



PROSPECTUS 2023



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 who are confident and resilient, young women.

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

Sarah Davis , Principal





EXPERIENCE OUR SCHOOL

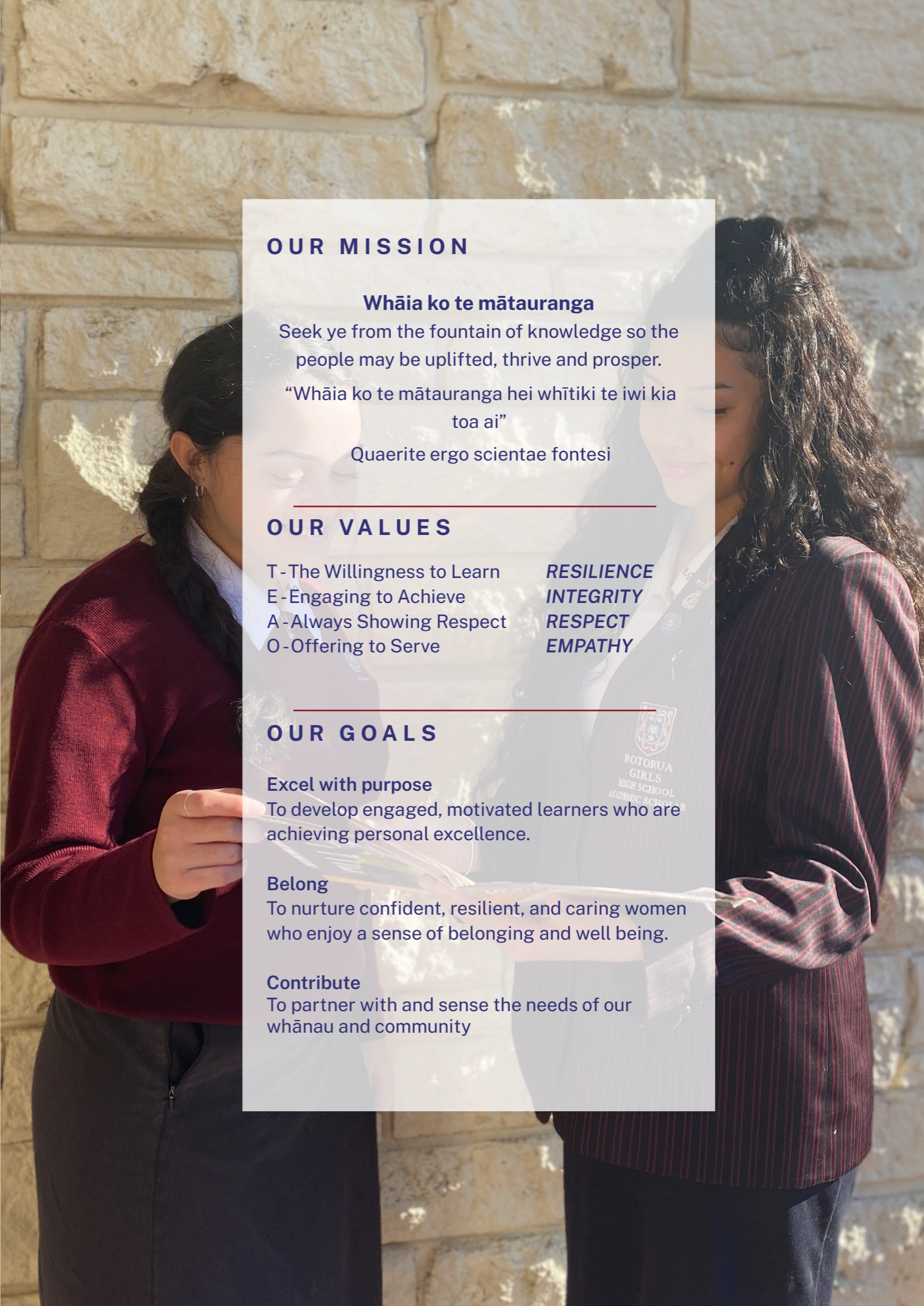
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Rotorua Girls’ High has a tradition of academic excellence and crafting remarkable leaders. Our vision of excellence is inspired by dedicated classroom teachers. We personalise learning environments that meet the aspirations of our students, their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

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

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 MISSION

Whāia ko te mātauranga

Seek ye from the fountain of knowledge so the people may be uplifted, thrive and prosper.

