Rautāwhiri

ROTORUA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Raukura Kapahaka Academy

Hai aha noa ahau te mate ai, ko taku Pākārito ka tupu - *Tūnohopū*

Vision - To empower our next generation of wāhine Māori to lead with mana, humility, strength, and purpose and guardians of Te Reo Maori - grounded in te ao Māori and connected through kapa haka.

Purpose - To provide a pathway for our girls to excel in Te Ao Haka so that they are best prepared for Regional and National competitions.

Objectives

- Develop kapa haka performance skills
- Strengthen te reo Māori
- Teach tikanga and mātauranga Māori
- Build confidence, leadership and whanaungatanga
- Create pathways for rangatahi into kapa haka, teaching and cultural leadership and experiences.

Who is the academy for?

Seniors - Year 11, 12 and 13 students will follow the Te Ao Haka programme in their normal timetabled classes. Each week the students will come out of normal classes and attend a Kapahaka wānanga. The one day wānanga each week will allow the students to immerse themselves in rehearsals, performances, guest expert speakers, workshops and specialised tutoring. This academy will also support those that are in Level 1, 2 & 3 Te Ao Haka to achieve 20 - 30 credits.

Juniors - Year 9 and 10 students are able to apply to be a part of the academy and if successful will join the one day wānanga. Through this one day a week wānanga based academy, students will build the foundations in Mōteatea, Waiata ā ringa, Haka, Poi, creativity, resilience, stage craft, reflection, planning, analysing and preparing for a performance.

Expectations:

Students are expected to attend the Kapa Haka Academy once a week and participate with commitment, respect, and enthusiasm. Regular attendance is important for building confidence, developing kapa haka skills, strengthening whanaungatanga, and supporting the success of the group. Each student must keep up with all work from other classes and achieve the school expectation of 90+% attendance. A review of each member of the academy will take place at the end of each term to ensure the expectations and outcomes of all members are met.

How to get into the academy?

Year 10 - 13 students that would like to be a part of the academy **MUST** follow the Te Ao Haka programme in their normal classes/timetable. Then in October an application process will begin. Applicants will be notified by letter of acceptance. Juniors (year 9) will also be expected to take Te Ao Haka as an option in the first half of the year. They will then apply to the academy in October by completing an application form and then an interview. Once these have been achieved we will let all applicants know by letter of acceptance.



Apply for the Kapa Haka Academy HERE:
https://form.jotform.com/262418166304050