

Rotorua Boys' High School



SPORTS ACADEMIES

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Our Sports Academies provide students with the opportunity to pursue excellence in both sport and education. Each programme is designed to challenge and inspire young athletes to develop their talent, leadership, and personal discipline while maintaining a strong commitment to their studies.

Students in the academies receive access to specialised coaching, structured training programmes, and strength and conditioning support. The focus extends beyond technical ability to include game awareness, fitness, and mental preparation — all essential elements for success in sport and life.

We proudly offer academies in Hockey, Football, Rugby, Golf, and Basketball, with each code providing tailored pathways for player growth and competition at both school and regional levels. Our coaches work closely with students to build teamwork, resilience, and confidence, ensuring every athlete is equipped to perform at their best.

Participation in a Sports Academy also encourages a strong sense of pride, responsibility, and connection to the wider school community. Students are expected to uphold high standards of conduct, represent the school with integrity, and act as positive role models for others.

Through these academies, we aim to develop well-rounded young people — athletes who value hard work, respect, and teamwork, and who are prepared to take on future opportunities both on and off the field.



HOCKEY

ACADEMY



The Raukura Hockey Academy is a one-of-a-kind, hockey-specific programme in the Bay of Plenty region, dedicated to nurturing the next generation of talented players.

Our goal is to develop well-rounded hockey athletes by focusing not only on technical and tactical skills, but also on the physical, mental, and emotional elements that contribute to success both on and off the field.

Integrated into the students' in-school physical education time, the Academy enables players to grow their abilities within the school day while maintaining a strong academic focus.

Students can expect a comprehensive development programme including video analysis of matches, detailed skill breakdowns, modified games, hockey-specific strength and conditioning sessions, individual performance planning, off-site field trips, and mental skills workshops.

Training is supported by the latest hockey equipment and coaching techniques to ensure every athlete reaches their full potential.

Director of Hockey

Jamie Carroll



Mr J Carroll, our Director of Hockey, is a proud RBHS Old Boy with over 20 years of involvement in the sport. His multiple international playing and coaching experiences have been instrumental in developing the strong hockey culture we have at Raukura.

An accredited FIH Coach Educator and FIH Level 3 Coach, Mr Carroll brings a wealth of expertise and leadership to our programme. Most recently, he coached the New Zealand 35+ Men's team at the World Cup and coached at the New Zealand U18 Future Black Sticks Boys at the annual Super Camp.

His ongoing commitment to excellence continues to inspire both players and coaches within our hockey community.





BASKETBALL

ACADEMY



At the Raukura Basketball Academy, we welcome individuals who strive for excellence both on and off the court. Our academy is dedicated to nurturing well-rounded student-athletes by providing a structured and supportive environment where talent, discipline, and determination are developed to their fullest potential.

Our mission is to deliver high-quality, innovative training programmes that focus on both the technical and mental aspects of basketball. Through skill development, tactical understanding, and game awareness, our athletes are encouraged to push their boundaries and take pride in their growth. Beyond the game itself, we aim to instil values that translate into everyday life—resilience, confidence, and respect.

Academic achievement remains a cornerstone of the Raukura Basketball Academy. We believe that success in the classroom is just as important as success on the court.

Our athletes are supported to set short- and long-term goals, manage their time effectively, and maintain balance in all areas of life.

Our vision is to empower every athlete who joins the Raukura Basketball Academy to reach their maximum potential—as skilled basketball players today and as confident, capable leaders of the world tomorrow.

Director of Basketball

Douglas Courtney



Our Basketball Academy is led by a proud Raukura Old Boy with over 20 years of coaching experience, a trained Physical Education teacher, and extensive involvement in high-performance sport. Passionate about giving back to the community that helped shape him, he fosters a positive, challenging environment where our boys develop their skills, build confidence, and learn to perform consistently at a high level—both on the court and in the classroom.

Through expert guidance, encouragement, and a focus on personal growth, the Academy empowers students to reach their full potential as athletes and young men."



Assistant Director of Basketball

Jared Davis



With over 15 years in sports coaching, I bring a deep passion for athlete development, performance, and holistic growth. My experience spans multiple disciplines — 12 years in Strength and Conditioning, 15 years in Basketball, and 10 years in Touch Rugby — giving me a well-rounded understanding of athletic performance across diverse sporting environments.

I've had the privilege of working with athletes from grassroots to competitive levels, helping them reach their full potential through tailored programs that build strength, agility, injury resilience, and sport-specific skills. Driven by continuous growth, I blend evidence-based methods with practical experience to create environments that challenge, motivate, and inspire athletes to excel on and off the field.





RUGBY

A C A D E M Y



The Raukura Rugby Academy is built on a proud tradition of excellence, discipline, and brotherhood. Our program develops young men who show strength of character, leadership, and integrity both on and off the field. At Raukura, success in rugby begins with strong values and a commitment to continuous growth.

Students in the academy are expected to embody three core principles that define the Raukura Rugby whānau:

Work Ethic – Success comes from discipline, commitment, and a daily drive to improve. Players are encouraged to give their best in every training, classroom, and game.

