

ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



International Prospectus



Why Choose Rotorua Boys' High School



Rotorua Boys' High School is recognised for excellence in boys' education, with NCEA results consistently above national averages and comparable schools, including outstanding rates of Excellence endorsements. We are proud to lead innovative learning through our long-standing accelerate and curriculum enrichment programmes, alongside a strong vision for digital learning .



Rotorua Boys' High School, founded in 1914, has built a proud tradition of excellence across academics, sport, performing arts, leadership, and citizenship. Each year, we celebrate the achievements of our students at our Celebrating Success evening and annual Prizegiving events.



Rotorua Boys' High School has a proud tradition of competing successfully at the highest levels of national and international secondary school sport. This is reflected in the outstanding results achieved across a wide range of sporting codes, as well as the number of students who go on to represent New Zealand each year.



Rotorua Boys' High School offers a wide range of performing arts opportunities, with students strongly encouraged to get involved and develop their talents. Our students regularly perform at a variety of local and regional events, showcasing their skills and creativity



Rotorua Boys' High School has a proud tradition of developing strong leaders and places a strong emphasis on leadership growth. Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles and act as responsible role models for others within the school community.



Rotorua is centrally located in New Zealand's North Island, making it an ideal base to explore some of the country's best surf beaches, ski fields, shopping destinations, golf courses, and cultural festivals. Located in the heart of the city, Rotorua Boys' High School is a highly regarded learning destination for international students seeking both quality education and a unique New Zealand experience.

MR JOHN KENDAL

Tumuaki/Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome to the start of your journey with us here at Raukura. We are honoured to welcome you and your son-whāngai as you take these first steps toward becoming part of our proud legacy.

We hope to provide you with an insight into the many opportunities available at Raukura. Through the Arts, Academics, Sport, and Leadership, we have a strong tradition where our young men grow and thrive in education.

I look forward to meeting you and your whānau in the weeks and months ahead.

Nō reira, nau mai, haere mai, whakatau mai. Ko wai te kura!



Raukura Values

Pūmau - Be strong of character

Being strong of character means you show respect for both yourself and others, have personal integrity, take responsibility for the consequences of your actions and be a good citizen. Be a good man.

Whakātu ngārahutanga - Demonstrate leadership

Leadership can be taught and learned. You will have many opportunities to demonstrate leadership and be a good role model as well as encouraging appropriate behaviour in others. Be a good leader.

Ūpoko pakaru - Display commitment

Commitment means never giving up just because something is difficult. It encompasses a work ethic, time management and sacrifice in achieving your goals. Be a good worker.

Kapo huanga - Take opportunities

Taking opportunities is about embracing new challenges. You will be presented with a myriad of opportunities in your time at Rotorua Boys' High School. Enjoy the challenge.

Hirangatanga - Strive for excellence

Striving for excellence means you will always do your best, learn from your mistakes and seek continual improvement. Reach for the stars.

Whakaute - Show respect

Show respect to family, school, friends, team mates and especially yourself.





Our Students





Solomone Mailulu

I started at Rotorua Boys' High School in 2023 as a Year 11 student, and it was also my first time in New Zealand. It has been a huge honour to represent the school in both my studies and rugby.

What I love most about RBHS is the culture, the people, and the positive atmosphere. The Rugby Academy is my favourite class, and I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to study here and play the sport I love.

Eiji Kimura

When I first started at Raukura three years ago, I felt very nervous. Everything was unfamiliar, and I couldn't speak English, which made it difficult to understand others or express myself. Being away from my family and friends was also hard, and I often felt shy and unsure about how I would fit in.

Today, I feel completely different. I'm more confident, can communicate easily in English, and have made great friends who make school feel like home. The teachers are supportive, and I know I can ask for help whenever I need it.



Chima Okechukwu

I remember my first day at Raukura was a tense one. Everything was new - the environment, the people, even the layout of the classes. I remember wondering whether I would fit in or make any friends.

Now, I feel much more confident. I'm comfortable with my teachers and peers, and I've made friends who make school enjoyable. I also feel more confident in class when it comes to voicing my opinions and trying new things.



Curriculum

Rotorua Boys' High School recognises the importance of a curriculum that reflects the needs of our community and our learners. Guided by the New Zealand Curriculum, we design meaningful and engaging learning programmes that encourage students to become self-directed, take ownership of their learning, and challenge themselves to achieve their best. In the senior school, clear pathways for assessment and achievement through NCEA provide the foundation for our curriculum structure and support students in reaching their academic goals.

