

Lumen accipe et imperti – Take the light and pass it on – Kapohia te mātāurangā me hōatu rā



RONGOTAI
COLLEGE



PROSPECTUS

WELCOME TO RONGOTAI COLLEGE

E ngā mana, e ngā waka, e ngā karangarangatanga o to motu, tēna koutou.



As parents and guardians of young males about to enter secondary education, you will want the best for your son. Rongotai College has a proud tradition of achievement in academic, sporting and cultural activities.

Rongotai College is a caring, supportive community, which is committed to helping every boy become the best he can be. It sets standards for boys to aspire to; it values tradition; it encourages excellence in all things; it recognises and celebrates the differences of our students; it provides the opportunities for boys to expand their range of skills and abilities as they work through the process of realising their potential and becoming good men.

We are proud of our college's heritage and look forward to the future. I hope you will become a part of this future and experience something of the culture and spirit of this fine college.

Nau mai haere mai.

Kevin Carter, M.A.(Hons), Dip. Tchg.
Principal

WHY RONGOTAI COLLEGE?

Rongotai College offers:

- a tradition of academic achievement
- a strong emphasis on national qualifications
- a top quality education for all students at all levels
- a range of teaching programmes which meet the needs of all students
- excellence in sporting and cultural activities
- sound support for all students and fair, firm discipline
- an experienced and highly-qualified teaching staff, made up of caring teachers who are involved with all areas of school life
- opportunities and challenges for boys of all abilities and interests
- a well-resourced school providing 21st century learning opportunities.



Andrew Peden, Year 9

The moment I stepped into this school, there was someone there, encouraging me. All the teachers, prefects and students were willing to help, to give directions or advice. The subjects are interesting and challenging and I am looking

forward to the rest of my time at the school.
Rongotai is the place for me.



Luke Rippon, Year 10

I love Rongotai because it has made me realise my full potential in life. It has given me the opportunities to discover skills I didn't know I had. The best part of the school is its spirit. You know you're in a Rongotai crowd when you hear its roar and feel its silence.

Course Structure	YEAR 9 SUBJECTS	YEAR 10 SUBJECTS
<p>YEAR 9 All students study the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Health and Physical Education. During the first term, all students receive four hours' teaching in each option subject (Art, Economics, Latin, Samoan, Spanish, Maori, Music, Graphics, Materials Technology). They then choose two of these subjects to continue learning for the rest of the year.</p> <p>YEAR 10 All students study the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Health and Physical Education. They choose two option subjects which they study for the full year.</p> <p>YEAR 11 Boys study six subjects. English, Mathematics and Science are compulsory.</p> <p>YEAR 12 Boys study five or six subjects. It is possible to repeat Level One courses.</p> <p>YEAR 13 Boys study five or six subjects at the appropriate N.C.E.A. level.</p>	Art	Art
	Economics	Economics
	English*	English*
	Health and Physical Education*	Health and Physical Education*
	Latin Samoan Spanish	Latin Samoan Spanish
	English for Speakers of Other Languages Junior Literacy	English for Speakers of Other Languages Junior Literacy
	Maori	Maori
	Mathematics*	Mathematics*
	Music Science*	Music Science*
	Social Studies*	Social Studies*
	Graphics Materials Technology	Graphics Materials Technology
	<i>Subjects marked * are compulsory. Choose two option subjects.</i>	<i>Subjects marked * are compulsory. Choose two option subjects.</i>

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT RONGOTAI COLLEGE



Jack Manners, Year 10

Rongotai was definitely the best choice of school for me. I have grown as a person in the short period of time I've attended. Rongotai students show pride and passion, whether they are on the sports field, in the classroom or partaking in a cultural activity. It is these qualities that I see every day, that I admire and strive to show in my own actions.

Paresh Dayal, Year 11

I love Rongotai because there are many academic, sporting and cultural opportunities. I love Rongotai because I have the opportunity to learn key life skills that will benefit me in my future. But the thing that I love most about Rongotai is that I feel part of a school that is different from all the others. We have a special culture, a feeling of pride and respect for everyone and each other, unbeatable spirit and a feeling of brotherhood.



