



Rotorua Boys' High School

Ad Astra Per Aspera
Whaia Te Iti Kahurangi
To The Stars Through Hard Work

Introducing our Student Leaders for 2020



Head Prefect, Ngakohu Walker (right)
and Deputy Head Prefect, Aidan Tonge

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ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

MOTTO

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VISION

To be the outstanding Boys' High School in New Zealand

PRINCIPLES

Rotorua Boys' High School provides an environment for boys to mature into outstanding young men to prepare them for the important future role they must play in the community.

VALUES

Students are expected to:

Be strong of character – Pūmau

Being strong of character means you show respect for both yourself and others, have personal integrity, take responsibility for the consequences of your actions and be a good citizen. Be a good man.

Demonstrate leadership – Whakātu ngārahutanga

Leadership can be taught and learned. You will have many opportunities to demonstrate leadership and be a good role model as well as encouraging appropriate behaviour in others. Be a good leader.

Display commitment – Ūpoko pakaru

Commitment means never giving up just because something is difficult. It encompasses a work ethic, time management and sacrifice in achieving your goals. Be a good worker.

Take opportunities – Kapo huanga

Taking opportunities is about embracing new challenges. You will be presented with a myriad of opportunities in your time at Rotorua Boys' High School. Enjoy the challenge.

Strive for Excellence – Hirangatanga

Striving for excellence means you will always do your best, learn from your mistakes and seek continual improvement. Reach for the stars.

Show respect – Whakaute

Show respect to family, school, friends, team mates and especially yourself.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou me te tangi hoki ki a rātou kua riro atu.

Welcome to the 2020 school year, it has been a positive start to the year and a real feeling that 2020 will be another great year for our school.

I would like to welcome all of our new students and families, especially our 280 Year 9 students and their families.

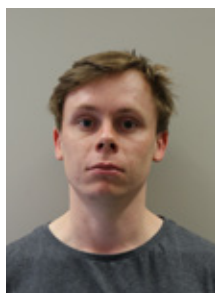
I am pleased also to welcome our new staff members for 2020 :



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Mathematics



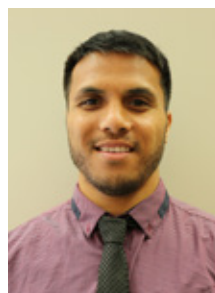
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English



Mr F Bramley
Science



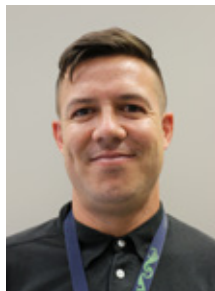
Mrs Pengelly
Dance



Mr B Kairaoi
Mathematics



Ms K Aldridge
Mathematics



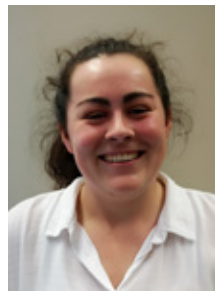
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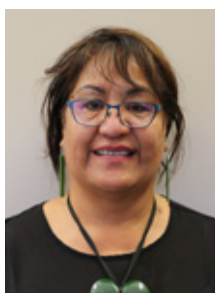
Miss M O'Neill
English



Mr G Becht
Social Sciences



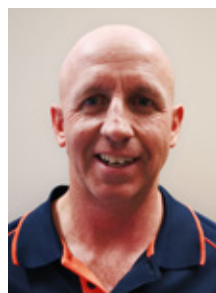
Ms K D'Arcy
Science



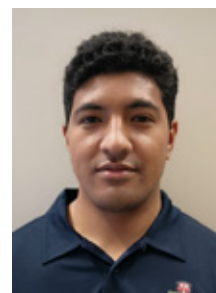
Mrs R Martin
RTLB



Miss A Hunter
Teacher Aide



Mr L Robertson
Director of Transport



Mr T Tuaiatu
Youth Worker

The school is pleased to welcome this highly qualified group of new staff to our school.

At the start of the school year there is always a number of staff who take up new responsibilities and in this regard I would particularly like to acknowledge :

- Dr J Ferguson – Leader of Learning Science
- Mr D. Florence – Assistant Leader of Learning Science
- Ms E. Jamieson – CoL Contextualised Learning
- Mr J. Lewis – Assistant Leader of Learning English Year 9&10, CoL Cross Curricular Writing

- Mr L. Mascord – Teacher of Māori, Head of House
- Ms M. Shaw – Year 12 Dean
- Ms R. Tahuri – CoL Year 9 Supported Learners Programme

2020 Board of Trustees

Our current Board of Trustees is as follows :

Mr Herby Ngawhika (Chair)
 Mr Mark Lawrence (Deputy Chair)
 Ms Mercia-Dawn Yates
 Mr Marty Hine
 Ms Wai Morrison
 Mrs Melanie Short
 Mstr Hori Allen-Gage (Student Representative)
 Mr A.C. Grinter (Principal)
 Mrs Jodie Rose (Board Secretary)

Prefects

The school is very proud of an impressive group of young men who have been appointed as prefects and student leaders for our school this year.



Back Row: Jared Hamilton, Uale Lefaoseu, Zach Cooper, Keden Wichman, Kelvin Cunliffe, Pumi Black

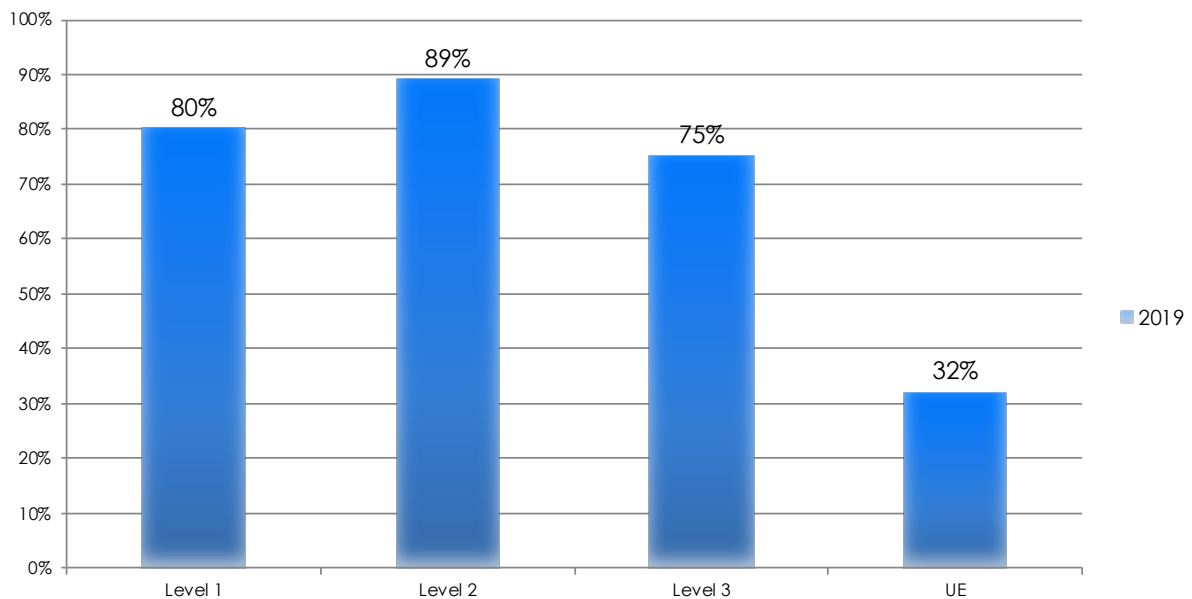
Front Row: Connor Franklin, Tawhao Webster, Finlay Martin, Aidan Tonge (Deputy Head Boy), Mr A.C. Grinter (Principal), Ngakohu Walker (Head Boy), Mr P Conrad (Deputy Principal), Tamati Cassidy, Rangihaeata Hale, Haruto Takahashi, Sameed Khan

2019 NCEA Results

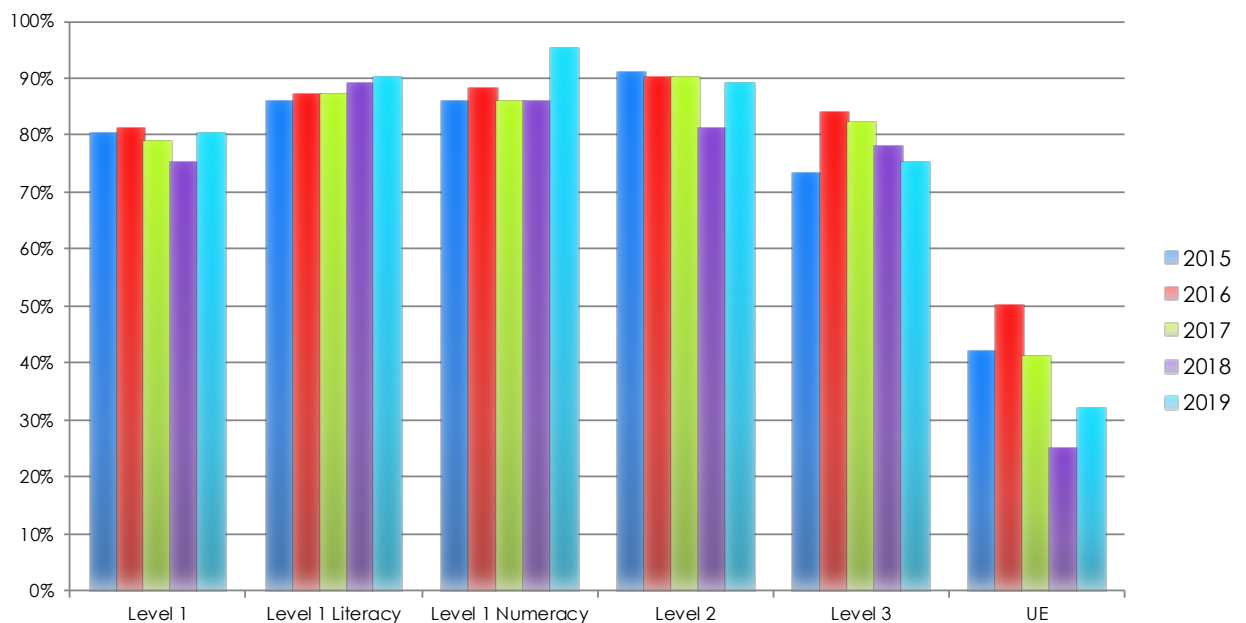
In 2019 the school again received pleasing NCEA results that maintained the achievement levels of recent years.

