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## 1. CURRICULUM POLICIES

### POLICY

**A01A** RGHS will provide a curriculum that fosters student progress and achievement and that meets all legislative requirements of MOE and the Board.

### PROCEDURES

**A01A** The Principal will ensure that:

- Learning programmes are provided that meet Ministry of Education requirements for Years 9 -13.
- Learning programmes are provided that meet Ministry of Education NZQA Qualification requirements.
- Where necessary, learning programmes for Years 11–13 that meet demonstrable needs for a significant number of students will be provided.



## POLICY

**A01B** RGHS will provide new curriculum opportunities for students as required.

## PROCEDURES

**A01B** Where analysis of student achievement data, course evaluation and recommendations from Curriculum Leaders (CLs) indicate the need for new curriculum opportunities, the Principal will make an informed decision as to the provision of new courses.

- Any proposal must first be discussed with the appropriate Curriculum Leader (CL) of that Curriculum Area (CA).
- Valid evidence supporting the need for the initiative must be tabled with the Curriculum Leader (CL) of Curriculum Area (CA). e.g. survey results or similar. This information should also be tabled at the next appropriate meeting of the Curriculum Leaders (CLs) of Curriculum Area (CA).
- The final proposal for any new course must include:
  - a. An outline of the programme.
  - b. Its objectives both within the school and beyond
  - c. The qualifications that can be obtained by the students as a consequence
  - d. Staffing implications
  - e. A statement outlining the potential impact on other subjects
  - f. Resourcing requirements including set-up and ongoing costs and eligibility for financial support. (e.g. STAR funding)

The proposal is then forwarded to the Curriculum Team

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## POLICY

**A01C** RGHS will provide guidance for students in selection of courses.

## PROCEDURES

**A01C** Students will have adequate access to appropriate guidance and support.

- Each student will receive accurate information regarding current programmes available at RGHS.
- The Year Level Deans, Curriculum Leaders (CLs) of Curriculum Area (CA) and Careers Development staff are responsible for providing accurate course information.
- Each student will have teacher support to select subjects.
- Students will have ready access to accurate information regarding future learning and vocational pathways.
- Curriculum Leaders (CLs), Year Level Deans and Career Development staff will all contribute to the presentation of current information for students and caregivers at the Term 3 Academic Planning Day.
- The Curriculum Guide content is the responsibility of the Curriculum Committee
- Students and staff will have ready access to the curriculum document.
- The Professional Development Coordinator will ensure that staff involved in this area are given professional development opportunities to keep abreast of changes to programmes / vocational qualifications.



- Students at risk in terms of educational opportunities will be identified and targeted for specific career guidance and support.
- Each Curriculum Area (CA) has a responsibility across the curriculum to promote career opportunities.

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The Principal will ensure that

- Careers staff are available to counsel students individually or in groups, and to consult with caregivers, and whanau where appropriate.
- Professional learning and development to staff for the delivery of Academic Planning
- Career Information shall be published monthly in the school newsletter and posted on school noticeboards.
- Careers development programmes are responsive to the needs of students and meet the needs for Maori students, Pasifika students, student with special education needs.
- Develop functional careers information systems that are accessible to all students through a range of mediums, KAMAR, social media, Facebook.
- Students at risk in terms of educational opportunities will be identified and targeted for specific career guidance and support.
- Each Curriculum Area (CA) has a responsibility to promote career opportunities.
- Programme planning will be taught across the curriculum.

Old 345

In the Curriculum Guide each course will have clearly stated course and student requirements.

- The criteria / prerequisites for entry to courses will be listed in the current curriculum guide that will be issued to all enrolled students and to others who request it.
- The curriculum guide will be reviewed and issued annually.
- The students will have access to appropriate staff for guidance on choice of appropriate course.
- The appeals procedure will address concerns regarding entry to courses.

Old 339

## **POLICY**

**A01D** RGHS will acknowledge prior learning in the selection of courses.

## **PROCEDURES**

**A01D** The Principal will establish for international students an entry structure by which:

- Prior knowledge must be established before the student is admitted to a requested course of study. Evidence will be accepted from a recognised international provider, parents / caregivers and teachers.
- The best interest of the student is the ultimate criterion.

The student's progress will be monitored to confirm correct placement.