CULUM

N.C.E.A. LEVEL ONE	N.C.E.A. LEVEL TWO	N.C.E.A. LEVEL THREE
Art	Visual Art Photography	Design Painting Photography
Hospitality	Hospitality Gateway	Food and Nutrition
Accounting Economics	Accounting Economics Business Studies, Year 1	Accounting Economics Business Studies, Year 2
Computer Studies (Level 2 credits)	Computer Studies 3D Modelling Web Design	3D Animation Programming Web Design
Drama English* (Achievement Standards) OR English* (Unit Standards) Literacy	Classical Studies Drama English (Achievement Standards) English (Unit Standards) Media Studies	Classical Studies Drama English (Achievement Standards) Media Studies
Applied Sports Physical Education	Applied Sports Outdoor Education Physical Education	Applied Sports Outdoor Education Physical Education
Latin Samoan Spanish	Samoan Spanish	Samoan Spanish
English for Speakers of Other Languages	English for Speakers of Other Languages	
Maori	Maori Maori Performing Arts	Maori Maori Performing Arts
Mathematics* (Achievement Standards) OR Mathematics* (Unit Standards) Mathematics (Unit Standards) for Year 12 students Processing	Mathematics	Mathematics: Calculus Mathematics: Statistics & Modelling
Music Science* OR Alternative Science*	Music Biology Chemistry Electronics Physics	Music Biology Chemistry Electronics Physics
Geography History	Geography History	Geography History
Graphics Technology	Automotive Engineering (Yr 1 & Yr 2) Construction Technology Graphics	Graphics
<i>Subjects marked * are compulsory Choose another three options.</i>	<i>Choose five or six options.</i>	<i>Choose five or six options.</i>

Joshua Rippon, Year 11

I love Rongotai because it has helped me to recognise my passion for Science and Mathematics and is guiding me towards the academic level I aim to achieve. To me, Rongotai is about brotherhood. When you enter Rongotai as a Year 9 student, you are not only entering a place of opportunities, but a place to call your own. Rongotai gives you a sense of spirit, comradeship and a true sense of pride.



Ben Johnson, Year 13

This is my final year at Rongotai College. I'm in Year 13, a prefect and studying for N.C.E.A. Level 3. I've never once wished I'd chosen another college, because Rongotai has allowed me to do everything I wanted, academically, culturally and sports-wise. I have enjoyed learning Latin, History and Classics. There is a definite sense of "If you want to do it, we'll make it happen!"

I have joined a new programme this year which lets me study aviation in school for N.Z.Q.A. qualifications. It's great; I get to study books for my pilot's licence and am allocated time out of school to go flying. I will leave school with three extra qualifications.



SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

Gifted and Talented Programmes

The school welcomes students with special talents and gifts. In collaboration with parents and teachers, every endeavour is made to create a personalised learning programme for the individual so that these talents are fostered and extended.

Tamatoa: Teaching Students with Special Needs

Individual programmes of learning are a specialty of Tamatoa, where students with special physical or intellectual needs are able to learn in a supportive and proactive atmosphere. Our aim is that all boys gain vital skills to enable them to lead a positive and productive life. Students are mainstreamed where appropriate.

International Student Programme

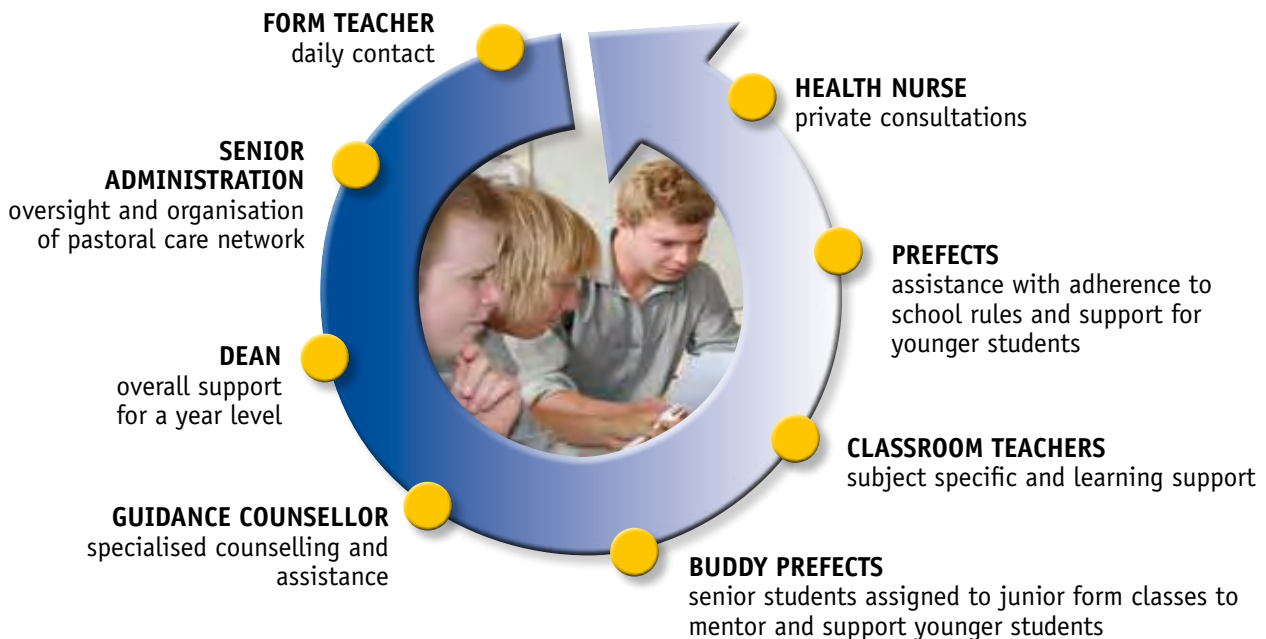
Rongotai College hosts international fee-paying students from a variety of countries. We are fortunate to be able to draw upon a range of welcoming family environments in close proximity to the school, where our students can experience the New Zealand way of life.

