to achieve success — in football, in the classroom, and in life.



DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL



Ben Prangnell

With over 30 years of football experience in both the United Kingdom and New Zealand, Ben Prangnell brings extensive knowledge, leadership, and passion to the Raukura Football Academy. Having first served as Director of Football from 2006 to 2015, he played a key role in building a strong football culture at Raukura, guiding the school to its best-ever National Secondary Schools and Super 8 results.

Since returning in 2025, Ben has continued to strengthen the programme, focusing on teamwork, discipline, and player development both on and off the field.



CRICKET ACADEMY



The Rotorua Boys' High School Cricket Academy is dedicated to developing aspiring young cricketers by enhancing their technical, physical, and mental skills within a high-performance environment designed to help them excel.

Integrated into the school's physical education programme, the academy provides year-round development through specialist coaching, video analysis, strength and conditioning, mental skills training, match preparation across all formats, and opportunities for tours and elite cricket experiences.

Guided by a coaching philosophy that values leadership, teamwork, adaptability, humility, and purposeful training, the academy aims to create confident players who are equipped to pursue higher honours both within school cricket and at representative level.

Through positive work ethic, individualised support, and a culture that encourages players to learn, ask questions, and express themselves, students are provided with a first-class cricketing experience both on and off the field.



DIRECTOR OF CRICKET



Jeff Simmons

Former Rotorua Boys' High School 1st XI batsman and Super 8 Champion (2000), Jeff returns to Raukura as Director of Cricket. A Cricket Australia Level 3 coach, Jeff gained valuable insight through mentorships with former Black Caps coaches Mike Hesson and Glen Turner during his time in the Otago Cricket Academy while at university.

Having represented Northern Districts, Bay of Plenty, and Rotorua at both age-group and senior levels, Jeff brings extensive playing and coaching experience, including more than 20 years as a professional player and elite coach in the U.K. and Australia.