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## POLICY

**A01E** RGHS will provide equity in learning programmes.

## PROCEDURES

**A01E** The Principal will establish equity in learning and teaching by requiring that:

- Teachers adhere at all times to our Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy Principles.
- Staff have high expectations of all students.
- Students are encouraged to take advantage of the wide range of subjects offered by the school.
- A variety of learning opportunities and teaching approaches will be offered within each programme.
- Assessment processes allow students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in a variety of appropriate ways.
- Educational programmes encourage students to consider a wide range of careers. Students will be encouraged to take a long-term view of their life opportunities.
- Students will be encouraged to include the non-traditional fields in their consideration of career pathways.

Old 311

All students must be able to access all learning opportunities.

- The wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities available at this school will be widely publicised.
- Students will be encouraged to participate in these activities to a level that best reflects their ability.
- Resources should be made available so that full personal development is possible e.g. wheelchair access, support services for physical, emotional, intellectual and social enrichment.
- The school is aware that some students will have restricted access to programmes because of the family financial situation and will assist such students within the limits of its budget.
- Access to programmes for some students will be impeded by factors such as family circumstances and geographical distance. The school will be aware of these and will address them where practicable

Old 310



## POLICY

**AO1F** RGHS will provide specific learning programmes based on demonstrable and sustainable need.

## PROCEDURES

**AO1F** Teaching resources will be selected according to the following process.

- Each subject area will establish a selection procedure with clear and justifiable criteria by which teaching resources will be selected.
- Any concerns about the selection of teaching resources must be referred to the Curriculum Leader (CL) who will notify the Principal or the Deputy Principal Curriculum for appropriate action.
- Teaching resources should:
  - a) Reflect the stated aims and objectives of the programme for which they are to be used
  - b) Be appropriate to the age, ability, social and emotional maturity of the students
  - c) Include quality resources produced by New Zealanders where appropriate
  - d) Meet the literacy and numeracy needs of students.

Old 315

Musical and drama tuition will be available to students.

- Teaching areas and days should be arranged in consultation with the Curriculum Leader (CL) of Creative Arts as well as the Principal
- The providers appointed should be qualified and preferably registered instrumental teachers.
- Tuition should be provided in small groups.
- Fees should be set by the tutor with the approval of the Principal.
- Parental consent must be obtained before commencement of tuition.
- Fee collection should be the responsibility of the provider
- Students should participate in performance opportunities within the school.
- All expenses should be the responsibility of the provider.

Old 316

International student exchange programmes will be supported.

- A variety of international student exchange programmes that are currently accredited will be promoted: eg: A.F.S. American Field Service NZIU Youth for Understanding, A.S.S.E., American/Scandinavian Student Exchange, Rotary Exchange Programmes, United World Colleges Exchanges, Global Young Leaders Exchange Programmes EF Education Foundation, Taiyuan, Mounts Bay College, Taiyuan Foreign Language School, and Sumanoura High School.
- The Principal, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, will approve involvement in any new exchange programmes before the school facilitates students' involvement.
- The Principal will appoint a senior staff member to liaise closely with the approved international exchange organisations and to promote their student exchange programmes.
- Appointed staff will advise students on the exchange programmes.
- Exchange students will be encouraged to share their experience with the student body
- Homestay arrangements for students and staff will be offered where appropriate.

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## 2. ASSESSMENT AND STUDENT DATA POLICIES

### POLICY

**A02A.** RGHS will ensure a school-wide consistency of assessment procedures.

### PROCEDURES

**A02A** The Principal will ensure that:

- Procedures are to be transparent and well-publicised so that all students and staff are aware of their responsibilities.
- Within two weeks of the start of the year teachers will provide students with a course matrix and assessment plan including topics to be covered, titles and credit values, and versions of standards (both internal and external) to be assessed against, timing and nature of assessments, record sheets for students to track their progress and student assessment guidelines. All students are to be given a NZQA handbook containing the guidelines for NCEA at the start of the year.
- Programmes of learning and assessment activities will allow for and assist students to reach their potential. Curriculum Areas (CAs) will determine suitable strategies for collecting evidence of student achievement and to ensure that they are used consistently and fairly within the Curriculum Area (CA). When a student has not reached their potential in an assessment, teachers should review the evidence that the student has already provided before necessarily considering the need for further assessment as a future event. If deemed necessary, practical and manageable further opportunities to demonstrate achievement for internally assessed standards should be offered.
- Students should be assessed when they are ready, where this is practical and manageable for the school.
- Accumulated evidence. Teachers keep secure records of students work, to regularly monitor student work for each standard to be used to validate assessment and achievement including for cases of Derived Grade consideration for external assessment.
- Record keeping will allow for regular feedback to students and caregivers about progress and will provide data for NZQA. The appropriate aspects of the Privacy Act 1993 will be observed.
- Students with special needs will be provided with valid and fair special assessment conditions (SAC).
- Completed student assessments (if required for external moderation etc) and results will be stored in a secure and readily retrievable way within each Curriculum Area (CA)
- Digital storage processes will be set up to store random selection of moderation ready for submission for those Curriculum Areas (CAs) moving into Digital external moderation.
- The Appeals procedures are to be widely publicised and allow students to be assured that assessment outcomes and procedures are fair.
- The Deputy Principal - Assessment will maintain regular communication with NZQA to ensure that the school policy and procedures comply with requirements. The NZQA Principal Nominee will check external moderation results and will liaise with Curriculum Areas (CAs) to submit modified assessments as required by the external moderator. These will be kept with the external moderation summary kept by the Principal Nominee.



