



# PROSPECTUS



Rotorua Girls' High School  
ROTORUA | NEW ZEALAND



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# WELCOME

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Nau mai, Haere Mai.

We are proud of our school, which has challenged and supported young women since 1959.

Girls who attend our school are encouraged to believe in themselves and their ability to succeed. We strive to create opportunities for our young women to grow and develop talents, academically, culturally and athletically.

Rotorua Girls' High embraces the challenges of the 21st Century. We support our girls to become creative, critical and caring thinkers and confident, resilient young women.

Come join us and start the journey of life long learning.

*Sarah Davis , Principal*



# EXPERIENCE OUR SCHOOL

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Rotorua Girls' High has a tradition of academic excellence and crafting remarkable leaders. Our vision of excellence is inspired by dedicated classroom teachers. We personalise learning environments that meet the aspirations of students, their families, and society.

Our young women are the heart of our school, and core values underpin an innovative and vibrant learning environment. Our young women are respectful and caring. They are challenged to achieve.

## OUR VISION

Our young women are leaders in the global environment.

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## OUR MISSION

To create a connected culture of excellence.

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## OUR VALUES

T - The willingness to learn  
RESILIENCE  
E - Engaging to Achieve  
INTEGRITY  
A - Always Showing Respect  
RESPECT  
O - Offering to serve  
EMPATHY

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## OUR PRINCIPLES

The foundations of our curriculum decision-making are:

- Innovate through personalised learning
- Engage through powerful partnership
- Inspire through deep challenge and inquiry





# EXPERIENCE TRADITION

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## JANE HARDING

Jane Harding attended Rotorua Girls' High School between 1969-1972. Studying both at Auckland University and at Oxford, Jane has become a distinguished professor and is currently teaching at Auckland University in Neonatology. She was awarded the Rhode Scholarship in 1978.

## CLAIRE CHARTERS

Claire attended Rotorua Girls' High School between 1988-1991. Studying at Otago University, gaining a Bachelor of Laws (honours) and a Bachelor of Arts, she went on to study at the University of New York attaining her Masters in Laws. Returning to New Zealand she gained her PhD from Canterbury University. Claire is currently an associate professor of Law at the University of Auckland.



## JULIA EDWARDS

Julia Edwards attended Rotorua Girls' High School between 2004-2008. Completing a Bachelor of Business, Julia is best known for her outstanding athletic accomplishments in rowing. This includes representing New Zealand in both World Rowing Championships in 2010, 2011 and 2014, and the Olympics in 2012 and 2016.







# EXPERIENCE EDUCATION

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We pride ourselves on our ability to cater for the academic needs of all students by offering flexibility within our curriculum. We offer creative and innovative courses alongside traditional subjects.

## CURRICULUM

We offer the traditional English, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and Social Science subjects, along with vibrant Technology and Arts options such as Dance, Drama, Fine Arts, and Music.

Students are encouraged to follow their passion and become life long learners.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior students complete optional subjects in addition to their core programme. These come from Creative Arts (Dance, Drama, Music), Marautanga (Te Whare Tapere o Nga Kohine), Technology (Digital, Fashion, Food) and Visual Arts.

## SENIOR SCHOOL

Students can choose from an extensive range of courses, which have been carefully crafted so that students have the right skills for their chosen future pathways. Credits in courses are towards National Certificate in Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 1, 2 and 3.

Full course options are available on our school website [www.rghs.school.nz](http://www.rghs.school.nz), or simply make a request for our curriculum guide.

## GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME

Students involved in this programme (GATE) are identified during the enrolment process and their time at Rotorua Girls' High School. They are mentored and coached to embrace academic, cultural, sporting, performing arts and leadership opportunities. The GATE programme is designed to provide an enriched curriculum experience using EOTC opportunities and real life learning experiences.

## LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

### LITERACY

Literacy support is given to students through the Junior Multi-Literacy Programme and the Senior Mentoring Programme. These two strategies are used to enhance literacy achievement and to generate confidence in students.

### ESOL

English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) classes are available to girls from non-English speaking backgrounds. Students can study towards ESOL unit standards at NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3.









# EXPERIENCE LEADERSHIP

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Leadership is a valued quality at Rotorua Girls' High School, which can be demonstrated in a variety of areas. The skills and qualities that our girls develop enable them to step forth into the future with a strong sense of purpose.

*“Rotorua Girls' High School provides exceptional education and guidance to every student, allowing them the opportunity to reach their full potential. Through guidance and education, we are empowered and supported to be great leaders of our kura, as well as our community.*

*At Rotorua Girls' High School, we are encouraged to achieve our goals through perseverance and hard work. As a leader, I have an opportunity to have an impact on my fellow peers. The guidance I have received from Rotorua Girls' High School over the last few years has helped me to ensure that I give back to my kura and pass on what I've learned to younger generations, through mentorship and sisterhood.*

*I am grateful to have attended Rotorua Girls' High School from Year 9 to Year 13. The past five years have been a time of growth, leadership and impeccable education. I have gained experiences that will last a lifetime, and skills that will help me to become a leader in the global community. It has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of Rotorua Girls' High School; a school that has played a part in crafting me into the young woman and leader that I am today.”*

*Geraldine Atchico, Deputy Head Girl 2019*

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Elected positions held by our Year 13 students include: Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl, Academic Captain, Sports Captain and Arts Captain. We have leadership opportunities for House Leaders, CATCH and BOT representatives.

