



Te Whare Whawhao **HOSTEL PROSPECTUS**



Rotorua Girls' High School
ROTORUA | NEW ZEALAND



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Boarding allows students not living in our local area to benefit from the opportunity to have an all girls education at Rotorua Girls' High School. A girls school environment is unique in every sense! At Rotorua Girls' our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of all of our young women. We would like students to have the opportunity to join our many prodigious alumni who have been awarded the highest honours in the country, competed at the Olympics, performed professionally, led careers all over the country, and across the world.

We invite you to visit our school and our Hostel. It is a new chapter for us, why not be part of it?

Whaia ko te mātauranga.



TE WHARE WHAWHAO

Te Whare Whawhao is a modern boarding hostel, which provides a safe supportive environment for girls attending Rotorua Girls' High School. The hostel is located in the Toi Oho Mai campus, a short drive to RGHS.

ACCOMMODATION

Junior boarders share two-bed rooms on a term rotational basis • Senior boarders (usually Year 12 & 13) stay in rooms by themselves. Each term our junior students are encouraged to change the combination of their roommates so that they get to know each other.

FACILITIES

Te Whare Whawhao caters for up to 65 boarders in Years 9 to 13. The hostel also has a modern fully-equipped kitchen, dining room, laundry, sick bay, lounge and movie style TV lounge which doubles as a prep room.

MEALS

Our boarders are kept fuelled with a hot protein breakfast every day, along with morning tea, hot lunch -supplied by Ka Pai Kai at RGHS, afternoon tea and dinner. We alternate our dessert night with a supper night throughout the week.

It is our goal to provide a variety of tasty and nutritious meals that fuel and energise the growing teenager.

A Hostel food committee will be established to review the food that is offered.

TELEPHONE / CELLPHONES

Each Year 9/10 student is permitted to have one cell phone, which can be used at designated times. Year 11-13 students have free access to their cell phones. Local calls may be made from the hostel telephones.

TRANSPORT

A minibus is available during set hours within defined area for transport to school sporting, school cultural activities and bus depot. Close to public transport for home leave.

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Parents/caregivers and prospective students are welcome to make an appointment to view the hostel prior to enrolment.

Parents/caregivers have access to their daughter(s) at all times. Parents/caregivers and families are invited to a welcome event held during Term 1 each year.

HOSTEL MANAGEMENT

The hostel is led by the Principal. The hostel is run on a day-to-day basis by the Director of Boarding who is assisted by Boarding Managers and other support staff.

BOARDING ALLOWANCES

If your child lives in a remote area or faces other barriers to achieving at school you can apply for funding so that they can board away from home and focus on their studies. If you are a parent or caregiver, please go to the Ministry of Education website for more information and how to apply using the following link:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/secondary-school/your-child-at-school/boarding-allowances/>



The hostel name “Te Whare Whawhao” comes from the Te Arawa expression “ Anō te whare whawhao o Te Aokapurangi” which at its most basic means “the brim full house of Te Aokapurangi”.

This expression recognises the bravery and ingenuity of this heroic ancestress Te Aokapurangi when she called the people into the assembly house as a safe haven for their utmost well-being.

“Te Whare Whawhao” is therefore a place where students can feel safe and secure as they progress on their educational journey with Te Kura o Rautāwhiri.

A place to create lifelong relationships

As new students to our school, the hostel students are in a unique position to develop life long friendships with the students they share boarding with and also within the school.

Te Whare Whawhao provides a supportive extended family environment that encourages young women to experience personal growth and excellence. It also offers a unique opportunity to learn routines and self management while in an environment that is safe and secure.

A place to feel safe

Te Whare Whawhao provides a safe, secure environment for our girls. It is situated on the far edge of the Toi Oho Mai campus, away from the main road. It is staffed 24 hours a day with surveillance with a swipe card entry to every room. The use of personal phones to stay in touch is encouraged, however, at night phones for the junior students are handed in to allow no interruptions and a good night sleep!

A place to learn, grow and be inspired

Te Whare Whawhao is Rotorua Girls’ High School’s new boarding facility located on the Toi Oho Mai campus a short distance away from the main school campus.

It is a safe and secure environment where our girls can focus on their studies, while discovering and exploring new opportunities and also having fun.

As well as participating in all school activities students are encouraged to take advantage of the cultural and recreational opportunities in the community. A minibus is available to access after school sports and activities. Boarders may travel home each weekend.

Rotorua Girls’ High School has had a proud history of educating the young women of our region since 1959. Many of our graduates have made their mark on the world. We have had olympians, academics, cultural leaders as well as leaders of industry and community.

A place to call home

Te Whare Whawhao is managed by a Director of Boarding and live-in staff. Residential assistants and Te Whare Whawhao student leaders help with the running of the hostel. The school nurse is consulted on health issues. Together, this group of people provide ‘a home away from home’ environment and ensure the success of the hostel.



To be considered for the first allocation of places, applications for the following school year are required by **December 1st 2022.**

Applicants will be advised of their acceptance as soon as possible.

Applications received after the closing date will receive consideration thereafter.

Students who receive places at Te Whare Whawhao gain automatic entry to Rotorua Girls' High School.

All requests for information, applications and tours of hostel are to be addressed to:

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