- Curriculum Leaders (CLs) submit a copy of the course matrix and assessment plan for each subject to the DP – Assessment. The DP - Assessment to gain assurance that school policy and procedures are being implemented consistently. Any changes to assessment plan must be approved by the respective CL in liaison with the DP – Assessment. All assessments will be loaded on the school’s Google Calendar.
- All students internal and external assessment results are stored annually on the school’s markbooks in the KAMAR Management Systems. LL to confirm final assessment results with teacher.
- Tracking of NCEA internal and external results occurs regularly throughout the year. And is used in conjunction with academic planning, monitoring and reporting on NCEA student achievement.
- School assessment policy and procedures together with Curriculum Area (CA) implementation are subject to the school’s annual review process. Curriculum Areas (CAs) must report any breach of authenticity to the Deputy Principal - Assessment, who will take the appropriate action.
- All students and staff are given a NZQF Handbook containing guidelines of NCEA at the beginning of the year.

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## POLICY

**A02B** RGHS will authenticate student work.

## PROCEDURES

**A02B** All student work for assessment is to be authenticated.

- Each student will be given a statement of requirements for authentication of work across all subjects. Each student is to sign a statement of authenticity for each standard submitted for marking.
- Each Curriculum Area (CA) shall identify the areas in which authentication may be an issue and outline the processes by which they will monitor authentication. Students must sign a statement of authenticity for each assessment that has aspects that are not directly supervised by a teacher. The responsibility for this process lies with Curriculum Leaders (CLs)
- Concerns regarding authenticity of student work shall be referred to the Deputy Principal – Assessment and raised with the student by the Deputy Principal – Assessment and Curriculum Leader.
- Teachers must ensure appropriate strategies are used to ensure that the work presented is authentic.
- Students sign off the Authentication Sheets for each assessment. All work is retained in the Curriculum Area (CA) in a secure office environment
- Students work is moderated as per internal moderation process in the Curriculum Area (CA) and is stored in the secure Curriculum Area (CA) Office

Old 303



## POLICY

**A02C** RGHS will follow clear procedures in the collection, administration and security of student assessment data.

## PROCEDURES

**A02C** Student data will be protected.

- Procedures will maximise the availability of the system to its users and minimise the risk of system failure.
- Each student data file will be clearly defined as to its content and its relevance.
- All student files will be retained in a format that best suits its usage and matches the school's electronic data system. (KAMAR)
- Virus checkers must be installed in KAMAR. Regular checks for viruses must be completed by an I.T. technician. All data must be backed-up twice weekly and back-up files stored in a fireproof security box on-site and a copy retained by a designated person off-site.
- A log will be kept of all difficulties with the system. This log will be reviewed periodically by the Director of IT and the Executive Officer will be responsible for initiating any system upgrades.
- Individual and group student information can be viewed by staff only as defined by their designated responsibilities.
- All student records are held in confidence as required by the Privacy Act 1993.
- Students can access their personal NZQA Login on the NZQA Website
- Parents can access attendance, bulletins etc
- Individual Student Information can be viewed by parents / caregivers of that student through KAMAR Portal (+passwords supplied by the school / KAMAR programme

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### 3. EVALUATION POLICIES

#### POLICY

**A03A** RGHS will evaluate all teaching and learning programmes in order to facilitate informed decisions in the choice of new curricula.