Our 2019 NCEA results were as follows :

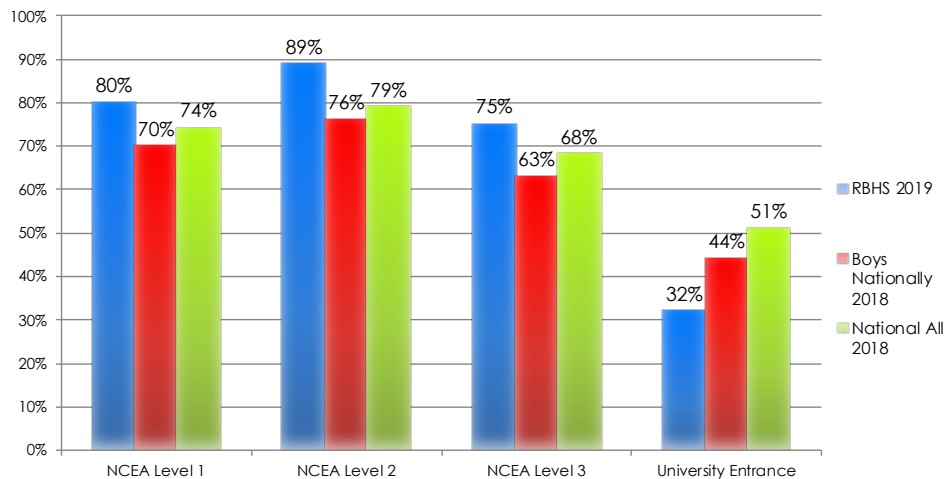
RBHS Enrolment Based Results 2019



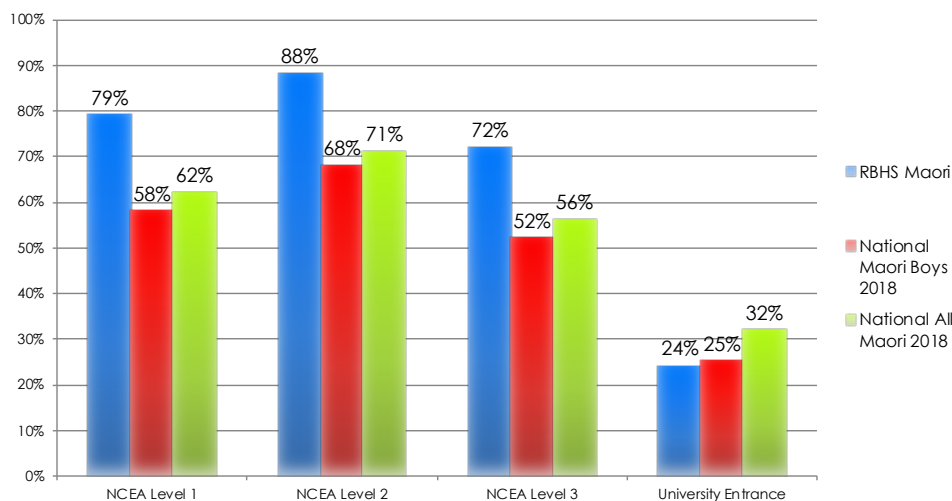
The Past Five Years – Enrolment Based Data 2015-2019



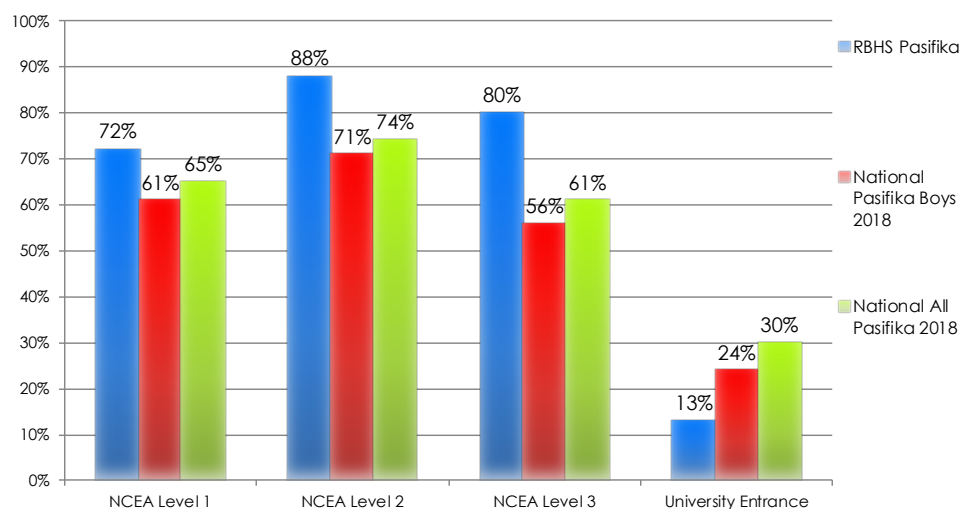
RBHS against National Results – Enrolment Based 2019



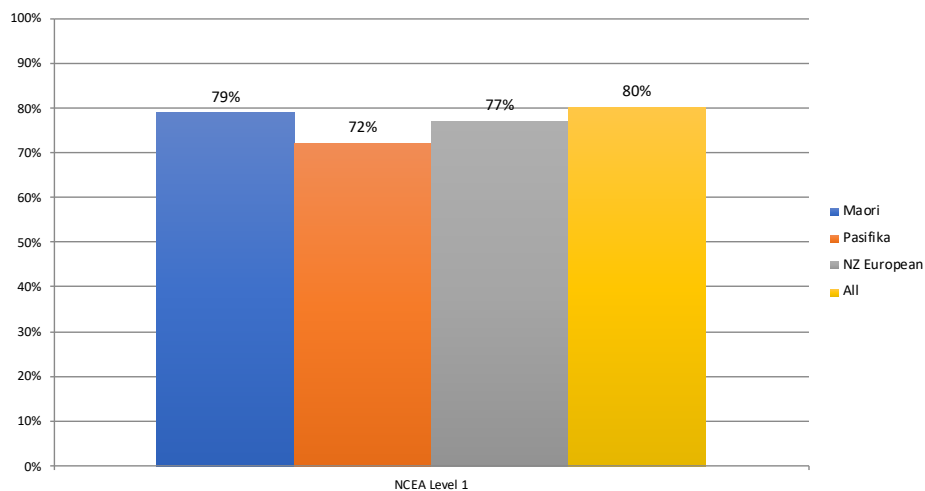
RBHS Maori against National Maori – Enrolment Based 2019



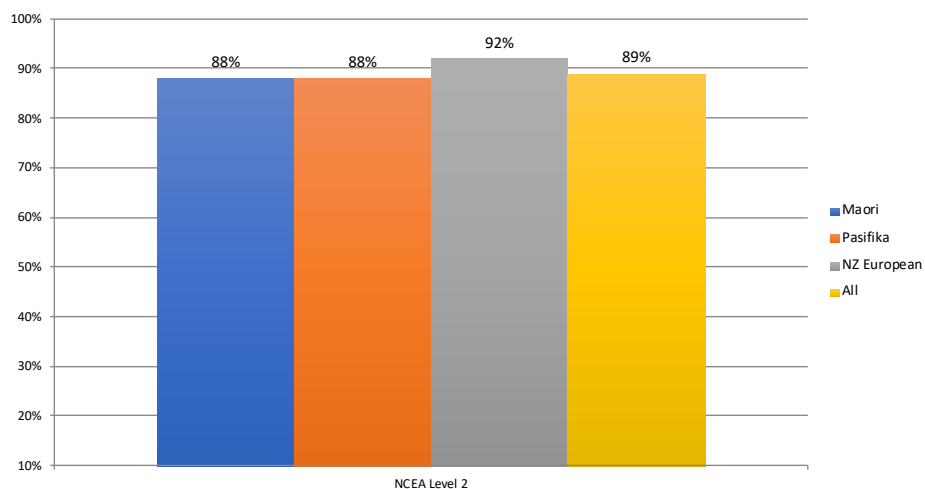
RBHS Pasifika against National Pasifika – Enrolment Based 2019



