



ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2019

Tena Koutou Katoa. Nau Mai!!

Firstly, it is a pleasure to welcome you as members of the Rotorua Boys' High School community. The 2019 school year promises to be both exciting and challenging for our new students and I am sure an enjoyable year lies ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to give you some information concerning the new school year.

START DATE FOR 2019

Tuesday 29th January: Day 1 for years 11 – 13
Wednesday 30th January: **First day for all Year 9 and Year 10 students**
Whole school in attendance

2019 TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Term 1: Tuesday 29th January to Thursday 12th April
Term 2: Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July
Term 3: Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September
Term 4: Monday 14th October to Thursday 6th December

THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN 2019:

Waitangi Day	Wednesday 6 th February
Queen's Birthday	Monday 3rd June
Teacher Only	Friday 5th July
Labour Day	Monday 28th October

Please note that during Terms 1 & 3 there will be one day allocated for Academic Review Day. On these days, the school is open, but not for 'business as usual.' Whanau will come in for a 15-20 minutes interview with their son's House Group tutor for a academic progress update. Dates to be confirmed.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Photolife come in twice during the school year. Student portrait/Class photos will be taken on Thursday 21st February 2019 and Team Photos will be taken in Term 4. Information on how to purchase these photos will be given to students at this time.

DAY ONE – ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Your son should meet in the Large Gym on Wednesday 30th January at 8.55am for his Pohiri. We encourage all parents and caregivers to attend the Pohiri. Following this, the students will meet in the Assembly Hall with their Dean, Mrs Hay

- Senior students will take small groups of Year 9 students around the school indicating various important areas and covering important factors in life of the school.
- Students will be put into their classes and issued with timetables.

DAY TWO

Initially, teachers will collect students from the Hall and escort them to class and then return them to the Hall at the end of each period, where they will be collected by the next period teacher. This programme will be repeated each period until students are familiar with the layout of the school and their timetables.

DAILY ROUTINE

School begins each day at 8.45am and finishes at 3.00pm.

Interval is at 11.00-11.25am and Lunchtime is 1.25pm - 2.00pm.

Students are not permitted leave the school grounds unless signed out by a parent or guardian for a legitimate reason.

CANTEEN

The school operates its own canteen on the same basis as a shop. There are no lunch orders taken, students simply buy whatever they wish from the canteen before school and during the lunch and interval breaks. The canteen offers a wide range of food and is reasonably priced.

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds for the purpose of purchasing their lunch. Please do NOT send written notes requesting this as they will not be accepted.

CAMP TANE RAUKURA -Year 9 Camp

In line with our School Charter, our school has an obligation to develop an awareness and appreciation of conservation of the natural environment. To this end, it is expected that all Year 9 pupils attend the three day 'Tane Raukura' camp at Tui Ridge Park, as it is an integral part of the development of being a new student at Rotorua Boys' High School. The students are prepared for their three day camp as part of their Physical Education programme.

The camp is designed to develop the Key Values and Principles that lead toward the RBHS Vision of "Being the most outstanding Boys' High School in New Zealand". These values and principles are demonstrated and taught through a variety of adventure based activities. A number of presentations are also delivered during the camp which enable the Year 9 students to understand their rights and responsibilities inside and outside the classroom. These action packed three days allow our students to set themselves the expectation of excelling as a student at Raukura.

Only severe physical disabilities would prevent pupils participating in some aspects of the camps. These pupils will be occupied while remaining at the base camp. **All other students are expected to attend.**

The cost of this camp is still to be decided as we are in the process of changing venues, however, students will receive details on their first day in 2019

Camp Dates: Term 1 / Week 7, 11th March - 15th March 2019

Should you have any queries in regard to the camp, please contact Mr. Buckton. bbuckton@rbhs.school.nz

CLASS PLACEMENTS

If your child has not already been informed of their class prior to starting, they will be informed on their first day. After seven weeks, all of the students are assessed on their first unit of work in each of the four core subjects: Mathematics, English, Social Studies and Science. Results are moderated and adjustments to classes are made accordingly.