#### PROCEDURES

**A03A** The Principal will provide a regular and systematic means of programme evaluation.

- Staff will be provided with opportunities to develop skills appropriate to programme evaluation.
- Methods of evaluation will be appropriate for the programme to be reviewed and shall be the responsibility of the Curriculum Area (CA) in consultation with departmental staff and off-site providers.
- The purpose of the evaluation will have a clear link to the objectives of each programme and be readily understood by all participants in the review, as well as related to the School Charter.
- The evaluation process will include samples from all those involved in the programme – students, parents / caregivers, teachers, visiting speakers, industry partners and other interested parties.
- Participants' privacy will be preserved by allowing anonymous responses.
- Information gathered from evaluations will be available to all participants.

Old 312

#### POLICY

**A03B** RGHS will provide a formal framework for staff verification in relation to school policies, external agencies, programmes and property.

#### PROCEDURES

**A03B** The Principal will provide a framework by which staff will evaluate programme compliance with policies.

- Each Curriculum Area (CA) will complete a schedule of requirements for a Curriculum Area (CA) review every three years.
- A team of two to three people including the Principal and / or an external reviewer and a Deputy Principal will conduct the review.
- During the review every member of the Curriculum Area (CA) will have an opportunity to be consulted in private by the review team.
- The review report and any recommendations contained therein will be discussed at Curriculum Area (CA), School and Board level.
- The review team is to take responsibility for ensuring that review recommendations are implemented within the three-year cycle.
- Persons with an interest in the review report for a particular Curriculum Area (CA) should discuss it with the appropriate Curriculum Leader (CL).
- Ensure Curriculum Areas (CAs) being reviewed are provided with support and guidance.

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## 4. SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS

### POLICY

**A04A** RGHS will offer an appropriate level of support to each student with a special learning need.

### PROCEDURES

**A04A** The Principal will ensure that an appropriate level of resourcing is available to support students with special learning needs.

#### 1. Special Needs including

- ORS (Ongoing Resourcing Scheme) funded students with both high needs and very high needs.
- Students with moderate intellectual development delays.
- Students with non-specific academic gaps.
- Students with significant language delays and speech impairments.
- Students with physical and / or behaviour difficulties that hinder access to the curriculum.
- Students with psychiatric / psychological disorders.
- The Deputy Principal responsible for Special Needs will meet with the SENCO regularly to discuss and review matters relating to students with Special Needs.
- Parents / caregivers of students identified as having high to very high needs will be consulted with regard to their child's individual education programme.
- IEPs for ORS-funded students will be written in consultation with SES, teachers and caregivers. These will be reviewed and evaluated with relevant personnel on a regular basis.
- Where practicable special needs students will be main-streamed with additional resourcing to remain in the regular classroom as much as possible.
- Resources should be made available so that full personal development is possible. e.g. wheelchair access and support services for physical, emotional, intellectual and social enrichment.
- Teacher-Aides will be employed to support ORS-funded students needing significant adaption of the curriculum.
- RTLBs will be utilised to support the learning and behavioural needs of ORS-funded students.
- Students with moderate learning and behavioural needs are to be supported through SEG.
- Professional development relating to special needs may be funded by SEG or a portion of the ORS funding given to the school.
- School is part of the Student Achievement Facilitation Programme (SAF) identifying, monitoring and providing additional support for students, staff and whanau.
- Students needing Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) are identified and supported and using NZQA Assessment Guidelines.



## 2. Special Abilities including

- Intellectual ability or talent
- Specific academic aptitude
- Leadership ability
- Creative and productive thinking
- Visual and performing arts and sports
- Cultural knowledge and skills.
- Honor Society
- A senior staff member will be delegated specific responsibility for coordinating all aspects of the provisions for gifted and talented students at RGHS.
- An accelerate programme at Years 9 and 10 will operate.
- GATE students will be identified using a variety of methods including standardised testing, teacher observation / recommendation, and student self-identification.
- An important aspect to the accelerate programme is the creation of student portfolios that showcase student achievements, SMART goals and aspirations which form part of their academic planning profile.
- RGHS will provide a special accelerate programme at Years 11, 12 and 13. Students will be placed in accelerate whanau classes and continue compiling their student portfolios. Academic planning and mentoring will be a main feature of the programme whereby students are supported to achieve course and level achievements in NCEA. The school will foster special abilities by encouraging GATE students to attend appropriate extension opportunities such as the Auckland University seminars for gifted students.
- Part of the RECT grant will be allocated to assist financially needy GATE students to attend such seminars.
- Systems to monitor student performance and identify barriers to learning will be provided. All accelerate whanau teachers will monitor academic performance via KAMAR and ensure that students complete confidential surveys once per term (via Survey Monkey) in order that barriers to learning for these students be identified in a non-threatening manner. These barriers will be addressed by the school learning community.
- Sporting and cultural opportunities will be encouraged.
- Subject teachers who work with GATE students will have access to appropriate professional development opportunities to enable them to plan and implement effective learning programmes in their curriculum areas.
- A variety of approaches will be used to provide regular opportunities for GATE students to work with other students who have similar needs and abilities. e.g. ability grouping, curriculum compacting, withdrawal programmes, extra-curricular activities, competitions etc.