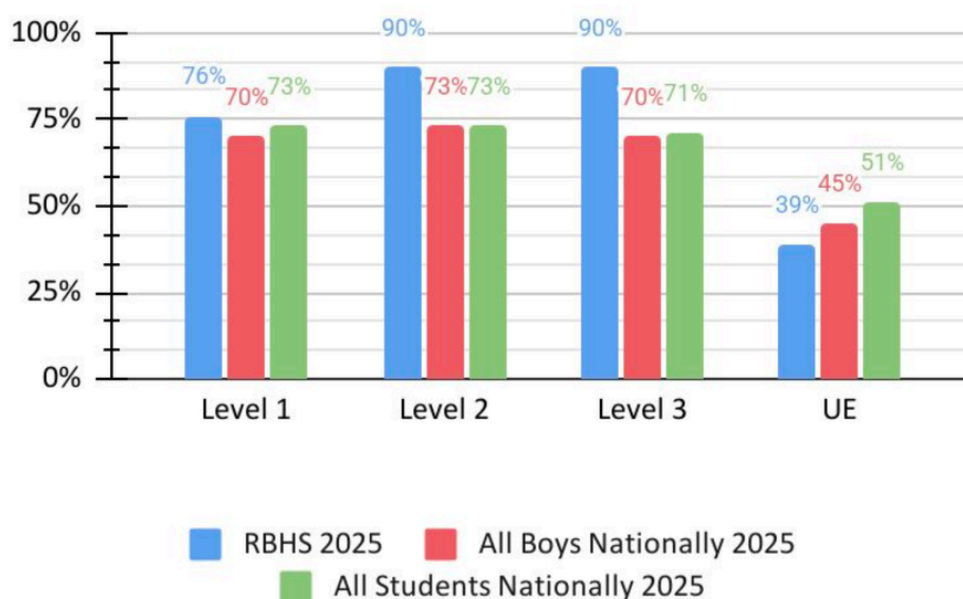
Device-Based Learning

At Rotorua Boys' High School, we use device-based learning to deliver our curriculum in ways that enhance student engagement and promote self-directed learning. This approach also strengthens connections between the school, parents, families, and whānau, while supporting responsible, learner-centred use of digital devices.

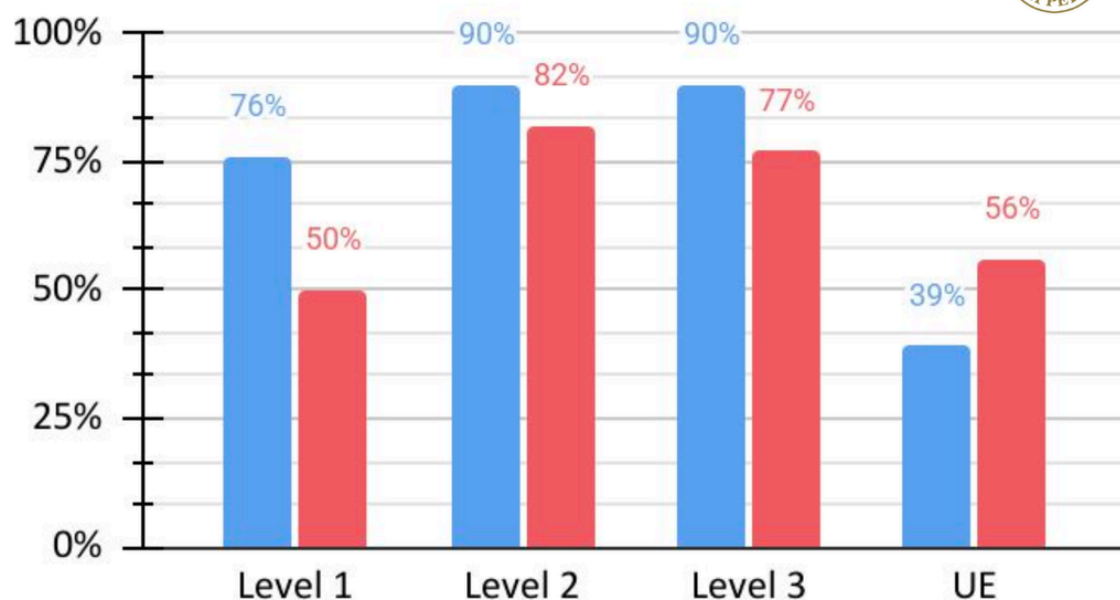


Academic Results

RBHS against All Students Nationally (2025)



