



YEAR 9 IMPORTANT INFORMATION 2020





ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



Tena Koutou Katoa. Nau Mai!!

Firstly, it is a pleasure to welcome you as members of the Rotorua Boys' High School community. The 2020 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 DATES

Tuesday 28th January:	Day 1 for Years 11 – 13
Wednesday 29th January:	First day for all Year 9 and Year 10 students Whole school in attendance

TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

Term 1:	Tuesday 28th January to Thursday 9th April
Term 2:	Tuesday 28th April to Friday 3rd July
Term 3:	Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September
Term 4:	Monday 12th October to Thursday 8th December

THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN 2020:

Waitangi Day	Thursday 6th February
Queen's Birthday	Monday 1st June
Teacher Only	Tuesday 2nd June
Teacher Only	Monday 10th August
Winter Tournament Day	Friday 4th September
Labour Day	Monday 26th October
Teacher Only	Monday 23rd November

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 an 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 Wednesday 29 January 2020 and Team Photos will be taken in Term 4. Information on how to purchase these photos will be given to students at this time.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

DAY ONE

Your son should meet in the Large Gym on **Wednesday 29th January at 8.45am** 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.

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.

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.

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 overnight 'Tane Raukura' camp at Whirinaki Forest, 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 \$50
Camp Dates: Term 1 / Week 7, 9-13 March 2020

Should you have any queries in regard to the camp, please contact Mr Te Huia.
jtehuia@rbhs.school.nz

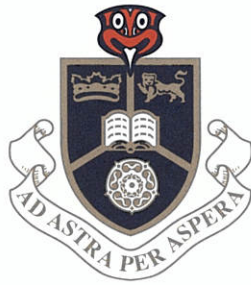
CANTEEN

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.

iPads 2020

In 2020 the school has refined its iPad rental policy as captured in the following Newsletter that will go out to all students, including those of Year 9, 2020. It is felt that this new arrangement has several advantages for Students and Whanau and results in the iPad being retained permanently by the student. It is hoped that by having ownership at the end of the payment process students will look after the iPads to a greater extent than what has been the case in 2019.



Rotorua Boys' High School

PRINCIPAL: A.C. GRINTER B.A. (Hons), Dip.Tchg.

4 December 2019

To all Parents and Caregivers

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

Re : iPads 2020

Further to earlier advice a decision has now been made to provide iPads to students in Year 9, 2020 on the following basis :

1. Outright purchase of iPads (6th Generation) at \$600. This is a significantly discounted price and would represent great value. This price also includes, iPad case, MDM and a suite of school approved Apps.

OR

2. A one year AP arrangement at \$15 per week over 40 weeks of 2020. This change is to reduce the rental timeframe from three years as offered in 2019 down to the one year as offered in 2020. At the end of the one year AP process iPads will be owned by the student as opposed to the three year rental which involves a return of the device to school at the end of the rental.

This arrangement replaces the earlier document that was included in the enrolment packs. I appreciate this is a different scenario to that presented during the enrolment process but for a variety of good reasons, we believe this is the best arrangement. In both instances the iPad will end up owned by the student whereas under the current arrangement the iPad remains school property.

Please do not hesitate to discuss this matter with our Accounts Clerk, Mrs Donaldson as required. Thank you for your support and certainly we are hopeful that every student in Year 9 next year will have their own iPad as devices are now integrated into all Teaching and Learning programmes.

Ngā mihi nui

A.C. Grinter
Principal

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, Maths, 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 ten short courses (options). These are NZ History, Dance, Digital Art, Art, Technology, Digital Technology, Chinese, Leadership, Tourism and Music.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Parents and caregivers of Year 9 students can expect to receive fortnightly reports during 2020. 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 2020 will be Friday, 6th March. In addition to this we will also be holding subject specific parent/teacher evenings 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 printed version is also available at school reception.

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.

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.

SCHOOL SUBJECT FEES 2020

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.

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 – 3.30pm. 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 circumstances 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 Notice. 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. This is then followed by a house Haka Competition and Choral Competition in the following terms. All students are encouraged to participate in these events.



SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office reopens on Monday 14th January 2020. Hours are 8.30am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

The school bank account number is 12 3155 0049929 00 please include your son's student ID number and name as a reference for all money that is deposited. If you are paying for something specific please also state what you are paying. AP forms are available from the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM 2020

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.

No 1 Uniform (Long black pants, school shirt long or short sleeve, school tie and school Blazer) - No 1s are required for all Hostel students. Students that represent Rotorua Boys' High School for sporting, debating, public speaking, collections etc are required to wear No 1s (a blazer can be borrowed from the uniform office). Students are also required to wear No1s to go on stage for Senior and Junior Prize Giving.

SHOP HOURS

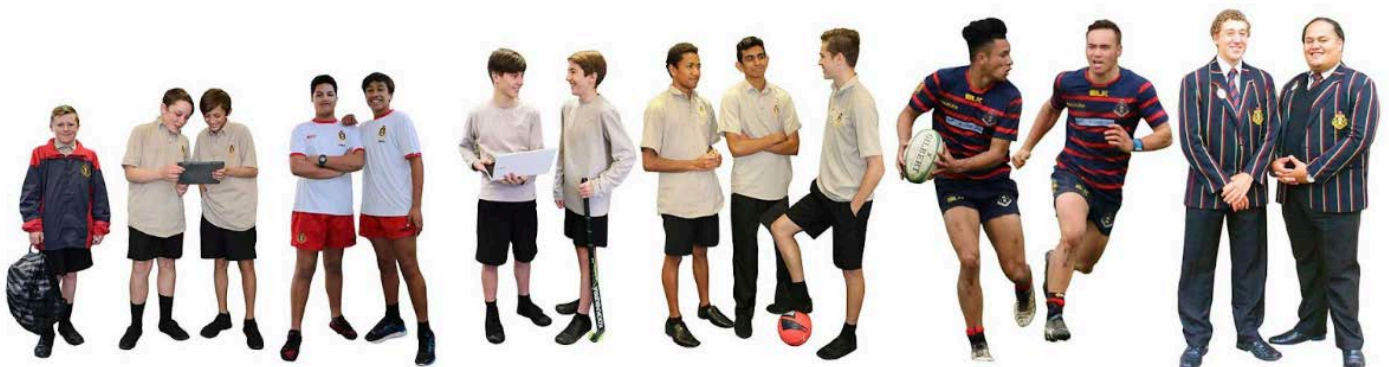
We would like to advise that our Uniform Shop will be open at the following times for parents to purchase items required for 2020.

Start of School Year 2020

Monday 13 January - Friday 14 February
8.30am - 2.30pm

Rest of School Year

8.30am - 12pm Monday & Wednesdays only during Term Time





Rotorua Boys' High School Uniform List 2020

Year 9-13

Shirt (Taupe).....	\$60
Shorts (Black).....	\$60
PE/Rugby Shorts (Red).....	\$40
PE Shirt (White).....	\$40
Long Sleeve Tee (Taupe).....	\$35
Microfibre Trouser (Black).....	\$40
Polar Fleece.....	\$80
Socks – Knee High (Black) 1 Pack.....	\$15
Socks – Ankle (Black) 3 Pack.....	\$25
Wet Weather Jacket.....	\$115

Accessories

Sports Socks (Blue with Red Band)	\$15
Rugby Socks (Red with Blue Band).....	\$18
Visor.....	\$20
Cap.....	\$25
Bucket Hat.....	\$25
Umbrella.....	\$30
Lavalava.....	\$40
Knitted Vest (Black).....	\$85
Knitted Jersey (Black).....	\$110
Tracksuit.....	\$180

Senior/Hostel/International Students

School Tie.....	\$25
Business Shirt - Long Sleeve (Taupe).....	\$35
Blazer Black (Monogram).....	\$185

Please note prices are subject to change at any time.

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

HEEADSSS 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.

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 2020 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.

Mrs Anna Hay
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Search the store for Rotorua Boys' High School



Absentee

Parents can call direct using one touch calling via the App. They can also fill out the absentee form.

Events

The app will display all of the schools upcoming events. You can save these events to your phone calendar to receive reminders.

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View students attendance and school results through the app.



Contacts

The contacts directory displays all important contact information at RBHS.

Links

For those extra links relevant to your school. School Apps allow for this to be accessed within the app.