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## POLICY

**A04B** The Principal will ensure that an appropriate level of resourcing is available to support speakers of other languages (ESOL) and speakers from non-English speaking backgrounds. (NESB)

## PROCEDURES

### A04A

- ESOL / NESB students will participate in individual or group programmes for the development of language skills. A close link between the ESOL teacher and the Head of English, for literacy qualifications is encouraged.
- Additional resources may be used to supplement the programme and support subject areas e.g. Correspondence School for NZ residents, classes with the literacy teacher, ESOL Advisor
- The students' entry into the academic and cultural aspects of school life will be supported. Formal and informal language tests to help determine students' language levels and class placements will be administered by the Teacher in Charge, in consultation with the ESOL teachers.
- Opportunities to sit selected, external and international examinations are encouraged as part of the programme when appropriate levels of language competence have developed.
- The richness of cultural diversity will be acknowledged and the students' cultural heritage affirmed and promoted sensitively.
- Participation in school events and activities by the families/caregivers of students will be encouraged.
- It is desirable that an orientation programme for new students be organised at the beginning of each school year pending staffing and resources.
- Appropriate funding to cover students' tuition needs and teaching resources will be allocated.
- Pastoral care will be provided as per the N.Z. Code of Practice to which RGHS is a signatory.

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## 5. TREATY OF WAITANGI POLICIES

### POLICY

**A05A** RGHS acknowledges our dual heritage in the provision of a range of Te Reo Māori and Māori cultural programmes.

### PROCEDURES

**A05A** Māori culture, values and protocol will be an integral part of the school culture.

- Through Kahui Rangatahi RGHS will encourage students to access pathways that develop their sense of rangatiratanga.
- Kahui Rangatahi will encourage and welcome support from the wider community.
- Kahui Rangatahi will be encouraged to participate in all formal school ceremonies.
- Kahui Rangatahi will be encouraged to participate in wider community activities that develop a sense of Māori women as leaders.
- RHGS will provide resources and facilities to enable Kahui Rangatahi to fulfill its role.
- The responsibility for Kahui Rangatahi including its budget rests with the Deputy Principal.
- The Deputy Principal will, in consultation appoint staff members to assist with Kahui Rangatahi.
- Every RGHS Year 9 student will undertake a short course of study in basic Te Reo me ona tikanga, Māori Performance and Harekeke.
- All Māori students will be given the opportunity to participate in the Kahui Rangatahi forum.
- Māori language and protocol will be an integral part of the school environment.
- Māori will be represented on the RGHS Board of Trustees either through election or co-option and one of the Tangata Whenua on the Board will be the school kaumatua.
- The kaumatua will be invited to attend and take part in significant school occasions.
- Te reo Māori me ona tikanga will be included in staff professional development programmes in order to improve the delivery of Māori education and the achievement of Māori students.
- RGHS will support Māori culture with a putea as a budget item to support tangi, hui and Whetu Marama Awards.
- Any staff member required to recite in Te Reo has the opportunity to consult with the Curriculum Leader (CL) of Marautanga as the first port-of-call to ensure proper pronunciation.
- All teachers should be given the opportunity to learn Te Reo through school's PLD opportunities..
- The school environment will reflect that Māori students are a valued part of the school community.
- Members of the whanau and the wider community will be encouraged to participate in school activities whenever possible.
- Displays of student work in Takiri ko Te Ata should be encouraged to emphasise that RGHS is the home of Te reo.
- Curriculum Leader (CL) of Marautanga will be fully involved in all decisions likely to have a bearing on the future direction of Te Reo Māori throughout the school community.