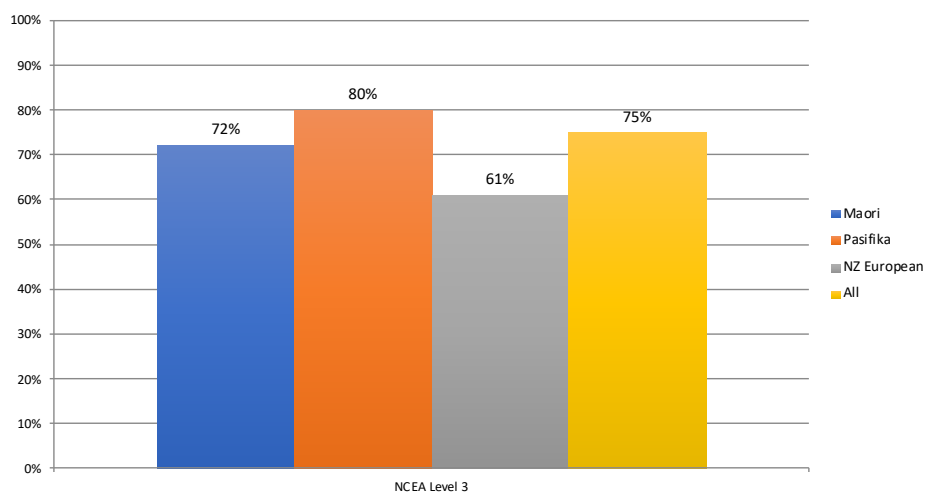
NCEA Level 1 – Ethnicity Comparison 2019



NCEA Level 2 – Ethnicity Comparison 2019



NCEA Level 3 – Ethnicity Comparison 2019



Scholarship

Congratulations to the following students who gained Scholarship in Te Reo Māori :

- Rocco Marsh
- Ruameto Hamiora
- Ngakohu Walker (Year 12)

2020 Academic Goals

Wishing all 2020 students the very best as they continue to place their mark on these successful graphs. Our school goal this year in all levels is an 85% pass rate.

Further in endorsements our goal for 2020 is :

Year 9	60% +
Year 10	55% +
Year 11	40% +
Year 12	30% +
Year 13	30% +

Academic Review Day

Our Term 1 Academic Review Day for 2020 will be held on Friday 6 March and details around interview times will be sent out by Mr Conrad – DP Teaching and Learning in the next few days. You will note that we have this year moved our Academic Review Day to trial whether this will be able to grow the number of Hostel parents that are able to come in person into the school for this day given the convenience of being able to take their young man home with them for the weekend following their interview.

Learning with Digital Technology

I would like to thank all those parents in Year 9 who have purchased iPads for their young men. Through our new policy of providing 16 iPads in every classroom as well as the sales to individual students we have now allocated 650 iPad's so far this year and are in the process of lodging a further order. We are as a school now 1:1 in devices.

Those students who bring their own iPads from home are encouraged to purchase the schools MDM software which provides students with WIFI and allows the school to safely protect this valuable resource. This software is of course optional and students who do not wish to purchase our MDM software will be able to access WIFI in their classroom through classroom provided iPads. In this instance the school cannot provide the same level of security for the iPad as we can for those that have the school MDM.

Celebration of Success Evening

Our Celebration of Success Evening will be held on Wednesday 8 April 2020. Our Celebration of Success Evening is our opportunity early in the new school year to acknowledge our Year 9 Jubilee Scholars, those who gained Excellence in NCEA 2019 and our School Prefects with whanau. Invitations to our Celebration of Success Evening will be issued shortly.

Tabloids

Congratulations to all those students who participated so positively and freely in a very enjoyable albeit hot afternoon.



Te Wero

On Thursday 27 February and Friday 28 February we will hold our annual 'Te Wero' Challenge for our Year 13 students.

We wish them the best and hope this year with a different and less demanding financial structure we will have greater participation.

Athletics

The schools Athletics Day was held on Wednesday 19 February and a new format saw increased participation by seniors on this day.

The Bay of Plenty Athletics Championships are scheduled for Tuesday 3 March 2020 and for the first time in many years this will be a Bay of Plenty combined event with all Bay of Plenty schools present. Best wishes to our team of Athletes who will contest those events.

Year 9 Camps

Year 9 camps will be held during March on the following dates ;

Monday to Tuesday	9-10 March	Drake House (9DA & 9DB)
Tuesday to Wednesday	10-11 March	Frobisher House (9FA & 9FB)
Wednesday to Thursday	11-12 March	Nelson House (9NA & 9NB)
Thursday to Friday	12-13 March	Raleigh House (9RA & 9RB)

Saturday Night Fever

Auditions for Saturday Night Fever will be held with the Director, Mr Dean McKerras on 6, 7 and 8 March 2020.



Shiba 2020

Shiba will arrive on Wednesday 25 March through until Friday 3 April 2020.

HOMESTAYS WANTED

We are looking for families who would like to host International Students. If you are interested in providing a homestay for an International Student for one term, two terms or the whole year, please contact Mrs Grinter:
Email: tgrinter@rbhs.school.nz Phone number: 348 6169 Ext: 837

Congratulations

2019 Sports Team of the Year



Congratulations to the touch team 2019 on being Runners Up at the National Secondary Schools Touch Tournament



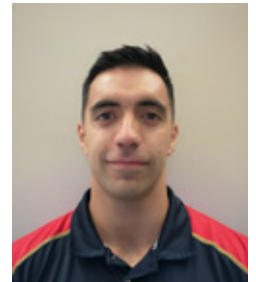
Tournament Week

Week 10 is summer tournament week and the school will be represented in the following codes :
Waka Ama Swimming 3x3 Basketball U15 Sevens Futsal

Winter Codes

At this time all our winter codes are in the process of preparing for the forthcoming season and in this regard the school was pleased to welcome a Strength and Conditioning coach, Mr Groot who is an old boy of our school is a Graduate of Bay of Plenty Polytechnic.

Mr Groot will provide support for all our Directors and coaches across the codes as we strive to produce bigger, stronger, faster athletes.



Mr D Groot

IMPORTANT DATES :

Sunday 23 February	Year 12 PE Camps
Wednesday 26 February	BOT Meeting
Thursday 27 February	Te Wero Year 13 Challenge commences
Tuesday 3 March	BOP Athletics in Tauranga
Monday 9 March	Year 9 Camps commence
Friday 6-Sunday 8 March	Saturday Night Fever Auditions
Wednesday 25 March	Shiba from Japan Arrive
	BOT Meeting
Saturday 28 March	1st XV vs Tangaroa at home
Monday 30 March	Summer Tournament Commences
Friday 3 April	Shiba Depart
Saturday 4 April	1st XV vs Auckland Grammar School at home
Monday 6 April	Yr9 Parent Conferences
Tuesday 7 April	Yr10-13 Parent Conferences
Wednesday 8 April	Celebration of Success – 5.30pm
Thursday 9 April	1st XV vs Churchies Brisbane 1.30pm at home
Friday 10 April	Good Friday and Start of Easter Holidays
Tuesday 28 April	Term 2 Commences

As you can see it will be a busy term for the school, I extend best wishes to all students and staff and the wider school community for not only a successful Term 1, but a highly successful 2020.

Targets have been set, goals defined, and now we must all work hard and work together to realise these goals.



Ngā mihi nui

A.C. Grinter
Principal

PROPOSED NCEA CHANGES

In case you missed it, the Government has recently confirmed its final NCEA change package. Schools have been advised that the changes are intended to: strengthen our national qualification; address over-assessment and fragmented learning; promote culturally responsive teaching and learning; and improve accessibility, the support available to teachers, and the information available to students and whānau.

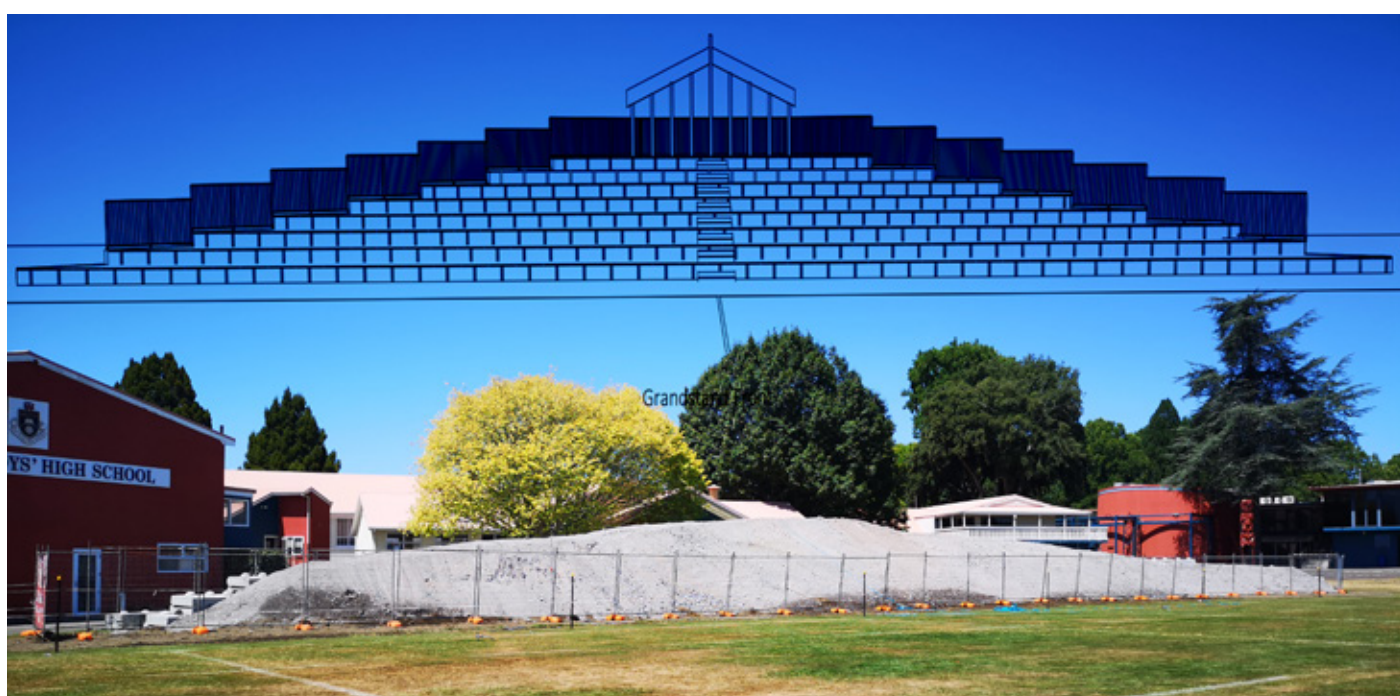
A copy of the Ministry of Education's announcement is available here: [Ministry website](#).