“Whāia ko te mātauranga hei whītiki te iwi kia toa ai”

Quaerite ergo scientae fontesi

OUR VALUES

T - The Willingness to Learn
E - Engaging to Achieve
A - Always Showing Respect
O - Offering to Serve

RESILIENCE
INTEGRITY
RESPECT
EMPATHY

OUR GOALS

Excel with purpose

To develop engaged, motivated learners who are achieving personal excellence.

Belong

To nurture confident, resilient, and caring women who enjoy a sense of belonging and well being.

Contribute

To partner with and sense the needs of our whānau and community

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 rotational subjections in year 9 and optional subjects in year 10, these are in addition to their core programme. These come from Creative Arts (Dance, Drama, Music), Marautanga (Te Ao Haka), Humanities (Business) English (Media Studies) 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

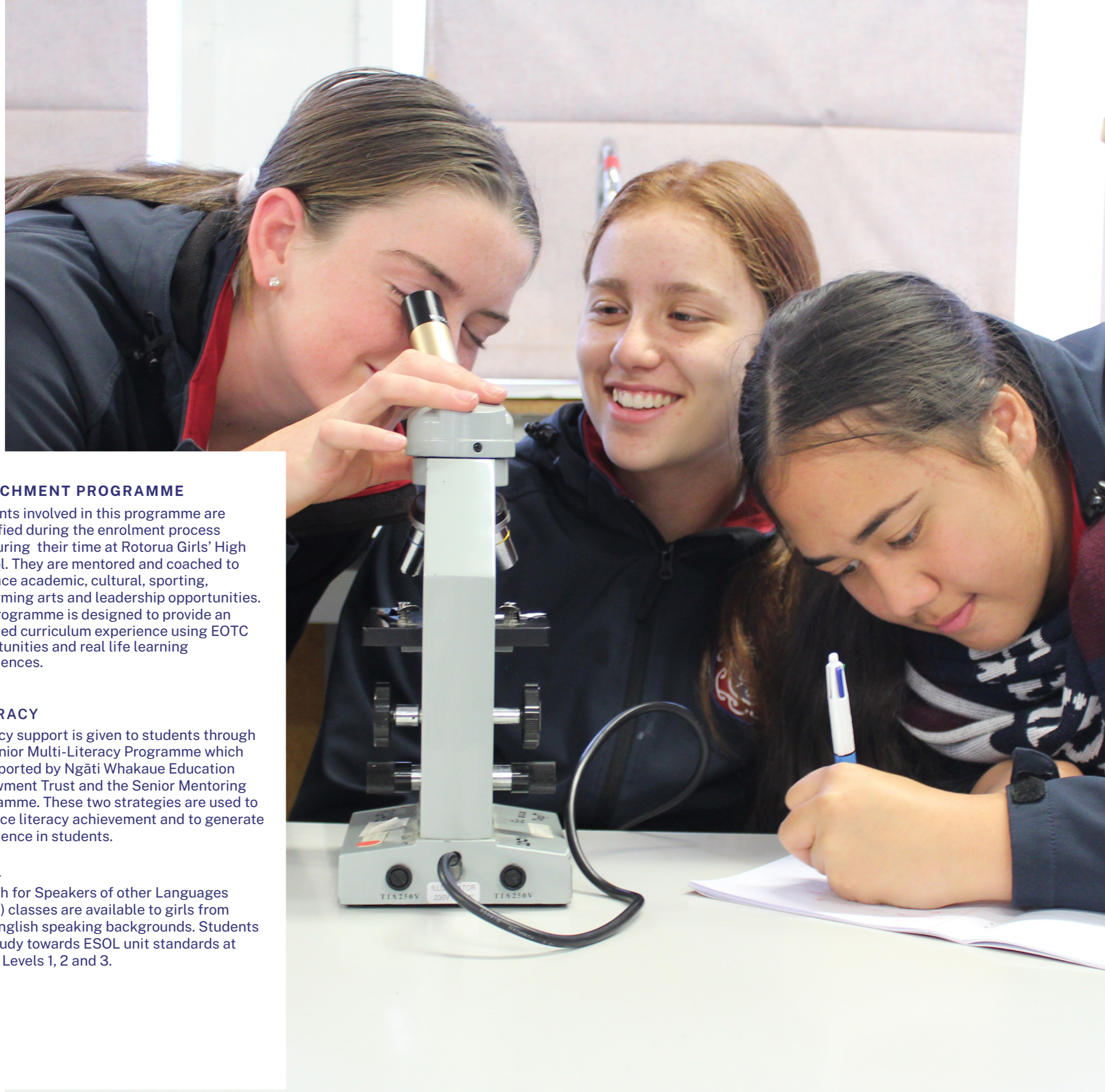
Students involved in this programme are identified during the enrolment process and during their time at Rotorua Girls' High School. They are mentored and coached to embrace academic, cultural, sporting, performing arts and leadership opportunities. The programme is designed to provide an enriched curriculum 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 Ngāti 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 whānau 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 can share your learning with your family. Individual counselling for personal issues is available at all times. Careers advice is available at all times. Families are 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, whānau, 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.