Students in the Accelerate, Extension, Sport and Mainstream classes study English, Math, Science, Social Studies, PE, Maori and Health in these core classes. The bilingual class will study all core subjects, but take additional Te Reo Maori instead of Social Studies.

In addition, students will study eight short courses (options). These are Chinese language, Digital Technology, Art, Business Tourism, Design and Visual Communication, Technology and Music.

WEB PORTAL

All parents are issued with a password which will be included in each report. Accessing this portal will allow you to view your son's reports, attendance, academic credits, as well as the school's notices. The portal can be found on our school website www.rbhs.school.nz at the bottom of each page.

IPADS FOR 2019

It is expected that every year 9 student will have access to an ipad as a learning tool in 2019. Raukura has joined up with Nga Pumanawa e Waru and Noel Leeming to offer ipads to rent for year 9 students for \$5 per week, this includes insurance. If you are interested in this opportunity you can get more information by emailing: ipads@rbhs.school.nz. If you are providing your own ipad, there will be a fee of \$25 to install our school management system onto the device so that it is set up as a learning tool and secure within our school server.

KEEPING YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE

We send information out via email where we can so that you are always up to date, therefore it is important that you keep us informed of any changes to your email address, contact numbers or addresses to ensure you never miss out on any information concerning your son at the school. You can update your details through the school website just click on the "CONTACT" tab and your enquiry will be sent to the right person to update.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Parents and caregivers of Year 9 students can expect to receive Fortnightly reports during 2019. Reports will be issued every fortnight after the first report is distributed around week 6 in Term 1. These will be emailed to all parents/caregivers and then published on the Kamar Portal at the end of each term. We also hold 'Academic Review Day' in terms 1 and 3. These are for parents to meet with their son's House Group teacher to discuss their academic targets and progress towards them. These days are extremely valuable and we expect everyone to attend. The first Academic Review day for 2019 will be Thursday 21st March. In addition to this we will also be holding subject specific parent/teacher evening throughout the year. The dates of which will be confirmed as the year progresses.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A school newsletter is produced twice a term, and can be accessed on the School website (www.rbhs.school.nz). A hard copy will be sent out when we do mail outs. The newsletter is also available to view on the school website www.rbhs.school.nz

As well as celebrating all our successes, the newsletter is the means by which we keep our parents/caregivers informed of up and coming events. Please encourage your son to keep you in touch with us, by giving you this newsletter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM 2019

A high standard of appearance is a very powerful advertisement for our school. School uniform is to be worn correctly from the time of leaving home in the morning to arriving home in the afternoon. Students will not be admitted to class wearing incorrect uniform and an alternative programme will be arranged for the day. The student/s concerned will re-join their normal programme of study when their uniform issues have been resolved.

Please support us in this matter by ensuring that your son also leaves non regulation uniform at home.

Please ensure all uniform items are named. School caps are the only hats permitted.

Taupe Shirt monogrammed	\$60.00	Shorts (Black)	\$57.00
Long Sleeve Tee (Taupe)	\$35.00	Trousers (Black)	\$40.00
Polar Fleece	\$80.00	Socks Knee Black each	\$15.00
P.E. Shorts	\$40.00	Socks Ankle Black 3 pack	\$22.00
P.E. Shirts	\$40.00	Tie	\$25.00
Rugby Socks	\$15.00	Bucket Hat	\$20.00
Rugby Shorts	\$40.00	Baseball Cap	\$20.00
Wet Weather Jacket	\$115.00	Umbrella	\$30.00

SHOP HOURS

We would like to advise that our Uniform Shop will be open at the following times for parents to purchase items required for 2019.

Monday 14 January – Friday 25 January

8am – 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday
1pm – 5pm Tuesday & Thursday

Tuesday 29 January – Friday 8 February

8am – 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday
1pm – 5pm Tuesday & Thursday

After that Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Term Time Only from 8am – 12pm

STATIONERY - OFFICE MAX

Stationery lists can be downloaded from the Officemax MySchool website www.myschool.co.nz/rbhs, and are available in store. You can order your stationery requirements online or instore.