There are changes to the subjects that the Ministry proposes to support at NCEA Level 1. This is consistent with the policy objective - for NCEA Level 1 to become a broader, foundational qualification that allows students to keep their pathway options open, while Levels 2 and 3 promote greater specialisation.

The Ministry has asked me to encourage you all to give feedback. Public engagement on the subject list for NCEA Level 1 has commenced for a period of two months (closing on 20 April 2020).

More information is available on the Ministry's website along with the provisional subject list for NCEA Level 1: <https://consultation.education.govt.nz/ncea/ras-provisional-subject-list>. The Cabinet paper and Ministry advice have also been made public ([see under the February tab](#)). You can find the list in the engagement questionnaire, or for your ease of reference it is also accessible from this [link to the Cabinet paper](#) (go to pages 19 and 20).

GRANDSTAND



Top Image: Artist impression of the new grandstand.
Photograph: Current stage of the grandstand construction.

Address from the Head Prefect



Toki uri uri, toki uri, toki amoamo ake hoki au i taku toki nei.

Kia rahirahi mātkī, kia rahirahi mākākā. Nō hea te toki nei a Manīhi. Nō hea te toki a Manāha. Te Manāha nui a Tāne. Ka whakairia nui ake koiarā te tarawīwini ka tū ki hea, pou e. Rūrū taku rama, rūrū nā wai, ka rūrū ki hea? Ka rūrū ki Waioriki ki Ōraka. Kape tī, Kape t

Tihei Mauri Ora!

Ko te mihi tuatahi ki tō matau Atua. Nāna te timatanga me te whakamutunga o ngā mea katoa. Kia whai kororia ki tōna ingoa tapu. Ki nga mate. Haere, haere, haere atu rā. Hoki mai ana ki a tātau te hunga ora, tēna rā tātau katoa.

Ko Hawai te marae. Ko Ranginui te wharenuī. Ko Turirangi te wharekai. Ko Te Harawaaka te hapu. Ko Te Whānau A Apanui te iwi. Mai ngā Kuri A Whārau ki Tihirau. E i te tapu o Muriwai. Ko Ngākohu Walker. He uri tenei no Te Whānau a Apanui, Te Whakatohea. E tū ake ake nei au ki te mihi atu ki a koutou katoa.

Ki nga kai kōrero, tēna koutou.

Ki nga kai karanga, nga reo tioriori, tēna koutou. Ki te Tumuaki, tēna koe.

Ki nga Kaiako me nga awhina, tēna koutou.

Ki ngā tama tane o Raukura, tēna koutou.

Ka huri aku mata ki a koutou nga Manuhiri. Nau mai ki te papa o Raukura. Kua tae koutou ki te whakakī i o koutou kete, mā te Matauranga. E kii a nei te kōrero, “Ko koutou ngā Rangatira o āpopo”.

Heoi anō me huri au ki te reo paraoa, kia mārama pai ai tātau katoa.

Kia Ora & Welcome to Rotorua Boys' High School 2020

To Mr Grinter, Kia Ora Sir. You continue to lead our school to greatness every year and I know you'll do the same this year.

To our staff and support staff, I hope you enjoyed your holiday and are ready for another great year.

To our new staff, welcome

To our prefects team, boys this is our year. Let's make sure that we lead by example and if not uphold, lift the legacy left by those who led before us.

To the student body, welcome back boys. Make sure that we all welcome our new boys and make them feel at home.

And finally to our visitors, welcome. I look around and I see that Raukura's future is bright. To all our parents that have arrived today to support their boys. You guys are super stars. I commend you all on coming today to support your boy. There is nothing that is comparable to having a loving and supporting whānau. So I thank you all for coming. That is one of the things we pride ourselves most on is Whanaungatanga. If we can carry on this kind of support all throughout the journey, schooling life for the boys will be very easy and smooth sailing. It must be very nerve racking for you to be letting your son go into high school but don't worry, our staff and our student body will no doubt help your boy comfortably settle in to school here.

To all our new boys, welcome. I hope you guys make the most of your time here at school and make your whānau proud.

You may be wondering who I am?

My name is Ngakohu Walker, I am a proud hostel boarder and I am the head prefect for 2020 here at Rotorua Boys High School.

I was born and bred on the sunny East Coast of New Zealand in a small place called Hāwai where the rhythmic pulse of the ocean is just off the doorstep of my house and the hum of the forest is just outside my back door. The nearest town which is Opotiki is a half hour drive away. Hunting, fishing, diving and spending time in the outdoors with my family is what I grew up doing.

I went to kohanga reo at Maraenui and spent my primary and intermediate days at Te Kura Mana Maori o Maraenui, which was a school that consisted of three classrooms and 40 kids. There I learnt to fluently speak my native tongue and I learnt about my tipuna and my culture. Through those years I was the only kid in my year level. Being the only kid in my year level from Year 1 through to Year 8 was challenging at times but I learnt a lot. I never had anyone of my age to hang out with, so I always hung out with people that were either older than me or younger than me.

I then transitioned into high school where I spent my first year at Opotiki College. When I moved there I thought it was huge. It only had three blocks. I actually got lost on my first day there which I can still clearly remember now. Opotiki College is a good school, however it wasn't for me. I then made the move over here to Rotorua in 2017 as a Year 10 student where I found my niche. When I arrived at this school it was way bigger than little Opotiki College. Don't even ask me how many times I got lost. The very first thing I noticed about this school is that it is a place that is very much alive. Everyone is doing something... It pushed me to get involved in everything I could. The opportunities that are available here are endless. From performing arts activities like production and kapa haka, to academic, activities like debating. To sporting activities like rugby and so many more. Back home, we have nowhere near as many opportunities as

this school presents. As a way to give back to my whānau I make sure to take every single opportunity that presents itself and I hope I inspire other boys to do so.

It is absolutely humbling to stand here in front of you all as head boy. 13 years ago I was a young boy attending a small rural school along the East Coast and I never ever would have imagined having such a role as this. So I am very honoured and absolutely humbled. I will do everything I can for this school and for our boys to make it a better place.

If any of the boys, old and new, need anything or have any questions or need someone to talk to, just know that I am here for you all. Although I am Head Prefect, I am just another boy that proudly attends Raukura.

Before I close off my speech I will leave you with a whakatauki that I live by every single day.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

Heoi ano, huri noa i tō tātau kura, tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna tatou katoa. Kei raro.

Ngakohu Walker
Head Prefect 2020



From the Desk of the Deputy Principal

Administration and Assessment



NZQA / NCEA Student Information

Monitoring your achievement and progress is easy with the NZQA Learner Login page. Enter the following web address and you will be able to access your personal learning information.

Check it out!
www.nzqa.govt.nz/students

If this is your first time checking out the website and using Learner Login, you will need the following to be able to register for free! and login;

1. NSN (National Student Number) – Your House Group Tutor can give this number to you or you can also access this by contacting the NZQA call centre
2. Password or Pin number – You will be asked to create a password and pin number
3. It will take less than 60 seconds of your time to register!

On completing the Registration and Login process, you will be free to browse and access all there is to know about your learning!

Firstly, I recommend watching a short video clip with parents/caregivers about NCEA and what is required to endorse with Merit or Excellence. Just click 'What are endorsements' and you will have access to a short video clip or read the info which is certain to answer all your questions.

Secondly, take a look at the following;

- Entries and Results (Request exam papers / certificates)
- Credit Summary – All years
- Credit Summary – For a particular year
- Track your progress and predict your outcome
- Your Rights and Responsibilities for External and Internal Assessment
- University Entrance and Scholarship

If you have any further questions about how NZQA and NCEA works you will find it on the student page or you can also contact the NZQA call centre on 0800 697 296.

