



ROTORUA
GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL

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2012

INFORMATION EVENING

For

Prospective Parents & Students

RGHS Junior Programme

- **Every student is placed in 1 of 4 Houses**

Himemoa

Deputy Principal Raewyn Krammer, Dean Helen Baldwin

Karenga

Deputy Principal Aramoana Mohi-Maxwell, Dean Wai Morrison

Rangiuru

Deputy Principal Di Donnelly, Dean Jaylene Tamati

Rukuwai

Deputy Principal Di Carter, Dean Karen Aldridge

- Classes are Accelerate, Mixed Ability and Alternative
- All cover the same syllabus but with a different focus
- Accelerate classes focus on extension
- Mixed Ability classes focus on raising literacy and numeracy
- Alternative classes focus on changing attitude

- Year 9 and 10 spend 70% of time on core subjects – English, Maths, Science Social Studies, Physical Education & Health
- Year 9 spend 30% of time on 4 aspects of 4 rotations:

Rotations	Aspects
Arts	Dance, Drama, Maori, P.A, Music
Business	Business Careers/Thinking, IT (x2)
Languages	French, German, Japanese, Maori
Technology	Art, Design, Fashion, Food

- Year 10 spend 30% of time on 3 options from a choice of 22

- Each day starts with Whanau (15 minutes) followed by 6 x 50 minute periods (30 periods per week)
- Strong learning emphasis on wide perspective (quantity) at year 9, and depth of knowledge (quality) at year 10
- Strong ethical emphasis on attitude, attendance, respect for self, others and environment from Year 9

**How 39% of Rotorua girls achieve
their NCEA Certificates at RGHS –
more than any other Rotorua School**

Number and Percentage of 2010 Certificates

Table 1

NUMBER (AND PERCENTAGE) OF 2010 NCEA CERTIFICATES ACHIEVED BY FEMALES AT ROTORUA SCHOOLS – BY NCEA LEVELS AND ETHNICITY

NCEA Results – By level And Ethnicity	Rotorua Girls’ High School		Western Heights High School		Rotorua Lakes High School		John Paul College		TOTAL
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Number
Maori	107	56%	54	28%	17	9%	13	7%	191
European	44	26%	61	36%	13	7%	53	31%	171
Pasifika	6	46%	4	31%	0	0%	3	23%	13
Asian	16	56%	3	10%	1	3%	9	31%	29
Other	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1
TOTAL	174	43%	122	30%	31	8%	78	19%	405

NCEA Results – By level And Ethnicity	Rotorua Girls’ High School	Western Heights High School	Rotorua Lakes High School	John Paul College	TOTAL
TWO	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	Number
Maori	67 47%	65 46%	6 4%	4 3%	142
European	43 28%	52 34%	18 12%	39 26%	152
Pasifika	5 63%	2 25%	0 0%	1 12%	8
Asian	13 41%	6 19%	3 9%	10 31%	32
Other	0 0%	0 0%	1 100%	0 0%	1
TOTAL	128 38%	125 37%	28 9%	54 16%	335

NCEA Results – By level And Ethnicity	Rotorua Girls’ High School	Western Heights High School	Rotorua Lakes High School	John Paul College	TOTAL
THREE	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	Number
Maori	33 47%	26 37%	8 12%	3 4%	70
European	30 24%	35 28%	13 11%	45 37%	123
Pasifika	1 17%	2 33%	0 0%	3 50%	6
Asian	5 26%	5 26%	1 5%	8 43%	19
Other	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	2 100%	2
TOTAL	69 31%	68 31%	22 10%	61 28%	220
School Totals	371 39%	315 33%	81 8%	193 20%	960

Rotorua Girls' High School Leaver Data for 2005-2009-2010

Each year, the highest academic achievement for each student who leaves the secondary system is recorded. This leaver data gives an interesting annual snapshot of each secondary school. Every student who leaves compulsory schooling is included in this data.

Rotorua Girls' High School is very proud of its leaver data – for all students.

**Number (No.) and Percentage (%) of Rotorua Girls' High School Student Leavers
Achievement Data
(Based on Data at 01 March 2011)**

Number (No. and Percentage (%) of Rotorua Girls' High School Leaver Data for 2005-2009-2010

Achievement Level of Leavers	2005		2009		2010	
	No.	RGHS	No.	RGHS	No.	RGHS
1) L3 and L4	52	22%	57	32%	68	32%
2) L2 or better	105	45%	111	63%	133	63%
3) L1 or better	142	61%	143	81%	170	81%
4) 1 to 79 credits	44	19%	34	19%	39	19%
5) No formal Qualification	47	20%	0	0%	1	0%
Total	233	100%	177	100%	210	100%

**Number and Percentage of Rotorua Girls' High School Maori Student Leavers -
Achievement Data**

Achievement Level of Leavers	2005		2009		2010	
	No.	RGHS	No.	RGHS	No.	RGHS
1) L3 and L4	6	6%	16	19%	33	26%
2) L2 or better	26	25%	43	52%	72	57%
3) L1 or better	41	40%	58	70%	94	75%
4) 1 to 79 credits	33	32%	25	30%	32	24%
5) No formal Qualification	30	28%	0	0%	1	1%
Total	104	100%	83	100%	127	100%

Overall Developments at Rotorua Girls' High School

- Curriculum improvements from Year 9 (compulsory programme with 20 rotation subjects), and year 10 (3 tiered junior graduation), through to expanded Senior School Curriculum Subjects, plus Senior Graduation at the end of Year 13. All initiatives geared towards increasing student retention.
- Whole Staff Professional Development Involvement in Te Kotahitanga and ICT
- Technological Improvement – every teaching space has a data projector and white screen installed, all teachers have laptops, and 19 staff use Blackberry phones.
- School Self Review Programme embedded (this is a 3 year cycle of Professional Review of each Faculty, plus major school initiatives in curriculum and administration)

- Development of Rotorua's ARENA and Performing Arts Centre as significant assets with Academies of Sport and Performing Arts to be established.
- Environmental Achievement - first New Zealand School to convert central heating boiler to wood pellets, using Natures Flame 100% NZ made renewable fuel.
- Attendance improves annually. In 2010, average attendance improved 2%, to 85%
- Numeracy and Literacy data from entry at Year 9 to end of Year 10 shows improvements. In 2010, 97% of Year 11 students gained their Level 1 Numeracy and 81% of Year 11 students gained their Level 1 Literacy.

- Leaver Achievement Data annually shows improvement, with Maori data showing significant improvement.
- In 2009 RGHS became one of the first NZ Secondary Schools to move to a 5 year cycle with ERO, instead of the normal 3 year cycle (places us in top 5% of New Zealand schools).
- Emphasis from 2007 on reducing class sizes means since 2009 all class sizes have been 'capped' at 26, with average class sizes being 21-23 for the past 3 years.
- Annual and biennial overseas exchange/scholarship programmes enabling students to study in and travel to Australia, New Caledonia, Germany, Japan, England and China as well as accessing many other countries like France, Sweden, Brazil, Norway, Thailand, United States and Canada.



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