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## 6. EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM POLICIES

### POLICY

**A06A** RGHS recognizes the value of EOTC programmes in the development of young women.

### PROCEDURES

**A06A** A range of EOTC programmes and opportunities will be provided.

- Staff discuss initial thoughts about an EOTC trip with the Principal and / or the EOTC Co-ordinator before discussing with students and parents.
- Details of dates, costing, planned itinerary, accompanying adults etc should be discussed with the Principal, before she presents them to the Board for approval.
- All EOTC activities are placed where possible on the Yearly Planner or on the Weekly Planner.
- All documentation for the trip is co-ordinated by the staff teacher in charge. A copy remains at the school with the EOTC Senior Management and in the Office and another copy remains with the teacher in charge.
- For overseas trips and extended trips (see Extended Trip Checklist) the Principal presents to the Board to consider:
  - perceived value of trip
  - the pressure put on families and staff to meet costs and / or to fundraise
  - number of these trips being planned in any year
  - organisation of the trip – teacher in charge of trip
- The Principal's approval is required for fundraising of amounts up to \$500. The Board's approval is required for amounts over \$500. No fundraising is to occur before the appropriate approval has been obtained. All monies raised must be placed in a school account. The school's name may not be used in fundraising without the Principal's or Board's approval.
- The Board will allow teachers travelling overseas with student groups leave at the discretion of the Principal.
- On return from a trip a general evaluation is completed and reported on to the EOTC Coordinator. This may include any medical documentation discussed and recorded with the school nurse, incident reports and accommodation and travel documentation.
- Volunteer helpers, parental and community helpers, non-staff members and outside agencies need to be identified in the documentation. This may include use of the school van and other schools involvement.
- Activities that fall within an approximate 5km area of the school and are low risk activities. A generic letter can be used to send home to caregivers and a medical list checked with School Nurse.

**OLD 353**



## POLICY

**A06B** Offsite courses will provide learning extensions and skills not possible onsite.

## PROCEDURES

- Course components must be an integral part of a school programme or (if stand-alone) should meet the individual needs of students. The course should have the support of relevant staff members.
- Adult / student guideline will meet the standards recommended by the appropriate external agencies such as the Ministry of Education, the Mountain Safety Council and the Water Safety Council.
- The Principal or Deputy Principal EOTC must be advised of any accident or medical emergency involving students or staff as soon as practicable.
- Any proposals for new courses must follow the process outlined in the New curriculum opportunities and procedures (A01B)
- Work placement is the joint responsibility of the Gateway Coordinator and the appropriate Head of Learning Area (LA) This responsibility includes ensuring that the venue is suitable and that the safety management policies and programme of the provider have been checked.
- The Gateway / STAR Coordinator has the responsibility for notifying students of the safety and health issues involved with off-site training.
- All off-site course components are subject to the RGHS / Principal and the signage of Gateway application forms. Consultation and notification to parents / caregivers.
- Where off-site training is managed in part or entirely by an external provider, an agreement needs to be negotiated between the school and the provider. Where the provider is accredited to offer Unit Standards the programme management is the provider's responsibility.
- All off-site training will be evaluated according to the provisions of A03A.

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## 7. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES POLICIES

### POLICY

**A07A** RGHS recognises the value of EOTC programmes in the development of young women.

### PROCEDURES

**A07A** A range of co-curricular opportunities will be provided.

- This policy applies to all school programmes, community-based programmes and overseas programmes.
- All students participating in such activities are RGHS representatives. They are expected to behave appropriately and to follow all school rules.
- The RGHS Senior Management reserves the right to limit a student's participation in any activity.
- The RGHS dress code for any activity agreed to by the RGHS Senior Management and will be worn by teams and groups representing the school. Students must respect these uniforms.
- Parents / caregivers will be notified in advance of any co-curricular excursions and the general organisation including costs. Parents / caregivers' consent will required prior to the student's participation.
- RGHS will provide coaches / managers with a manual outlining such requirements as the school rules and training schedules.
- Parents / caregivers of students will be required to pay all fees involved with the respective co-curricular activity unless prior arrangements have been made with the Principal or Sports Coordinator or Arts Coordinator.
- Where the school is aware that some students will have restricted access to programmes because of the family financial situation it will assist such students within the limits of its budget.
- Where access to programmes for some students is impeded by factors such as family circumstances and geographical distance, the school will attempt to provide practical support.
- Parents / caregivers sign a student participation agreement.