Student Council, Pasifika Fono, Kahui Rangatahi and the CATCH committee meet regularly to share students' opinions on school matters. They are involved in fundraising and sharing their unique ideas to the entire school body. They support local and national community appeals, which is a very important aspect of our school.

In order to prepare for these positions Year 13 students are provided with opportunities that expose them to the realities and the skills required for leadership.





# EXPERIENCE WELLBEING

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Every student is respected, challenged and inspired. We care about students from all cultures and backgrounds and ensure each one leaves as an empowered young woman. The wellbeing of all students is paramount here at Rotorua Girls' High School.

At Rotorua Girls' High School you will find a strong community feel about the school including:

## PASTORAL CARE

We believe that you learn best when you feel valued and are actively engaged in your learning.

Positive relationships between teachers, students and whanau are essential for learners to thrive.

Teachers encourage you to fully participate in class so you can get the most out of your learning experience.

## MENTORING

Learning dialogues where you share your learning with your family.

Individual counselling for personal issues available at all times.

Careers advice available at all times.

Families always welcome in the school.

## WELLNESS CENTRE

Our onsite wellness centre offers students confidential advice from the centre coordinator, school nurse, guidance counsellor and visiting GPs. They also have access to the mobile dental clinic, drug and alcohol counsellors, adolescent health nurse, psychologist and youth worker.

## ACADEMIC REVIEW

Students, whanau and teachers will meet throughout the year to discuss academic achievement, attendance and career pathways.

***“Rotorua Girls’ High School  
is a great place to learn.  
My teachers take into  
consideration the things that  
I want to learn about and  
strive to make sure  
that I succeed.”***

Awhimate Nikora  
Yr 12 Student









# EXPERIENCE ARTS & CULTURE

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We strive to provide excellent Arts and Cultural opportunities at Rotorua Girls' High School. Students have the opportunity to study Dance, Drama, Maori Performing Arts, and Music, as well as Fine Arts such as Painting, Design and Photography.

## OPPORTUNITIES

Including but not limited to:

- Productions
- Regional and National Shakespeare competitions
- Kapa Haka
- The Great Debates
- Pacific Island Group
- Music performance
- Talent Quest
- Stage Challenge
- Dance Crew



## PERFORMING ARTS

### RAUKURA

National winners Rotorua Girls' High School/Rotorua Boys' High School Senior Kapa Haka group, provide students the opportunity to explore their culture and language through performance.

### PRODUCTION

School productions are held each year with Rotorua Boys' High School. Past productions include: *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Passengers*, *Aida*, *The Wiz*, *Hairspray*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This is open to any student with a passion for performing.

### XECUTE

Rotorua Girls' High School Hip Hop Dance Crew Xecute encourages student creativity in choreography. This is open to any student with a passion for dance.



# EXPERIENCE SPORTING SUCCESS

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Sport and Outdoor education is considered an essential component for the development of all our girls. There are many opportunities for students to broaden and enhance their education through sport with opportunities for national and international sporting excursions.

Rotorua Girls' High School continues to produce and foster athletes who represent at regional and national levels, with a few reaching international fame. We have teams and individuals sitting in the top tier of their chosen sport.

Participation is encouraged, and all our students step up to take part in the school's annual sporting events, including Athletics, Cross-Country, Swimming and Inter-House events.

Sport will always be a big part of our students' lives here at Rotorua Girls' High School, as they continually strive to be the best in their pursuit of excellence at all levels.

## **SPORTS WE OFFER INCLUDE:**

Athletics, Badminton, Basketball  
Equestrian, Football, Hockey, Ki-o-Rahi  
Netball, Rugby, Squash, Swimming,  
Touch, Volleyball, Waka-ama, etc.





# FAQ'S

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## **Why go to a girls' school?**

A girls' school creates a culture of strong ACADEMIC achievement where they are confident and assertive learners. They feel free to compete and take risks and can create outstanding opportunities that open doors to the world beyond school.

## **How big is this school?**

We have over 500 students along with over 40 fulltime and part-time staff. Our class sizes are approximately 20-25 students, which creates excellent opportunities for student learning.

## **What subjects can I take?**

In the Junior school you will have compulsory English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Te Reo Maori and PE/Health. You will also get to experience Technology and the Creative Arts.

## **What sporting activities can I join?**

Rotorua Girls' High School offers a huge range of sports including Rugby, Waka Ama, Netball, Basketball, Squash, Outdoor Bowls, Touch Rugby, Badminton, Equestrian, Hockey, Table Tennis and many more.

## **What cultural activities can I join?**

Rotorua Girls' High School offers a wide range of cultural activities. These include Production, Kapa Haka, Dance Crews, Pasifika Group, Choir, Art Clubs, Band and Community Service Groups.

## **Is there a different summer and winter uniform?**

The basis of the uniform is the same all year round, the difference is the shoe choice. In summer terms (terms one and four) students wear black Roman sandals and in the winter terms (terms three and four) students wear plain black shoes with black stockings.

## **Who do I contact for enrolments?**

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