Our Dean of International Students supervises the comfort, security and wellbeing of the boys, as well as overseeing their academic programme. The boys can choose from a wide range of academic subjects and take specialised ESOL programmes. We encourage the boys to take part in sporting and cultural activities in the school, so that they can develop excellence in the English language and foster lifelong friendships.



STUDENT SUPPORT

A number of people provide support for students, enabling them to fulfill their potential in learning and in their relationships with others.



Communication

We believe that frequent and open dialogue between the home and the school is a vital part of the shared responsibility for a student's education, and provides our students with a strong platform for success. Regular communications include newsletters, teachers telephoning home, individual interviews with parents, personal contact by senior staff, parents' evenings, success letters and progress reports as and when required, as well as four school reports each year.

Non-Violence Policy

In order to promote the school as a safe learning environment, the Board of Trustees has adopted a Non-Violence Policy, which is rigidly enforced. This policy stresses no violence in terms of physical violence towards others, spoken violence towards others, violence towards property, and violence to oneself (the use of harmful substances).

Pledge For Achievement

The Rongotai College Pledge for Achievement is our basis for learning, stated as the Rongotai **ABCDE**.

Attend every lesson and be on time

Bring everything you need and begin work straight away

Complete all classwork and homework

Do as you are asked and behave properly

Expect to do the best that you can

SPORT AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Rongotai College believes that involvement in cultural, sporting and citizenship activities contributes to the holistic development of our students. The college provides an expansive range of opportunities for students to be involved in activities inside and out of the classroom, at a level which is suitable to their abilities.

Sports

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Canoe Polo
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Dragon Boating
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Lawn Bowls
- Rugby Union
- Squash
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Triathlon
- Underwater Hockey
- Waterpolo
- Volleyball
- Waka Ama
- Yachting

Cultural Activities

- Barbershop
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Dance
- Debating
- Drama – including our annual Production
- Film Club
- Jazz Band
- Kapa Haka
- Polynesian Club
- Stage Challenge
- Ukelele Orchestra

Leadership and Citizenship Activities

Rongotai College aims to provide opportunities for boys to show leadership and gain organisational experience. We are determined to treat our students as individuals, so that every boy can feel valued.

We foster leadership and citizenship by providing the following opportunities:

- Prefects
- House Captains
- Junior House Captains
- Form Captains and Deputy Form Captains
- Buddy Prefects
- Interact Club
- Student Librarians



GENERAL INFORMATION

Transport Information

Boys come to Rongotai College from all suburbs of the greater Wellington area. We provide the following services to ensure that getting to Rongotai is not a difficulty. Students can purchase bus tickets or a Snapper Pass from the school's stationery office. Buses bring students to the front doors of the College.

Buses depart every morning from:

Kowhai Park
Houghton Bay via Island Bay
Happy Valley via Island Bay
Karori Mall
Karori Park
Mairangi
Miramar
Miramar North
Railway Station
Strathmore
(Seatoun students catch regular buses.)

In the afternoon buses leave school for:

Island Bay
Kowhai Park
Miramar and Seatoun
Railway Station via route 754
Railway Station via route 155

The school office has detailed timetables of each route. These are available on request.

School Hours And Term Dates

All students must be at school by 8.55am, when they start lessons. The school day contains five periods of one hour's duration, with a Form Period between Periods One and Two. Students are dismissed at 3.25pm.

Please visit the college website (www.rongotai.school.nz) for a listing of term dates for next year.

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