

## National Condor 7's Tournament

The Rotorua Girls High U15 7's Team who are the current North Island Champions can now add National Condor 7's U15 Champs to their title.

Rotorua Girls High School went through the tournament undefeated in five do or die games. In pool play they beat Kaipara College 28 – 0, Mt Roskill Grammar, 12 – 0 and Green Bay College 38 – 5.

In the semi-final they shocked last year's winning team Howick College with a 24 – 12 win to progress to the cup final against Aorere College. The final against Aorere College saw **Kahlia Kiel** cross over first after breaking through Aorere's defence. A spectacular sideline conversion to **Te Aomihi Williams Paul** saw RGHS ahead 7- 0. Williams Paul then added a try breaking away off the back of a scrum to go up 12 – 0 at the half time break. In the second half Kiel added another try, which sealed the win for RGHS and confirmed her position as Most Valuable Player of the tournament. The final score was 19 – 0.

Kiel was also joined by **Williams Paul** and **Siobahn Taute-Collier** in the tournament team. Kiel, who had an operation to her eyelid the week before, having sustained an injury playing Touch Rugby, only received clearance to play the day before the tournament. Her pace, ability to break the defence made her an obvious choice for Most Valuable Player. Kiel was also supported by Williams Paul who dictated play. The rest of the RGHS national winning team is made up of **Anaya Waiomio-Anapu, Tayla Stone, Kataraina Rauwhero, Humaria Higgins, Jasmine Hati, Te Mihiroa Tangira, Matalena Rapana, Mysian Tuhakaraina-Brown and Allannah Tapara**. The team is coached by **Fred Cox** and **Jimmy McLean**, trained by **Mark Edmonds** and managed by **Carolyn Katu**.

McLean said that "we knew our players' individual skill sets would take us far into the tournament so we asked them to be mentally focused and treat every game like the final". "The girls played with lots of heart and determination from our forwards working tirelessly up front to our backs capitalising on every opportunity," McLean said.

Rotorua Girls High School Principal **Ally Gibbons** said "as a school we are absolutely delighted with the win and acknowledge all the hard work and effort by students and management to win on the national stage in the pinnacle of the Secondary Schools' 7's Tournament".

This was Rotorua Girls High School's first year in the tournament after finishing 2nd in the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools qualifying tournament behind Tauranga Girls College who Aorere College dismissed in the semi-finals.



**National Condor 7's U15 Champs - Rotorua Girls High School.**



Rotorua Girls High School students (from left) **Te Aomihi Williams Paul**, **Kahlia Kiel** and **Siobhan Taute-Collier** who have been selected for the U15 7's Tournament Team.