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## POLICY

**A07B** A range of cultural, sporting and recreational activities will be provided.

## PROCEDURES

### A07B

- Opportunities for students to experience theatrical/artistic and musical performances as audience or performers will be available as the school accepts offers for performances from both professional and community based groups both inside and outside the school.
- Opportunities for students to participate in sporting functions with other schools will be facilitated through exchange visits.
- Social functions will be run in conjunction with Rotorua Boys' High School
- Before any function that involves cost, travel or is held out of school hours, a notice outlining the event will be taken home by the students.
- All socials at Rotorua Girls' High School involving Junior students, parents/caregivers of students will be required to sign a consent form indicating they accept responsibility for ensuring the safe transport of their student between home and the function venue.
- No student will be admitted after the doors close or leave a Social before the finishing time, unless by arrangement between the parent and a Deputy Principal.
- Socials held at Rotorua Girls' High School, paid security staff will be employed, and tickets will be pre-sold.
- Socials will have Deputy Principals in charge, assisted by other staff. Senior students will organise the Socials.
- From time to time fundraising socials may be held provided the Senior Management Team is satisfied with the arrangements.

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## 8. STUDENT LEADERSHIP POLICIES

### POLICY

**A08A** RGHS provides a number of leadership opportunities for students.

### PROCEDURES

**A08A** In Year 12, students apply for positions of Student Council, Kahui Rangatahi, Pasifika Fono and CATCH Committee.

- Students are shortlisted by staff for the student leadership positions
- Students present speeches to staff at the start of the following year (Year 13) and to peers at Year 13 Leadership Camp. Staff and students present will vote.
- Votes will be totalled and the student leadership positions will be announced by the Principal
- Each whanau will have the opportunity to elect up to two representatives on the Council.
- Whanau representatives will be elected by whanau members in the first week of the year.
- The student representative on the Board and the Head Girl will be encouraged to be members of the council.
- A chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer shall be elected from among the representatives. Since the Chairperson is a prefect, the Chairperson is elected from amongst all student Council Reps after speeches.
- A staff liaison person, nominated by the principal shall assist the council as they request.
- The Chairperson of the Student Council shall ensure that meetings are held at least once a month. While students other than representatives may attend, only representatives may vote.
- Generally the whole school shall be given an opportunity when necessary to vote in whanau periods through a survey form attached to the minutes.
- Minutes of the meeting will be made available by the secretary to each whanau.
- Board of Trustees Student Representative needs to report back to the Board about Student Council, Kahui Rangatahi, Pasifika Fono and CATCH Committee on a monthly basis.
- Issues raised at meetings and minuted shall be discussed with the whanau and the whanau representatives shall bring the whanau views to the next meeting.
- Monies raised by students through Student Council shall be held in the Student Council account and disbursed according to the decisions of Council. The liaison teacher is available for consultation.
- Where a particular group has been granted consent to organise one of the scheduled socials monies shall go to that group.
- Where socials are organised by the Year 13 students, Student Council will consider the traditional distribution (namely that a proportion of monies raised at senior socials shall be used to off-set the costs of the ball and prizegiving gifts)



- No decisions may be made by a meeting of council unless a quorum is present. A quorum is deemed to be at least half the members.
- A special meeting may be called by: the Chairperson of the student council, the Principal, the Chairperson of the Board, the staff liaison person, at least half the student members of the student council.

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## POLICY

**A08B** The RGHS Assemblies offer leadership opportunities.

## PROCEDURES

**A08B**

- Principal's full school assemblies will be held regularly.
- House assemblies will be held regularly by KC, TP, AL for the purpose of fostering House spirit, acknowledging House participation and for general communication purposes.
- Staff may hold year level assemblies as required for communicating information specific to their particular area of responsibility, and or activity, or academic requirements
- Assembly dates will be identified in the Year Planner.

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## POLICY

**A08C** The RGHS House system offers leadership opportunities.

## PROCEDURES

To be re-written when structure finalized by SLT

- There are now three Houses: **Makereti, Taini and Witarina.**
- Each student will be allocated to one of the three Houses
- These will be vertical whanau groupings.
- Pastoral care is now with your Year Level Dean and Deputy Principals
- Senior students will be encouraged to take some responsibilities for, and interest in, the junior students within their House.
- Each Whanau will have the opportunity to have two representatives on Student Council, Kahui Rangatahi, Pasifika Fono and CATCH Committee.
- Where possible each house will be staffed to have a balance of gender, and ethnicity.
- This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the Policy on The Role of the Whanau Teacher.

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