AMANDA LANDERS-MURPHY

Amanda Landers-Murphy was a student at RGHS from 2005-2008. Amanda was part of the RGHS Institute of Sport which allowed her to focus on her Squash. While at school, Amanda also played Tennis and Table Tennis. Amanda has been a Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist twice in 2018 Gold Coast and 2022 Birmingham. She was the World Doubles Champion in 2016 and 2017.

"There is no substitute for hard work".



NATALIE DELAMERE

Natalie Delamere was a student at our school from 2010-2014. She was a Prefect and Karenga House Captain. She made her Farah Palmer Cup debut while in her last year of Rotorua Girls High School in 2014 and has been a regular feature for either Bay of Plenty or Waikato ever since. Playing most of her early rugby at number 8, Natalie has transitioned to hooker, she was a member of the Matatū Sky Super Rugby Aupiki team before being selected for the NSW Waratahs in the SuperW, where she scored a hat trick in the Final. This year she was named as a Silver Fern! We're all so proud of you.



Kia Ora, my name is Upuia Richel. I am a Year 10 student here at Te Kura o Rautawhiri/Rotorua Girls High School. Attending this school has given me the opportunity to embrace and learn more about my culture in our Pacifica Group. Not only that, but Rautāwhiri has given me the confidence to pursue my passion for the arts. I have a strong bond with many of the supportive staff here, and I've made amazing friends. I knew by coming to Girls' High I would have so many open opportunities, I can't wait to see what the future has for me here at Rautāwhiri.

Upuia Richel
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, Te Ao Haka, 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, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Once on this Island. This year our students performed alongside Rotorua Boys' High in the musical 'In the Heights'.

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 Leaders, Sports Leaders, Arts Leaders and Cultural Leaders. 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.



Tēnā rā koutou katoa, ko Alyssa Webster ahau.

I am a proud descendent of many strong female leaders such as Kanea of Te Arawa, Hatamaria of Tūhoe, Mihi Kotukutuku of Te Whānau-ā-Apanui and Waimirangi of Ngāpuhi. Being Head Girl for 2022 has been both a privilege and honour - I will forever be grateful to this kura, my peers and the teachers. They say "it takes a village to raise a child" - I am certainly testimony to this. My Rautāwhiri whanau have pushed me out of my comfort zone, encouraged me to never give up, and never given up on me.

As I reflect back to year 9. I was fortunate to be given many opportunities which included being a member of Raukura Kapa Haka, School Productions and the Basketball Academy.

I remember the first time I stood with Raukura. I was nervous and anxious that I was going to make mistakes, but thankfully the seniors wrapped a 'korowai of support' around me and assured me everything was going to be okay. After that first stand on the stage I knew everything was going to be fine and it was - I never looked back! From this experience I learnt how to be resilient and disciplined.

Academically I have been pushed and this year I am completing a 100 Level Leadership paper through Waikato University and Scholarship Music. I have had the opportunity to learn so many skills through the various options I was able to take part in - such as Digital Technology, Dance, Art, Physical Education and Health, Te Ao Haka, and Fashion to name but a few.

I hope to continue pursuing my love of Performing Arts at University next year and have this school to thank for helping me to forge forward. There is something for everybody here and I will treasure the friendships, mannakitanga and learnings I have gained from this school.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katou.

Alyssa Webster, Head Girl 2022



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.

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, Business 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.

How big is this school?

We have over 650 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.

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 or short black socks.

Do you have accomodation?

Yes. In 2023 we are opening Te Whare Whawhao o Te Aokapurangi Hostel. For more information please see our school website.

Who do I contact for enrolments or other enquiries?

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Enrolments can be completed online at
www.rghs.school.nz

2023 DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday 18th November: Enrolment forms due

Orientation Day: Wednesday 23rd
November 8.20am - 2.30pm.

Notice of class placements for 2023:
Friday 9th December via email
Academy and Scholarship recipients
notified

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