Embrace the Culture – We are a brotherhood. Students are encouraged to honour our traditions, engage with Māori culture, and contribute positively to our kura and community. A good man makes a good rugby player.

Be Coachable – Growth comes from staying open-minded, listening, and applying feedback. The best players are those who adapt and keep learning.

Through expert coaching, strength and conditioning, performance analysis, and leadership development, the academy provides a pathway for players to reach their potential. Academic achievement and life balance remain key priorities, ensuring our players leave Raukura ready for success in sport and in life.

Director of Rugby

Jeremy Te Huia



Jeremy brings a wealth of experience and a deep passion for developing young athletes. A former semi-professional player in New Zealand, he represented North Otago, Wairarapa Bush, and the Hurricanes Development team before taking his talents to Europe, where he played test rugby for Germany after qualifying through residency.

Jeremy's coaching philosophy centres on discipline, hard work, and integrity—values that develop not only exceptional rugby players but outstanding young men. He fosters a strong sense of whānau (family) within his teams, ensuring every player feels supported and connected. Jeremy helps deliver world-class technical, tactical, and conditioning programmes that enable students to reach their full potential both on the field and in the classroom.



Director of Rugby Academy

Hika Elliot



We are proud to have Hika Elliot, former All Black and renowned rugby legend whose career has inspired players across New Zealand and beyond.

A powerful hooker known for his strength, skill and leadership on and off the field, Hika represented the All Blacks, Chiefs, Hurricanes and Māori All Blacks with distinction. Over his accomplished career, he earned a reputation for his relentless work ethic, professionalism, and deep understanding of the game.

Hika continues to give back to rugby, mentoring and coaching young athletes while sharing his passion, experience and values - helping to shape the next generation of players both on and off the field.



Assistant Director of Rugby Academy

Richard Kingi



We're proud to have former student and accomplished rugby player Richard Kingi as part of our Rugby Academy team. Richard brings an extensive background in professional rugby, having represented Australia in both 7's and 15's, as well as competing in Super Rugby for the Queensland Reds, Melbourne Rebels and Highlanders.

Now back where his rugby journey began, Richard is passionate about giving back to the game and inspiring the next generation. He focuses on building strong relationships, fostering teamwork, and helping players grow both on and off the field - embodying the values of discipline, excellence, and whanaungatanga at the heart of our Rugby Academy.





GOLF

ACADEMY



The Raukura Golf Academy is committed to developing well-rounded young men who excel both on and off the course. Situated in the heart of New Zealand's geothermal capital, the academy delivers a structured programme that blends high-quality golf coaching with academic support, mentoring, and personal growth.

Students receive up to four hours of golf training each week, including coaching, practice, and monitored 18-hole rounds. With memberships at Rotorua, Springfield, and Lakeview Golf Clubs, our players benefit from full access to top facilities and expert coaching to further refine their skills. The programme also incorporates FlightScope performance analysis, with future plans for a dedicated golf room featuring advanced simulator technology.

Academy golfers regularly represent the school at local, regional, and national competitions, gaining valuable experience in competitive play.

Supported by the school's strong sporting culture and the Tai Mitchell Hostel for boarding students, the Golf Academy provides a clear pathway for aspiring golfers to reach their potential — in sport, academics, and life.

Director of Golf

Gordon Hunt



As Teacher in Charge of Golf, I'm proud to support our young men as they develop their skills, confidence, and love for the game. The Raukura Golf Academy is built on hard work, respect, and perseverance — values that matter both on and off the course.

With the support of our dedicated volunteers, coaching staff, and the wider golfing community, we provide every golfer with opportunities to learn, compete, and grow. My goal is to help our students become well-rounded young men who represent Raukura with pride, integrity, and a lifelong passion for golf.





FOOTBALL

ACADEMY



The Raukura Football Academy is dedicated to developing confident, disciplined, and skilled players who strive for excellence both on and off the field. The academy provides a structured and supportive environment where students can grow as athletes, scholars, and young men.

Our programme focuses on technical ability, tactical understanding, physical conditioning, and mental resilience. Students participate in regular training sessions, match play, and skill development activities designed to enhance performance and teamwork.

Academy members represent the school in regional and national competitions, gaining valuable experience in high-level play while building a strong sense of camaraderie and pride in the Raukura jersey.

Backed by expert coaching staff and the proud sporting traditions of Rotorua Boys' High School, the Football Academy offers a clear pathway for talented players to achieve success — in football, in the classroom, and in life.

Director of Football

Ben Prangnell



With over 30 years of football experience in both the United Kingdom and New Zealand, Ben Prangnell brings extensive knowledge, leadership, and passion to the Raukura Football Academy. Having first served as Director of Football from 2006 to 2015, he played a key role in building a strong football culture at Raukura, guiding the school to its best-ever National Secondary Schools and Super 8 results.

Since returning in 2025, Ben has continued to strengthen the programme, focusing on teamwork, discipline, and player development both on and off the field. Driven by a genuine love for the game, he remains committed to raising the standard of football at Raukura and inspiring the next generation of footballers.