Notices

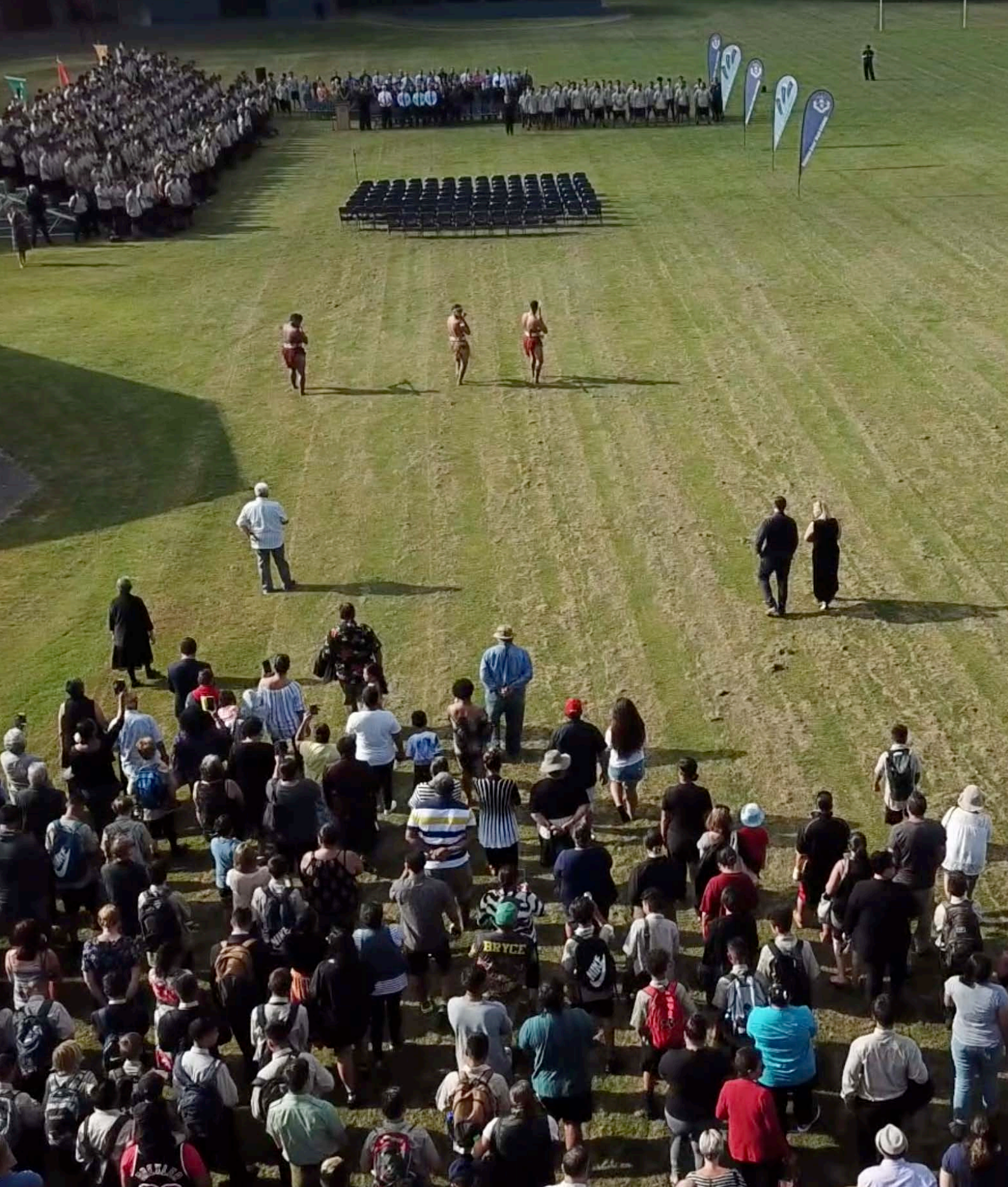
All School newsletters and notices will be loaded to the app so you can always be up to date with the goings on at the School.

Alerts

Subscribe to the groups relevant to you and receive important timely notifications from the school.

Settings

Share your app with friends via SMS, Email, Twitter & Facebook



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