RBHS against Single Sexed Boys School Nationally (2025)



Sports

Sport is a proud part of our identity at Rotorua Boys' High School. From top-level competition to fun lunchtime games, sport teaches our boys teamwork, resilience, and how to push themselves beyond limits. It's about representing your brothers, your school, and yourself with pride.

Raukura has a strong tradition of success in major sporting codes. Our students regularly compete—and win—at the highest levels nationally and internationally.

Some of the major codes we offer include:

- Rugby
- Basketball
- Golf
- Volleyball
- Waka Ama
- Touch
- Athletics
- Rugby League
- Football
- Cricket
- Badminton
- Squash
- Cross Country
- Hockey



Sports Academies

We offer high-performance academies that combine elite coaching, sport science, and academic balance.

Students who wish to join any of our sports academies first need to demonstrate their commitment to education and class etiquette through Physical Education, which is one of their core subjects. As the year progresses, students will be given the option to choose an academy, if they wish. If their applications are successful, they will move to targeted academy classes, rather than Physical Education classes.

Our six sports academies are:

- Rugby Academy
- Football Academy
- Basketball Academy
- Golf Academy
- Hockey Academy
- Cricket Academy





Boarding at Raukura



Tai Mitchell House is where boys from across Aotearoa, the Pacific and the world, come together and learn, grow, and build lifelong friendships. Boarding at Rotorua Boys' High School offers a unique blend of structure, support, and independence—helping young men thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Our carefully planned daily routines balance study, rest, and recreation to keep boys on track. Each evening includes supervised study sessions, while healthy and nutritious meals are provided throughout the day. Support staff are always available to assist with academic needs and wellbeing, and there's dedicated time set aside for physical activity, hobbies, and socialising.

Boarding life builds strong bonds and a sense of belonging. Lifelong friendships form through shared experiences, while daily routines help students learn responsibility through chores and time management. At the same time, they develop independence in a safe and caring environment.



Home Stay

Our homestay programme offers international students a safe, supportive, and welcoming family environment.

Living with a local host family provides a valuable opportunity to experience New Zealand culture firsthand while building confidence in everyday English.

Every host family is experienced, carefully selected, and vetted to ensure our students feel comfortable, cared for, and truly at home.



Insurance

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services in New Zealand unless they are Australian citizens or residents, United Kingdom nationals living in New Zealand, or holders of a temporary permit valid for two years or more. If you do not meet these criteria, you will be responsible for the full cost of any medical treatment, so Rotorua Boys' High School requires all international students to have comprehensive medical and travel insurance for the duration of their stay, arranged through our school-approved insurer and included in the schedule of fees.

Immigration

Full information about visa and permit requirements, including employment rights while studying and reporting obligations, is available from Immigration New Zealand on their website. Rotorua Boys' High School will support you through the student visa application process and is an approved education provider for the Pathway Student Visa programme, allowing students to study with up to three different providers over a five-year period without needing to renew their study visa.



Health Care

We have medical staff on our school campus, including visiting doctors and a full-time nurse. The nurse is available during school hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on weekdays. Most medical costs are covered by your insurance.

Facilities

Our school has wonderful facilities, including open green fields used for rugby, soccer, cricket, and other school activities. We also have a golf driving range and putting green, as well as astroturf courts in excellent condition and a purpose-built weights gymnasium.

Our unique Millennium Centre houses a performing arts theatre, a fully equipped commercial kitchen, and a dining room with a large deck overlooking our grounds.



International Dean

Mrs Thuy Grinter



Our international students are a vital and vibrant part of our school community, joining us from all corners of the globe. We deeply value the unique perspectives and cultural richness they bring to our classrooms and co-curricular programmes. We believe that cultivating international awareness and fostering cross-cultural understanding are essential for all our young men, preparing them to thrive in our rapidly changing and increasingly connected world.

We are committed to ensuring that every international student feels welcomed, supported, and empowered to achieve their personal best while experiencing the very best of New Zealand life.



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