Enjoy your search

Mr B Buckton (BSp&ExSci, PGDipTchg)
Deputy Principal - Administration and Assessment
bbuckton@rbhs.school.nz

From the Desk of the Deputy Principal



At Rotorua Boys' High School we strongly recommend the use of a digital device to support learning. As such we have committed to a targeted 1-1 iPad initiative and it is our vision that at some point every student will be able to learn with their own iPad. In all classrooms there are iPads which are able to be used to enhance learning. Technology continues to revolutionize the way we think, work, and play. At Rotorua Boys' High School it has been proven that technology, when integrated into the curriculum, enhances the learning process. We live in a rapidly evolving world and students today need to be digitally literate and flexible to succeed in the 21st Century workplace. There is considerable research that concludes many students of today will find jobs that haven't been invented yet. Therefore, the emphasis on schools is to develop 21st Century Skills such as collaboration, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, digital and information literacy, adaptability and creativity. Bringing technology into the classroom has many significant benefits ranging from increased student engagement, a richer learning context, increased collaboration, access to material previously not possible and increased ability to cater for various learning styles. It is for these reasons and many more, that here at Rotorua Boys' High School we strongly recommend the use of an iPad to support learning.

MDM

The MDM, or Mobile Device Management, is a tool which enables all users at Rotorua Boys' High School to engage in a safe, secure and collaborative learning community. The MDM is vital to enable all student's devices are equipped with all necessary applications for learning, with a location enabling service and for smooth and efficient access to the school network. As a school, the MDM is fundamental for us to be able to track, monitor and ensure that the highest standard of learning is taking place. The MDM is available from the student counter for \$25 a year and this is installed by our school I.T providers.

Responsibility

While the school will make every effort to ensure all devices are secure, ultimately, students are responsible for their device. They must bring it fully charged to school, and use their device to engage in learning, complete set tasks and to communicate effectively in all environments.

"Our students, through the use of digital technologies, will be offered future-focused learning opportunities, to ensure they are equipped with the skills to be successful global citizens."

RBHS Learning with Digital Technologies Vision

Academic Review Day

One of the key strategies our school utilises to ensure students meet their academic potential is the Academic Review process. At the start of the year your son will be developing a number of goals alongside their House Group Teacher. Throughout the course of the year your son and House Group Teacher will work together to monitor and encourage him to achieve these goals. We believe that this process has been a key factor in improving student outcomes in recent years. Academic Review days are your opportunity to join us at school to discuss your son's progress in an individual, positive conversation with his House Group Teacher. This year we will again be

holding two Academic Review Days. The first is on **Friday 6th March** and all parents are expected to come with their son. Your engagement with this process is vital to ensure the most positive outcomes for your son this year. The second Academic Review Day will be early in Term 3 and will offer a chance to review progress towards his goals. This process is incredibly effective in creating a positive partnership for learning, achievement and success between the home, the student and the school.

Reports

Please be aware that the first fortnightly Progress Reports will be available for collection on Academic Review Day. After this point the reports will be emailed out to a specified email address every fortnight. Our Fortnightly Reporting system has proven to be effective, transparent and enables all caregivers the opportunity to play a part in their son's progress. It is important to note that it is school policy to write reports using each student's legal name. If however you prefer us to write your son's report using his preferred name, this can easily be arranged. In order for this to happen, you need to contact the main office or your son's House Group teacher and inform them of your preference. It is also important to ensure all contact details are correct in this process to establish and maintain effective communication.

Mr P Conrad (BA, DipTchg, PGCertAP)
Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning
pconrad@rbhs.school.nz

From the Desk of the Deputy Principal Student Support



Kia ora Students and Whanau of Raukura 2020,

My name is Hamish Lockwood and I am the Deputy Principal- Student Support 2020. Just wanted to start with a huge Mihi to all our Whanau of Raukura and especially to the young men at Rotorua Boys High School. I am looking forward to fulfilling my role in 2020 and relish the opportunity to improve student outcomes.

It is a timely manner to remind parents and caregivers regarding our Absentee protocol 2020. Student's, parents, and staff are continually working together to improve the attendance rate for our school. An emphasis on being at school regularly and punctually will ultimately drive toward enhancing the academic profile for each student. Should your son not be attending school for any length of time, there are a number of options below which can be utilised to inform the school of his absence;

1. Contact Absentee Hotline – (07) 349 5137
2. Phone or email the Dean
3. Written explanation for House Group Teacher on his return to school

Early Notification

To improve the timeframe in which Rotorua Boys' High School notifies you of your sons absence, we are now operating an Early Notification system where by Parents / Caregivers will receive a message via text or email informing that your son is absent from school without explanation.

The message will be sent on the morning of absence and his records automatically adjusted on return message from Parents / caregivers. To enable the programme to function effectively, please notify the school office to confirm the mobile and/or email address you would like this message delivered to.

Uniform Rules

Uniform is regarded as an important symbol of pride and affiliation with the school. The wearing of the school uniform is compulsory. Parents are asked to assist the school by ensuring their son maintains the highest standard in dress, cleanliness and personal appearance. All items of school uniform can be purchased at the School Uniform Shop.

Shirt:	Taupe Polo, skivvy or business style.
Trousers:	Long navy blue
Shorts:	Navy blue
Tie:	Navy blue with scarlet diagonal stripes
Shoes:	Black lace up shoes
Sandals:	Black sandals (with back straps) may be worn with shorts.
Jacket:	School nylon jacket in navy and scarlet, or school polar fleece in navy and taupe. No other jackets permitted.
Vest:	School nylon outer shell vest in navy with taupe fleece inner (reversible)
Blazer/Suit	Black
Cap:	A monogrammed school cap is optional.
Tracksuit:	Navy blue school tracksuit.
School Lavalava:	Only to be worn with Number 1 attire (shirt and Tie) only for formal occasions

The school uniform must be worn to and from school and when representing the school.

Leadership:

It is an important year for your young man to step out of their comfort zone and strive to become a future leader here at Raukura. There are many opportunities for students to achieve these goals and I encourage students to be involved in as many extracurricular activities both in and out of school as possible.

Leadership opportunities 2020:

Sir Peter Blake Trust, National Young Leaders day, Outdoor Pursuit Centre, Y Lead Conference, Outward Bound, Waikato Young Leaders Day, Cultural Exchange to Northern Territory, Duke of Edinburgh and many more.

Important Dates: Year 13 Te Wero, 27th February to 28th February. Year 13 students please collect your permission slip from the Student Counter or from your House Group Teachers. Please make the payment by the 23rd February. If you need to hire a bike please see Mrs Donaldson at the Student Counter to register. Looking forward to another exciting challenge.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, either via email hlockwood@rbhs.school.nz or phone 07 3486169 ext 872 if you have any concerns.

Ngā Mihi,

Mr H Lockwood
Deputy Principal- Student Support
hlockwood@rbhs.school.nz

From the Deans

From the Year 9 Dean

Mrs A Hay



Our Year 9 boys have had a great start to their year at Rotorua Boys' High School, with this being the biggest Year 9 cohort in 17 years! They have transitioned well into the new routines and they look very smart in their uniforms. Thank you to all the whanau who attended our Pōhiri on January 29th, what an amazing way to start the year.

Thank you also for your support in ensuring your son has been set up for success by having his uniform and stationery needs organised.

The boys have already experienced their first Tabloid and it was awesome to see so many Year 9 boys getting involved, challenging themselves and having a great time!

Your son has been issued with his own individual timetable. These are really important as they let your son know where he needs to be, at what time, and who his teacher is for each subject. It would also be helpful for you to have a copy of his timetable also, so ask him to share it with you so you are aware of what subjects he has. Having their timetable glued to some cardboard, laminated or as a screenshot on their device can save a lot of time and despair.

Your son's attendance will directly impact on his achievement at school this year. Please ensure your son is at school EVERY day, unless there is a justified reason for his absence. In this case, please inform either his House Group teacher or myself, as to why your son is away.

You will be able to track your son's attendance and achievement this year if you have access to the internet. At our first Academic Review Day (Friday, 6th March) your son's House Group teacher will give you a specific username and password to the website, which enables you to see exactly how many credits they have, as well as monitor their attendance. This is a very useful tool for parents!

Junior Certificate at Year 9 requires our boys to achieve a minimum of 80 credits over the course of the year. If your son manages to get 50+ of these at 'Excellence' level, he will achieve his Year 9 Certificate with an Excellence endorsement. Likewise if he achieves 50+ at Merit/Excellence level, he will achieve a Merit endorsement. We want as many of our boys to achieve with endorsements as possible. Please support your son by having conversations about their learning at home, and tracking their credits via KAMAR on our school app.

If you would like to keep up to date with the schools events, make sure you check out our school Facebook page and for anything related to Year 9's I have started up a group called "Year 9, Raukura, 2020" where I will post photos and notices related to just our Year 9 boys.

My role is to liaise between yourself, your son and his teachers. If I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you in the future.

Mrs A Hay (BEd(Music), DipTchg, FTCH(Violin))
Dean of Year 9
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From the Year 10 Dean

Mr B Kanara



Tena Koutou Katoa

My name is Mr Kanara and I am the Year 10 Dean here at Raukura. I was born and raised in Rotorua and did all my schooling in Rotorua.

Welcome back Whanau, 2020 is here and we are ready for another big year at Raukura. A special welcome to all our new Whanau this year and thank you for entrusting us with your sons. Our numbers this year in Junior school are already looking healthy with 240+ students in our Yr10 Group. As always our focus early on and during the year is around attendance. It goes without saying that if the attendance is high then success will follow.

