

Rotorua Girls' High School
ROTORUA | NEW ZEALAND



WELCOME to RGHS

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 women to grow and develop their 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.

Since the establishment of our school we have strived to support our girls in where their passion lies - be it sporting, academic, cultural or the arts. We understand the ever changing world we live in and make it our goal to provide the guidance, stability and support needed for them to succeed within it.

To reinforce student learning we provide extensive opportunities to experience Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC), whether this be through trips, outside providers, or visiting speakers or groups.

OUR VISION

“Where young women belong, contribute and excel with purpose.”

OUR MISSION

To create a connected culture of excellence.

OUR VALUES

T - The Willingness to Learn
RESILIENCE

E - Engaging to Achieve
INTEGRITY

A - Always Showing Respect
RESPECT

O - Offering to Serve
EMPATHY

OUR GOALS

To develop, engaged motivated learners who are achieving personal excellence while pursuing purposeful pathways (excel).

To nurture confident, resilient and caring young women who enjoy a sense of belonging and wellbeing (contribute).

To partner with and serve the needs of our Whanau and Community (belong).



EXPERIENCE EDUCATION

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 lifelong 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.

Our program gives students the building blocks needed for them in their journey throughout life.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Students can choose from an extensive range of courses which have been carefully designed 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, or simply make a request for our curriculum guide.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

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

LITERACY

Literacy support is given to students through the Junior Multi-Literacy Programme which is supported by Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust 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 WELLBEING

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 our school you will find a strong community feel 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.



EXPERIENCE TRADITION



DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR DAME 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 Neonatology at Auckland University. She was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship in 1978. In the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours, Jane was promoted to Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

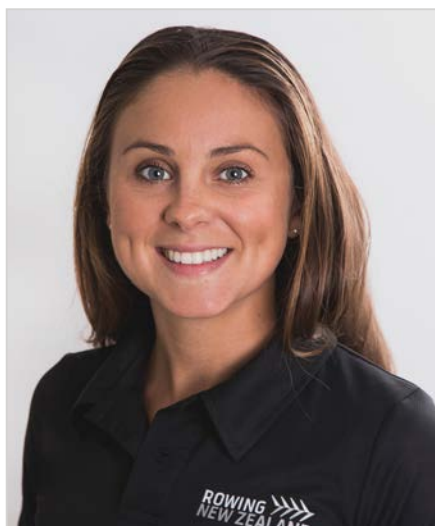
DOCTOR CLAIRE CHARTERS

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.



“Kia Ora, my name is Grace Hemana and I am a Year 10 student here at Rotorua Girls' High. There are so many opportunities available at this great school that you'll have a hard time picking just a few. I have thoroughly enjoyed the netball, dance and drama programmes so far. You won't have to worry about making your lunch because we have the most delicious FREE lunches in town! More importantly, the teachers are friendly and approachable which makes learning fun and easy.”

Grace Hemana
Yr 10 Student



EXPERIENCE ARTS & CULTURE

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
- Pasifika Group
- Music performance
- Talent Quest
- Stage Challenge
- Dance Crew

RAUKURA

National back-to-back champions Raukura 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 year our students alongside Rotorua Boys' High will perform in the musical Once on this Island.

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 LEADERSHIP

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.

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, Environmental and Kahui Rangatahi are committees that 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.



It was Term 3, the time of year where Rotorua Intermediate Senior students buckled up for nervous road trips every week to orientation days. All it took was the bus doors to open and my first steps onto Rotorua Girls' High School soil. The thought of being the Head Girl someday sparked a light inside of me. Jordyn Tereu, Rotorua Girls' High School's Head Girl for 2016, was a leading inspiration; everything from her school spirit and the Year 13 Team behind her. The people around me turned a blind eye to the idea of being Head Girl because it was too early to be thinking of such a thing, while for me that spark quickly became a flame.

I am privileged to have attended Rotorua Girls' High School from Year 9 through to Year 13. The past five years have shown me the importance of knowledge, given me a sense of belonging and acceptance, and physically challenged my ability in sport. Taking every opportunity put my way, I have aimed high. Success followed but did not come easy. In early December of 2020, I lost my friend who was just 17-years-old. We had a life-long friendship from primary school through to high school. Proudly, we walked across the stage together to receive my role as Rotorua Girls' High School's Head Prefect for 2021. I am grateful that she witnessed my first steps onto the school's stage as the Head Prefect. I am honoured to represent our school and the culture that she loved dearly. Through times of hardship, these memories will always help me through; remembering my "why." For this reason, Rotorua Girls' High School will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Rotorua Girls' High School is the place to call home away from home. There is a wide range of opportunities the school has to offer for every student's aspirations. Through support and guidance, students endeavour to "leave a mark" within our school, local community and perhaps globally. Even coming from a small-town as I did, my hopes and dreams were accepted and nurtured towards becoming a reality. Supported by skilled and natural leaders the space between who I am and who I can eventually come to be shortens year by year. Every day I am being educated and I am grateful for this. Rotorua Girls' High School is more than just a school because we are more than just students. We are the Mana Wahine of future generations.

Here at Rotorua Girls' High School I have been provided with the life skills that will prepare me for the Army. I am at ease knowing that I have already walked alongside soldiers for five years – the only difference will be the uniform. Next year I am passionate about moving from the rugby field to the battlefield. 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. I have stood with this school for five years, I will remain standing for this school for a lifetime.

Helena Dou'ble - Head girl, 2021.



EXPERIENCE SPORTING SUCCESS

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. We provide excellence facilities for our girls such as our ARENA.

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

FAQS

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 600 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 Māori and PE/Health. You will also get to experience Technology and the Creative Arts.

In the Senior school there is a plethora of subjects you can choose from.

What sports can I play?

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

What cultural activities can I join?

We 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 1 and 4) students wear black Roman sandals and in the winter terms (Terms 2 and 3) students wear plain black shoes with black stockings.

Who do I contact for enrolments or other enquiries?

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Orientation Day: Tuesday 24th November
8.30am - 2.30pm.

Yr 9 Testing: Monday 7th December
3.30 pm in the PAC

Notice of class placements 2021:

Monday 14th December via email

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