



## REGISTER OF NOTABLE, HISTORIC, AND COMMEMORATIVE TREES AT ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, PUKUATUA STREET, ROTORUA

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COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	YEAR PLANTED	DONOR	DEDICATION	LOCATION
Douglas fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	1885	The Railways Department. When the former railway corridor was being surveyed, the surveyors camped on the then vacant site. The railway line into Rotorua was opened in 1894, and was closed in the mid-1990s.		The four largest trees on the Pukuatua Street boundary and the <i>fir</i> that is directly opposite A Block.
Pohutukawa	<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>	2002	The Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, O.N.Z., former Prime Minister of New Zealand.		Behind the Ryder Memorial Gates by the staff car park.

Kahikatea	<i>Dacrycarpus dacrydiodes</i>	2015	The School.		On the Pukuatua Street boundary in front of the staff car park.
Totara	<i>Podocarpus totara</i>	1987	Tom Singleton, former Groundsman.		The first tree inside of the Ryder Memorial Gates on the main drive.
Golden Totara “Aureal”	<i>Popcarpus totara</i>	2006	Malcolm Harison, former Deputy Principal, and his wife, Hillary Harison.		The second tree down from the Ryder Memorial Gates on the main drive.
English Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	Arbour Days 1939 and 1940	The New Zealand Government.	The “Coronation Oaks” to commemorate the 1937 coronation of King-Emperor George VI and Queen-Empress Elizabeth. The acorns for these trees were gathered from Windsor Great Park outside Windsor Castle and disbursed around New Zealand schools.	In the garden between the main drive and the staff car park.
Golden Totara “Aureal”	<i>Podocarpus totara</i>	1994	The members of Geoff Hocking’s House Group, Raleigh 7.	To Geoff Hocking, former teacher.	The third tree down from the Ryder Memorial Gates on the main drive.

Kauri	<i>Agathis australis</i>	2000	Chris Grinter, Principal.	Named "Arapeta". This is the Māori equivalent of his first name, Albert.	The fifth tree down from the Ryder Memorial Gates on the main drive.
Kauri	<i>Agathis australis</i>	Unrecorded	Sue Waterous, former teacher.		The sixth tree down from the Ryder Memorial Gates on the main drive.
Weeping Totara	<i>Podocarpus totara</i>	12 September, 1944.	The New Zealand Government. Planted by Mrs. Janet Fraser, the wife of the Rt. Hon. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand.	To H. Tai Mitchell, C.M.G., J.P., Foundation Member of the Rotorua High School Board of Governors, 1926-1944.	Beside the small gymnasium.
Kauri	<i>Agathis australis</i>	2008	Chris Grinter, Principal.	Named "Koanga". This means 'joy', 'delight' or 'happiness'. To mark the birth of his youngest daughter, Lucy Grinter.	Next to the Harwood Library.
Copper or European Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	1998	The Rt. Hon. Dame Jenny Shipley, D.N.Z.M, former Prime Minister of New Zealand.		Before "Koanga".

Totara	<i>Podocarps totara</i>	Early 2000s	Robert Cyca, former teacher.		The two trees in front of the Golf Driving Range.
Golden Totara "Aureal"	<i>Popcarpus totara</i>	1998	Bradford Leonard, former Head Prefect, 1997.		The first tree at the west-facing end of the playing courts next to Pukuatua Street.
Kauri	<i>Agathis australis</i>	2000	A 2000 Family Tree.		Next to the Leonard tree.
Kauri	<i>Agathis australis</i>	15 November, 2014	The Family of Terry O'Regan.	To Terry O'Regan, former Deputy Head Prefect. His ashes were scattered in a circle around the base of the tree at its planting.	Behind "The Terraces".
Golden elm "Lutescens"	<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	Unrecorded	Dean Lowrie, Groundsman and Old Boy.		Behind "The Terraces".
Rimu	<i>Dacrydium cupressinum</i>	Arbour Day, 1936	H. Tai Mitchell, C.M.G., J.P. They were raised as saplings in the garden of his Ohinemutu home and were given by him to the School in 1934. They were not planted until 1936.		The three trees directly opposite the south wing of A Block. There were originally five. One was removed for the building of S Block in 1953, and the other in the 1960s or early 1970s.

Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo bibola</i>	2017 (re-located in 2019)	The School.	To commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the School's association with Sheba High School in Japan.	By the putting green adjacent to the student car park.
Pohutukawa	<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>	2014 (re- located in 2019)	Mrs. Dianne M. Moore, former teacher, Head of the Harwood Library, and second-generation Old Girl.	To commemorate her retirement after 49 years' service at Rotorua Boys' High School, 1965-2014.	The first tree (with the post and chain fence around it) on the northern-side of the driveway down to the rear of Hahauterangi, Tai Mitchell Boarding Hostel.
Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo bibola</i>	2000	A 2000 Family Tree by the Hoyle Family.	To Peter Hoyle, former Head of Physical Education and Old Boy.	The second tree down on the northern-side of the driveway down to the rear of Hahauterangi.
Totara	<i>Podocarps totara</i>	Unrecorded	Thomas McGrath, Old Boy.		The third tree down on the northern-side of the driveway down to the rear of Hahauterangi.
Kauri	<i>Agathis australis</i>	Unrecorded	Peter McGrath, Old Boy.		The fourth tree down on the northern-side of the driveway down to the rear of Hahauterangi.

Maple	<i>Acer</i>	Unrecorded	Dean Lowrie, Groundsman and Old Boy.		The last (sixth) tree down on the northern-side of the driveway down to the rear of Hahauterangi.
Kahikatea	<i>Dacrycarpus dacrydiodes</i>	1997	The Rt. Hon. Jim Bolger, O.N.Z., former Prime Minister of New Zealand.		On the terrace between the upper and lower grounds between the <i>Coastal Redwood</i> and Old Taupo Road.
Holm or Evergreen Oak	<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Arbour Day 1933	The Mayor of Rotorua, Thomas Jackson, O.B.E., J.P, and Rotorua Borough Councillors.		In front of the Millennium Centre (between the back of Te Whare o Raukura and the Colman Performing Arts Theatre).

Tulip	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Arbour Day 1933	The eight House Captains.	Originally known as the “House Trees”. These originally commenced where Te Whare o Raukura (the second-storey of which was originally built in 1979) is now. In their original order they were: Raleigh; Trafalgar; Nelson; Cr�cy; Frobisher; Blenheim; Drake; and Agincourt.	Commencing after the <i>Holm oak</i> and then down along the southern-side of the main drive up to the south gates and then lining both sides of the drive from the gates up to Pererika Street. The Raleigh and Trafalgar House Trees were re-dedicated on the corner of the drive directly opposite the new Science Building on 26 June, 1990, by Old Boys, Heke Steele, who was the Raleigh House Captain in 1933, and George Bertram for his late sister, Betty, the Trafalgar House Captain in 1933. The Principal, Geoff Cramond, Raleigh House Master, Stuart Harrison, and Preston Hughes, the Raleigh House Captain in 1990, were in attendance at the re-dedication.
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Giant Sequoia or Californian Big Tree “Wellingtonia”	<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	Arbour Day 1933	Robert Nesbitt, J.P., Foundation Chairman of the Rotorua High School Board of Governors.	To Walter Steele, Foundation Member of the Rotorua High School Governors and the first Chairman of the Board’s Grounds Sub-Committee, 1926-1933.	Inside the south gate on the right- hand side. A second <i>Wellingtonia</i> was also planted on the same date directly opposite on the left-hand side, but it died in the early 1980s.
Coastal Redwood	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	Arbour Day 1935	As above.		On the terrace between the upper and lower grounds next to Old Taupo Road.
English Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	c. 1947	The Rotorua Borough Council.		Lining the Pererika Street boundary up to the corner of Old Taupo Road. These trees are on the Rotorua Town Belt Reserve and do not belong to the School.