Our pass rate dropped a touch last year and this is something we aim to change. Our boys are expected to be here with a 90% attendance rate and all days off school must be phone/texted or emailed into either the office or House Group Teachers.

With Year 10 being the final year before NCEA, we deem this year especially important for our year group to start developing patterns of success and routine that will assist them greatly next year. These qualities are things like

- 90% attendance
- Submitting and completing all work offered
- Making House Group each morning
- Monitoring and tracking endorsement progress
- Attending To Honoa Toi after school
- Attending all Academic review days throughout the year
- Attaining good scores in fortnightly reports on Kamar

We will monitor the Year 10 group closely this term and make recommendations nearer the end of term for any students we believe would benefit from our after school program. If you do not know how to access the Parent Portal on Kamar then please make contact with us. The Parent Portal is an easy and effective way for our whanau to monitor their boys and be proactive with their learning and success.

Mr B Kanara (BEd)
Dean of Year 10
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Rotorua Model Aircraft Club

Model Airshow
Sunday, March 15
10am to 3pm

At the club flying field, on Mead Road.
Turn right, 1km past the Green lake on the way to the Buried Village.

**COME AND SEE AN AMAZING
DISPLAY OF FLYING MODEL
AIRCRAFT.**

Gold Coin Donation, BBQ and refreshments
Trial flights on the club trainer and simulator.

Weather doubtful? (rain or high winds). Check Facebook.
Alternative date, the next weekend Sunday, March 22.

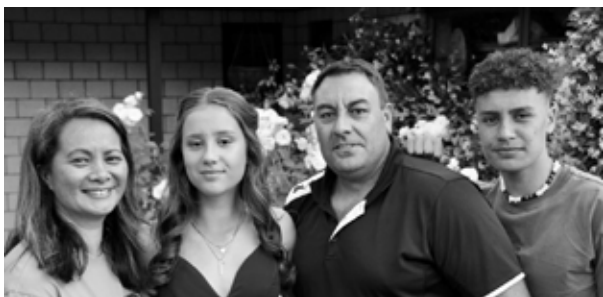
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No dogs allowed.



Kia Ora Raukura whānau,



For those of you who do not know who I am, my name is Mrs Hemana and I am the Year 11 Dean for 2020. I was born and raised here in Rotorua and have been teaching since 1999. My teaching experience ranges from Year 4 through to the tertiary sector, and I have a Master of Specialist Teaching in Learning and Behaviour from Massey University. I have two wonderful children, Koan Hemana, a current Year 11 student here at Raukura and Grace who is a Year 9 student at our sister school, Rotorua Girls' High.

I am excited to be able to work with a fine bunch of young Raukura men. The challenge moving forward for us is to continue with that strength and determination to succeed at the task ahead this year in the NCEA Level 1 programme.

There are three levels of NCEA certificate, depending on the difficulty of the standards achieved. At each level, students must achieve a certain number of credits to gain an NCEA certificate. Credits can be gained over more than one year.

NCEA level	Requirements
Level 1	80 credits are required at any level (level 1, 2 or 3) including literacy and numeracy.

For more details see the following website: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-ncea/>

Te Honoa Toi – Homework Centre

This learning space is now operating after school from 3-4pm in L4 from Monday through to Thursday. This is an opportunity for students to keep pace with their studies and utilise the teachers expertise also. I will be in Te Honoa Toi every Monday afternoon for any students wishing to work directly with me.

House Group Captains

We have some Year 11 students taking on the role of House Group Captain to support their peers to manage their goals. We really want to foster the notion of collaboration and accountability to others. I will be meeting regularly with this group to support the work being done every day in House Group time. So therefore, House Group from 8:45 – 9am is a vital time for our student's academic progress, and is held in high regard. I want to thank the following students for their leadership and commitment:

Nelson



Jonas, Ethan



Hemana, Koan



Simpkins-Jones, Blue



Anderson, Bronson



Simiona, Cajon

Drake

Raleigh



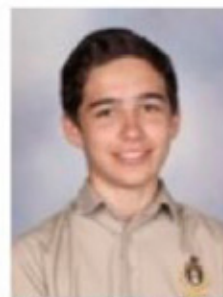
Hine, Kanton



Paul-Tomoana, Tiakitai



Schuster, Meleki



Keown, Christopher

Whare (new House Group)

Mitchell (Hostel)



Webster-Tarei, Paretoroa



Walker, Taumanu

Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for the success of our students this year. NCEA is a demanding programme and as a Senior student of our school it is expected that our students attend every class. Should circumstances arise that prevent this we would appreciate a call or email justifying your sons' absence.

If you need to discuss anything with me please send me an email khemana@rbhs.school.nz or ring on 3486169 ext 803.

Ngā mihi

Mrs K Hemana M.Sp.Tchg (Hons), P.G.Dip.Ed., B.Ed
HOD Library / Dean of Year 11
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Tena Koutou Katoa,

Greetings to all the families of our students at Rotorua Boys' High School.

My name is Mrs Shaw and I am the Year 12 Dean for 2020. It has been a very busy start to the school year with timetabling and importantly identifying potential pathways.

This year, I lay down the challenge to our cohort to improve their results from 2019. Each young man should strive to achieve the following throughout this term;

- A score of 3.8 or better in each fortnightly report
- 100% submission of assessments
- Full attendance at Academic Review Day (ARD)

Academic Review Day

The Academic Review Day is your first opportunity to discuss your son's pathway in 2020. This will be held on Friday 6th March. This relationship with your son's house group tutor is a crucial part of monitoring learning and progression along with setting goals to help our young men achieve their potential. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fortnightly Reports

Our first cycle of fortnightly reports will be sent out on Academic Review Day in Week 6. These reports are essential part of helping to develop reflective learners. Please take the time to go through these reports with your son and identify areas where he can improve as well as celebrate his success. We encourage you to utilise the contacts and email teachers where necessary to discuss any learning or attitude concerns.

Attendance

Attendance is a major contributor to a student's success. Our goal this year is to have an attendance rate above 90%. If your son is unwell or unable to attend school, please ring the school office to advise us of his absence, 07 348 6169.

2020 has the potential to be a great year, a new path to take, new goals and aspirations to achieve. Together we can achieve beyond what one can do alone.

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, Engari he toa takitini”

“Success is not the work of one, but the work of many”

Mrs M Shaw (BTchg, DipJourn)
Dean of Year 12
mshaw@rbhs.school.nz



Tena Koutou Katoa,

Greetings to all the whānau of our students at Rotorua Boys' High School, at the beginning of this new school year. I am very excited about commencing another journey with our young men and helping them to grow and embark on their journey after school. For those of you who do not know who I am, my name is Ms Bekar and I am the Year 13 Dean for 2020.

Attendance

Regular attendance to school is vital to the recipe of success. NCEA is a demanding programme and it is expected that our students attend every class. Our school attendance target is 85% or more and I encourage our students' to follow our school motto "Ad Astra Per Aspera" and reach for the stars. Should a situation arise where your son cannot attend school, we would appreciate a call or email justifying your son's absence either through the school absentee line, their house group teacher or myself.

Academic Achievement

NCEA Level 3, as mentioned above, is a demanding programme. This year your son requires 60 credits, as 20 credits roll over from last year. If your son is a new student and this is his first year in New Zealand Education then your son will require 80 credits to gain his Level 3 Certificate. In addition to acquiring these credits, if your son gains 50 or more Excellence credits then he will gain his Level 3 Certificate endorsed with Excellence. If he gains a mixture of 50 or more Merit and Excellence credits combined then he will attain his Level 3 Certificate endorsed with Merit. These are achievements I strongly encourage your son to strive for.

Furthermore, University Entrance Literacy is an achievement your son should set the goal of achieving, even if he is not intending on applying for University. In terms of employment/apprenticeships, this will set him apart from other applicants if he has this on his academic record. In order to achieve University Entrance Literacy, your son has to acquire 5 Reading and 5 Writing credits which are offered in various subjects and standards across the school. Please ask your son to come and have a chat with me about this if they want to know how to obtain this if they don't already have it.

Lastly, in terms of pathways, if your son is intending on going to University then he has to acquire University Entrance as well as his Level 3 and UE Literacy. This is obtained by gaining 14 or more credits from 3 or more University Entrance approved subjects. For more information on what subjects are UE approved then please check it out on the NZQA website.

Career Advisor

The Careers advisor Ms Adlam, is located in C Block this year and she is available to our students for advice throughout the year. As this is the last year for our Year 13 cohort, Ms Adlam will be a fantastic resource for our students to benefit from.

Te Honoa Toi - Weaving together - Academic Support.

This program is to support our students in their academic achievement. Deans facilitate this support on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday every week from 3pm until 4pm in the Library computer suite. Your son is welcome to attend these sessions for extra support. Details of staff and subject specialities are listed below.

Monday	Mrs Hemana	English
Tuesday	Mr Kanara	Technical
Wednesdays	Mrs Shaw /Ms Bekar/Mr Hunt	Maths/ PE
Thursdays	Mrs Hay	Maths

There will also be a specialist from Science who will attend these sessions to help support our students in their academic achievement throughout the year too along with some other teachers who sign up to help.

Drivers Licence Course

The following boys attended a course during Week 3 of this term and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on gaining their Learner Licence.