Officemax offer very competitive pricing and by purchasing through them, the school receives rewards.

GENERAL ACTIVITY CONTRIBUTION FOR 2019

- The General Activity Contribution for 2019 is \$160.00 but reducing to \$120.00 if paid by the end of Term 1, 2019. Parents do have the option of paying the fee over the four terms at \$40.00 per term. Parents can organise an automatic payment by collecting a form from reception, should they wish to do so.

The school's General Activity Contribution (GAC) covers the costs of a number of student activities, for example; the issue of Student ID cards with photographs, Magazine, Prizegiving, Sports Activities, Cultural Activities, and Library Facilities etc. All students benefit in some way from this GAC.

SCHOOL SUBJECT FEES 2019

A schedule of subject fees and off-site activity fees appropriate to each year level, is available from the school office. Payment of these fees is welcome from this point on. Your support with the prompt payment of subject/activity fees is appreciated.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

The school bank account number is 12 3155 0049929 00 please include your son's name as a reference for all money that is deposited. AP forms are available from the school office.

SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office reopens on Monday 14th January 2019. Hours are 8.30am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

ABSENCES

If your son is unable to attend school at any time, you are asked to contact the Absentee Line on 3486169 or send a note to the school on his return.

An answer phone is available outside of office hours of 8.30am – 4.00pm. For those of you who have mobile phones, the school operates an automatic text system to inform parents when their son is absent from school. It is vital, therefore, that you update your mobile phone number whenever necessary.

Should your son be required to leave the school during school hours, e.g. dental appointment, a note signed by yourselves and confirmed by a Dean will be necessary. Under no other circumstance will a boy be released during school time.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Rotorua Boys' High School offers a wide range of co-curricular activities and these are advertised to students in the Daily Notices. Your son is encouraged to take a full part in school life and to become involved in as many of these activities as possible.

The eagerly contested House Competition begins in Term 1, with Tabloids. This event gives the Year 9 students an opportunity to work with, and get to know the seniors and their fellow House Group members. The annual Athletics Day quickly follows, which helps set the tone for inter-house rivalry for the year. All students are encouraged to participate in these events. The Athletics sports will also be held in Term 1.

BIKES

The bike compound is provided for student cycles. Students are required to bring their own locks for their bikes. All students are expected to wear helmets.

MUSIC

Individual tuition in various instruments will be offered throughout the course of the year. It is most important that students listen to the Daily Notices to take advantage of this opportunity to learn a particular instrument.

WELLNESS CENTRE

The school nurse is present at the Wellness Centre during school hours. The nurse is available during interval and lunchtime every day, however you will need a note from your teacher if visiting the Wellness Centre during class time. The doctor is available on Tuesday's during lunchtime for medical, accident or other consultations. This is a free clinic for all students. Please make an appointment with our Nurse.

Information about Year 9 HEEADSSS Assessments

HEEADSS assessments are funded by the Ministry of Health and are part of the Prime Minister's Youth Mental Health Project.

The Lakes DHB is aiming for 90% of all our Year 9 students.

The assessment helps assess youth wellbeing through a series of questions related to **Home, Education/Employment, Eating, Activities, Drugs/Alcohol, Sexuality, Suicide/depression and Safety.**

The assessment is completed by our Nurse who has completed the appropriate training.

The assessment is not a screening tool. It is designed to assist the Health professional to identify any areas in the student's life that be causing concern and assist/support or refer them to the appropriate services for further assistance/treatment.

Before the assessment commences -:

- The student is asked if he wishes to participate
- Confidentiality is explained. There is no right or wrong answer - it is not a test.
- It is the students decision as to whether they choose to discuss the assessment with their family or friends

When issues are identified throughout the assessment, education and support is offered as required.

If parents have any wellness concerns for their son, please feel free to phone the nurse.

Mrs J. Guyton - Nurse Ph. 3486169 ext 811 jguyton@rbhs.school.nz

CONCLUSION

We trust this newsletter answers any queries you may have about the 2019 school year. If you should have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us here at school. We wish boys and their families a Merry Christmas and a relaxing summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Yours sincerely
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