



# Rotorua Boys' High School

## Job Description

<b>Position:</b>	<b>School Nurse</b>
<b>Responsible to:</b>	<b>Principal via the Head of Guidance</b>
<b>Functional relationships with:</b>	<b>Head of Guidance Housemasters Assistant Housemasters Director of Boarding Deputy Principals Teaching Staff Support Staff Students</b>
<b>Dated:</b>	<b>September 2021</b>
<b>Position term:</b>	<b>Permanent position</b>

### **School background:**

Rotorua Boys' High School is a State boys' secondary school of approximately 1050 students. It is one of five Rotorua high schools and caters for students from Year 9 to Year 14. The school opened in 1914 as the Rotorua District High School before becoming Rotorua High and Grammar School in 1927. Rotorua Boys' High School evolved from these beginnings in 1959.

The school includes an off-site attached unit based in Pererika Street known as the Rotorua Activity Centre, or more commonly known as Awhina School. The School also has a 140 bed Hostel known as Tai Mitchell House.

Rotorua Boys' High School is known to many in the community as 'Raukura'. Don Stafford explains the historical background to this name.

*"It has always been my understanding that 'Raukura', though literally referring to a feather or special plume, in fact conveyed a much more significant shade of meaning. In some measure those described as possessors of the 'Raukura' were of particularly significant stature. They were considered to have justified such a privilege by reason of illustrious lineage, extremely noteworthy leadership or some remarkable achievement in another field – perhaps warfare, diplomacy or unparalleled knowledge. Being considered worthy of the 'Raukura' would undoubtedly have been an accolade sought by aspiring tribal members in the past. When ultimately bestowed (by general consensus) on a deserving individual, it clearly indicated a level of excellence of the greatest merit. Academic achievement has, particularly during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, been recognised as the single most vital element in the advancement and well being of us*

*all. I can only presume that this was clearly apparent to those of the 1920's whose efforts resulted in the establishment of Rotorua High and Grammar School in 1927. The remarkable and farsighted education endowment made by the Ngati Whakaue people some 40 years even before that, is evidence enough of their support of and belief in education. I have no doubt that the use of 'Raukura' was a subtle message of encouragement for all to take advantage of education, to seek excellence and thus justify the 'Raukura'."*

#### Rotorua Boys' High School Taonga

- The concept of 'Raukura'
- The administration block
- The school's relationships with Ngati Whakaue
- The foyer and Memorial Hall carvings
- The Trevor Nathan Sculptures "Raukura" and "Te Hokinga"
- The Roi Toia Sculpture "Tane Raukura"
- The school magazine that carries the title '*Raukura*'
- The trees that adorn the school's grounds
- The prefect system
- The house competition
- The house group system
- Tai Mitchell Hostel
- The Former Students of the school
- The 'Hall of Fame'
- The 'Pro Patria' Rolls of Honour
- The Annual Prizegiving Ceremony
- The Harwood Library
- The Ryder Gates
- The Millennium Centre

#### **Our motto:**

***"AD ASTRA PER ASPERA"  
"To the stars through rough ways"***

This motto is, so far as I have been able to determine, not a quotation from ancient literature. It may well have been composed by the school's foundation Principal. If so, he almost certainly had in mind the famous motto of the Royal Air Force (and the Royal New Zealand Air Force) PER ARDUA AD ASTRA, which means "Through steep ways to the stars" and makes the same suggestion as the school motto. The RAF motto was created for the Royal Flying Corps (forerunner of the RAF) in 1913; the reference to the stars was, of course, particularly appropriate for that body, but the motto as a whole was certainly intended to have the wider implication indicated above. (*Dr W.F. Richardson, Senior Lecturer in Classics, University of Auckland*).

Our motto caters for our students who come from all walks of life, and who bring with them their own special talents and needs. Our motto helps us to work with each of our students and to assist them to succeed, whilst at the same time providing them with the tools to make that success possible.

Our original Latin motto and the equivalents in both Maori and English combine together to give us as a school not only a special identity, but also a common purpose.

**WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI  
AIM HIGH DESPITE ALL DIFFICULTIES  
AD ASTRA PER ASPERA**

**Our vision is:**

*To become the outstanding Boys' High School in New Zealand*

**To achieve the vision, we will focus on:**

- The academic achievements of our students.
- The sporting achievements of our students.
- The achievement of our students in cultural activities.
- The development of leadership qualities of our students.
- The development of citizenship qualities in our students.

**Key responsibilities and outcomes**

**Direct responsibility**

- Manage the safety of students whilst in the Health and Wellness Centre.
- Manage the first aid needs of staff and students in a medical emergency and until emergency services arrive.
- Notify Senior Management of medical emergencies and medical concerns/issues.
- Taking Hostel Students to Specialist appointments
- Manage medical appointments made for/required by Hostel Students
- Manage medical appointments made for/required by International Students
- Undertake Headss Assessments as per the established agreement with Lakes DHB.

**Coordination**

- Recording appointments with health agencies, i.e. Doctors, Physiotherapists, Counsellors, etc, as required.
- Maintain and provide First Aid Kits for all teams and onsite/offsite activities as required.

**Communication**

- Liaise with Senior Management, Staff, Counsellor, Truancy Officer, and outside providers as appropriate.
- Liaise with parents and caregivers of students accessing Wellness Centre as necessary.
- Liaise with students to ensure current and accurate medical information is held.

**Equipment and Resources**

- Be responsible for changing and cleaning linen on a daily/weekly basis.
- Ensure supplies and stocks are maintained at appropriate levels, notifying the coordinator of stock required.
- Ensure all medical instruments and equipment in the sick bay and consultation rooms is clean and sterile.
- Be responsible for the inventory and upkeep of the medication's cupboard.
- Update and order information brochures for use in the Wellness Centre.

### **Promotion**

- Assist in promoting and supporting the total wellbeing of students, staff and school community.
- Attend Wellness Centre and RGPG meetings and other Adolescent Health Education meetings when required.
- Assist with resources for health education within the school.

### **Advocacy**

- Advocate where necessary for the students in a professional and non-judgmental manner.
- Advocate on behalf of the students in issues relating to adolescent health and welfare.

### **Confidentiality**

- Responsible for the safety and confidentiality of student's medical files and correspondence.
- Ensure professional confidentiality is maintained at all times.

### **General Requirements**

- Attend meetings with the Principal as required.
- Assist the Principal in special assignments as required from time to time.
- Support Rotorua Boys' High School as a single sex school based on a traditional Grammar School model where academic excellence, sporting achievement and participation in a range of quality cultural endeavours are emphasised.

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<b>Signed by</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Signed by A.C. Grinter on behalf of the Board of Trustees</b>	<b>Date</b>