- Te Hokinga Ututaonga
- Kaleb Banks
- Thonmas Poko
- Alaa Al Omari
- Jordan Wallace- Leef
- Kini Fonua
- Keden Whichman
- Te Kotuku Gillespie-Robson
- Himiona Gray
- Byron Hinga
- Uale Lefaoheu
- Harley Tamai
- Liam Lloyd
- Caerwyn Ross
- Nemani Smith



From the 24th February, Ms Bekar will be on maternity leave and will return for the beginning of Term 3 (20th July). During this period of absence, Mr Hunt will be stepping into this Deans role. If you need to discuss anything with him during this time please send an email to ghunt@rbhs.school.nz or alternatively call on 3486169 ext 836.

“Ko au te taupa kihai i puawai aku moemoea”
“I am the only obstacle to the fruition of my dreams”

Ngā mihi,

Ms C Bekar (BSc (Hons), PGCE, PGCertAP)
Dean of Year 13
cbekar@rbhs.school.nz



INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Welcome to the new and returning International Students for 2020. We will have 38 International Students from around the world experiencing our great school this year ranging from Year 9 to Year 13. There are 20 new students from China, Japan, Fiji, Tonga, Spain, France and South Africa. The 18 returning students are renewing their friendships and getting straight back into New Zealand school life. I hope you all will have a great year in 2020.

HOMESTAYS WANTED

We are looking for families who would like to host International Students. If you are interested in providing a homestay for an International Student for one term, two terms or the whole year, please contact Mrs Grinter as below.

SHIBA 2020

Shiba High School from Japan will be visiting us again next year from Tuesday, 25th March – Friday, 3rd April 2020 (9 nights). Do you have a spare room? We are looking for families who would like to be a homestay to these boys. Please contact Mrs Grinter.

The students are generally about 14-16 years old and want to experience Kiwi home life. This school has visited Rotorua Boys' High School for 22 years now and it is a very successful cultural exchange. Your support of this long standing brother school would be most appreciated.

Mrs T Grinter (BA, BCS, DipTchg, PGCertAP, GradCertTEAL)
Dean of International Students
Email: tgrinter@rbhs.school.nz
Phone number: 348 6169 Ext: 837

NEWS

CAMP 'TANE RAUKURA' 2020

Whirinaki Recreation Camp – Minginui

Term One / 9th – 13th March

Parents / Caregivers,

In line with the school charter, we have an obligation to develop an awareness and appreciation of the conservation of the natural environment. To this end, it is expected that all Year 9 students attend the overnight 'Tane Raukura' camp, as it is an integral part of the development of being a new student at Rotorua Boys' High School.

The camp is designed to develop and enhance relationships with students and teachers through teamwork and leadership. Further to this it is an excellent opportunity to take ownership of what it takes to excel as a student of Raukura.

We will be sending a newsletter home within the next few days with more information and also attached will be a permission and a medical consent form which will need to be returned to school.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me

jtehuia@rbhs.school.nz

Nga mihi

Mr J Te Huia (BPhEd, PGCertAP)
Assistant H.O.F. PE, OE & Health
jtehuia@rbhs.school.nz

POLICE STUDIES

Term 1 Noho Marae Two Day Hui

The 2020 Police Studies class had their first Noho Marae overnight hui on the 30th and 31st January at Waiaituhi Marae in Mourea, Rotorua. This was a great introduction to the course where students were given clear expectations of the course and requirements of students throughout the year. It was great to have in attendance all the dignitaries throughout the two days including Acting Area Commander Rotorua Police Inspector Phill Taikato, Senior Sergeant Graeme Hill and Senior Sergeant Nick Cooney who are RBHS and RGHS mentors. Throughout the two days students were exposed to different elements of the New Zealand Police and how the PRIMED value of the police will be implemented through this program.

Students also completed various activities such as Solemon Undertaking (swearing in to the course), Informal interviewing and some Physical appraisal Test training.

A highlight would have to be two Old Boys - Constable Kelly Haimona and Constable Zane Roberts who shared their experiences and recounted their personal journey into the New Zealand Police. These constables are currently in their second year with the Rotorua Police.

It has been a promising start to the 2020 Police Studies programme and I look forward to reporting on future progress and opportunities.

A big congratulations to Year 13 Tiaki Maraki who was the recipient of The PRIMED award presented at the end of the two day noho. Tiaki displayed and maintained the PRIMED (Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Commitment to the Maori and the treaty, Empathy and Diversity) values over the two days.

I would like to thank Mrs Katu, RGHS Teacher, Senior Sergeant Graeme Hill and Inspector Nick Cooney for all your help and organisation of the first noho 2020.

Nga mihi

Mr H Lockwood (BSpLS, DipTchg)
Teacher of Police Studies 2019
Deputy Principal- Student Support
hlockwood@rbhs.school.nz



DEPARTMENT NEWS

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

It's been a great start to the new year and decade. We have a number of excited and talented students in all year groups who are all raring to go. We also welcome our new dance teacher for 2020 Mrs M Pengelly. We are very excited to have her on board this year. We also have welcomed back our itinerant Music Teachers - Mr J Breakwell teaching guitar, drums, bass and bands, Ms K Lauder teaching piano and Ms B Oakley teaching saxophone and keyboards. Along with our second Music Teacher / Vocal Teacher Mrs E Hulton, we have a strong Music /Dance teaching team ready for 2020.

We have lots planned for this year both inside and outside the classroom. We are hoping to continue helping our students gain great Music results while encouraging them to participate in a number of co-curricular activities whether it be performing at assemblies or at concerts within the community or participating in things like the Big Sing Choir Competition or our production of Saturday Night Fever which is happening in September.

I would like to congratulate the following students who gained Music Subject Endorsements in 2019

Level 1: Max Harvey and Leitutolu Rasmussen

Level 2: Max Harvey and Maneo Armstrong.

Awesome Achievement boys well done.

Over the holiday some of the Music students have had some great success in their music fields. Max Harvey continued to train and perform with the National Youth Choir in preparation for a tour to Europe later this year.

Also after attending a Bagpiping Camp with hundreds of Bagpipers from all over the country, during the holidays Maneo and Ngatai Armstrong are 2 of 3 students given a scholarship to attend a bagpiping school in Canada later this year. Awesome achievement well done.

If you need to get in touch with me regarding anything to do with Music and the Performing Arts please don't hesitate to contact me at chay@rbhs.school.nz

Mr C Hay (BMediaArt, DipTchg)
H.O.F Arts
chay@rbhs.school.nz



Mr Breakwell with a group of Year 9 students learning Bass Guitar and Drums.

TECHNOLOGY

FOOD & HOSPITALITY

Mr Boielle's recipe of the month



Poached Mussels with Red Thai Curry Sauce

This is a very tasty way to prepare a local delicacy. Remember to steam the mussels until they are fully open, and pour plenty of the Curry sauce over the top. A few nicely toasted garlic bread rolls would compliment this dish.

Visit my website: <http://rbhshospitality.weebly.com/steamed-mussels-with-red-tai-curry-sauce.html>, for this recipe. **The password is student.** Here you will find tried and tested recipes, tips and tricks.

Happy cooking and remember. We are what we eat.

Mr K Boielle (Trade Cert, DipTourismMan, DipTchg, PGCertAP)
Teacher of Food & Hospitality
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ENGLISH

A warm welcome from the English Faculty to all our students and our two new teachers. Ms M O'Neill, who comes to us from Reporoa College, brings her wealth of experience from teaching in both Australia and New Zealand. Mr B Nielsen is an "old boy" of Raukura and has his Master of Arts in English. He has recently returned from six years in Germany.

Our English Faculty also welcomes Mr J Lewis, who has taught in Social Sciences and Science at Boys' High, also a former student, joins us with his abundance of experience and knowledge around digital literacy and improving the writing skills of our students. He takes up the position of Assistant Leader of Learning, with a focus on the Year 9 and 10 programmes.

Congratulations to all our 2019 senior students who gained an endorsement in English from the NCEA external examination. We have high expectations and plans for increasing the number of students who endorse this year. There has been a faculty wide push to increase our students' reading and writing mileage, from the start of this year. Over the course of the remainder of the year, the focus will be on increasing our boys' knowledge and skills in planning and proofreading, and crafting their writing to their potential. There will also be class reading challenges. With research data revealing that reading mileage is one of the biggest factors in a student's academic success, it is common sense for us to encourage all our boys to read as much as they can.

Debating is a code which many of our students enjoy, as well as find a worthwhile challenge. Throughout the year, students interested in increasing their "thinking on their feet" skills, will meet

regularly to learn and hone their capabilities. The first of these meetings will be held in Weeks 5 and 6. Those new to debating, will be able to experience live practice debates at lunch time. Our seniors will be working towards the Super 8 Debating Competition in May.

Our school year always draws to a close with The Annual Great Debate. RBHS has won the trophy from RGHS for the last two years, and we are wanting to make it a "hat trick" in 2020. Another competition that will be rewarded at Senior Prize Giving in November, is our Best Writer.

From all the teachers in the English Faculty, we wish our students and whanau, a productive and successful year of reading and writing. English studies focus on creating awareness, knowledge and understanding about life and humanity. English studies therefore, are for everyone.

Mrs M Allom (BA, MCW, DipTchg)
Teacher of English, Assistant Leader of Learning, ALOL - English
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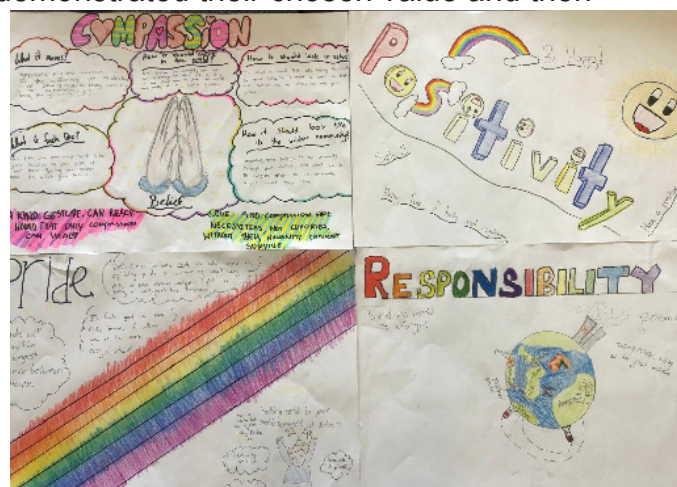
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Business Studies

Like a phoenix, Business Studies at Raukura is reborn, back and better than ever. Our thriving Level 2 Business Studies class of 29 students is participating in the Young Enterprise Scheme this year. This opportunity allows our boys to form their own businesses with their classmates and compete against schools in their region and nationally. In Week 5, we will be attending the Young Enterprise Kickstarter session at Toi Ohomai, where our five groups will have the opportunity to present their ideas to the Young Enterprise Trust and network with other schools and successful business people.

Social Studies

9A started the year considering key values which should be applied in the classroom and beyond. They worked in groups to create a poster which demonstrated their chosen value and then presented them to the class.



Mr R Holliday (BA, DipTchg, PGCertAP)
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CHINESE

Kia Ora
nǐ men hǎo!

The Chinese department welcomes all students who are taking Chinese in 2020.
Congratulations to those students for their great NCEA results in 2019. You will be awarded with a prize.

Level 1

Ngaru Omichi – Merit

Level 2

Jordan Epapara – Merit

Sameed Khan – Merit

Daniel Meneses – Merit

Level 3

Jimah Ruland-Umata – Excellence

Michael Stanley – Excellence

Junzheng Zhang – Merit

Well done to those boys for your wonderful performance in the celebration of 2020 Chinese Spring Festival at the night market on 23th January.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the boys who sent their nice messages of support to the Chinese people to fight against the coronavirus!

Ms W Chen (BPed, DipTchg, PGCertAP)
Teacher of Chinese
wchen@rbhs.school.nz



CAREERS

Welcome to RBHS Careers Department! New Year, New Office in C3.

We are now in a wonderful bright office in C Block near the canteen. C3 is the Careers Room and the Gateway Co-ordinator is in the office at the entry to C Block. Come, call in.

Our Careers Department is a resource for all students and parents, students can drop in during breaks and or make appointments for class time. We have many outside providers, universities and presenters visit our school to show case their courses, apprenticeships and other opportunities.

Parents, please visit our department during Academic Review Day on **Friday 6th March**. I look forward to meeting you.

Senior Students Remember:

Gaining Basic University Entrance (some degrees have a higher entry requirement) requires:

Gain NCEA Level 3
and
14 credits at Level 3 in Three UE approved subjects
and
UE Literacy and Numeracy

Gaining an apprenticeship - Employers look for:

Restricted Drivers License
NCEA Level 2 preferably with UE Literacy and Numeracy
Willing to work, reliable and can follow instructions
Work Experience - check out our Gateway Programme.

Rapua te ara tika mou ake: Seek the path that is right for you.

Ms Y Adlam (DipCareers)
H.O.D Careers and Transition
yadlam@rbhs.school.nz

GATEWAY

Any students interested in Gateway please come see Mr Makan in the new Gateway office in **C-Block**. Gateway provides an awesome opportunity to provide learning in a workplace environment.

If you have a business, and would like to partner with us to offer our boys some work experience, please get in contact with our Gateway Coordinator Mr Makan at cmakan@rbhs.school.nz

Mr C Makan (BBS)
Gateway Co-ordinator
cmakan@rbhs.school.nz



HARWOOD LIBRARY

The library is open from 8am to 4.30pm daily.

With air-conditioned comfort and over 4000 books, graphic novels and magazines to choose from the library is a popular place for students to read and socialize.

The libraries cataloging system can be accessed via the RBHS website for students to search for books or digital resources that complement the school curriculum.

Mrs J Davies
Librarian
jdavies@rbhs.school.nz

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

Senior A / Senior Basketball

Term 1 2020 has started off with a big high, with the return of 7 players from the 2019 team. Returning players are Aidan Tonge, Nabil Kone, Tristan Karaka, Finlay Martin, Jared Hamilton, Keden Wichman and Ernest Kerr. We are so excited these young men back.

More excitement comes from our Senior Development 1 programme who won the Northern Cup Championship in the 2019 season with players Kenechukwu Nwafor, Shaun Gifkins, Zach Cooper, Tai Mclachlan. Returning for his final year at school, Sebastian Douthett will bring his great leadership to this team.

Changes in staffing include head coach Mr D Courtney at the helm, who will bring a new look to this squad. Long-serving Senior A coach Mr M Elers, will now take his coaching knowledge to our Junior Programme and guiding/mentoring Junior A coach Mr S Master, and Junior B coach Mr D Iraia.

As the Basketball Director, I am very excited about the future of Basketball at Raukura.

Development One Team 2020

Trent Irving, Himiona Buffet, Te Manaia Rowberry, Tuteao Raerino, Tearynce Ngamotu, Tiakiwai Raharuhi-Walker, Noah Stolzenberg, Mikaere Albert, Cyrus Nacar, Pita King, Matiu Tuuta Te Rei, Tamaarangi Tuuta Te Rei,

Development Two Team 2020

Robbie Thomas, Daniel Simpkins, Zion Hema, Bradley Raharuhi, Kahutia Hunt, Wharekaponga Williams, Aorere Waaka, Cody Howe, Kauri Dorset, Tungarangi Tearetoa, Kayden McNicholl Derek Taare,

ALL PLAYERS ARE PARTICIPATING IN FITNESS TRAINING RIGHT NOW AND 1ST HIT OUT WILL BE AT ROTORUA TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT ON 24th APRIL

Welcome to our Senior Programme for 2020

Junior A /Bs Basketball

2020 Has started with a "BIG BANG" in the Junior Programme with over 60 juniors trialling out for 24 spots for Junior As and Bs squads, this so exciting.

Coaching Staff: with the appointment of Coach Mr M Elers (Head of Junior Program) this will see more talent for our Senior programme for the future of Raukura. Also, Coach Elers passing on his experience/knowledge to Coach Master who now is the Head Coach of Jnr As and welcome Coach Iraia who will be coaching our Jnr B team.

Some exciting juniors to look out for in 2020 are Kupa Teao, Xanda Master, Toka Tawhara, Ataarangi Bryers, Santanna Porter. This year 9 Group is outstanding in size and skill. Leading the

way is Freeman Vercoe (6ft), Christopher Bryant (6ft 3), Tyrell Irving (6ft 4), younger brother of Trent Irving and Shane Gifkins (6ft) younger brother of Shaun Gifkins so watch this space...

Junior Academy teams 2020

This year we will be having six Jnr Academy teams. Five Year 9 teams and one Year 10 team.

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SENIOR ATHLETICS 2020

In a bid to get more Students active this year we ran a Tabloid type Athletics Day where every Senior Student had the opportunity to compete at several different athletic disciplines. House year level groups rotated around the circuit in order to gain house points for reaching different goals at each event. This looked to have increased participation numbers across the Senior School and it saw boys who would not normally compete, do their part to contribute and ensure House points were ticking over.

Those who gained 3 points (qualifying standard for bop event) at a discipline now have an opportunity to be selected for our team to go to the BOPSS Athletics Event to be held in Tauranga on Tuesday March 3.

In scorching hot conditions Nelson were just too good for the other Houses and won over Drake who were hot favourites, closely followed by Frobisher and then Raleigh House.

Special mention to our Prefect Group for driving this initiative and working with the Staff to make this happen.

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TABLOIDS

As always Tabloids kicked off the first of our Inter House Competitions. A time where our new students get to mix with the rest of the school in a series of fun games that test the mind, body and energy levels for all involved.

Credit to the boys and staff who battled intense hot weather conditions in the afternoon sun as we took on each challenge laid out before us. Quite simply, Tabloids has 18 games, which tests the physical elements, hand eye coordination, speed and agility and of course the resilience to keep motivated through all of the activities.

After completing each round the scores were added up and the winner of our first event was found. After winning the Inter House Competition in 2019, Drake House continued their winning streak and nudged out Nelson for the top spot while Raleigh and Frobisher finished 3rd and fourth respectively.

All staff are encouraged to get involved in some way shape or form Again you delivered another awesome school event and I thank you for your ongoing support, I know the boys' appreciate it.

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Tabloids 2020

A vibrant collage of photos from the Tabloids 2020 festival, showing students participating in various activities like flag football, soccer, and games on a grassy field. The text "Tabloids 2020" is prominently displayed in the upper center.

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Nirai Ririnui
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