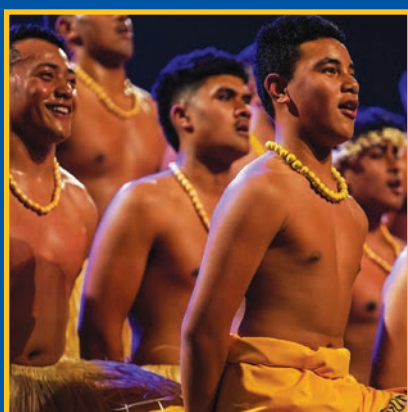


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PROSPECTUS

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

WELCOME TO RONGOTAI COLLEGE

E nga- mana, e ngā waka, e ngā karangarangatanga o te motu, tēna koutou



As parents and guardians of young males about to enter secondary education, you will want the best for your sons. Rongotai College has a proud tradition of achievement and excellence in academic, cultural and sporting 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 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 roll size that allows every boy to be known and valued as an individual
- a tradition of academic achievement and excellence
- 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 in all areas of school life
- opportunities and challenges for boys of all abilities and interests
- a well-resourced school providing 21st century learning opportunities including BYOD.



WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT RONGOTAI COLLEGE



Henry Dickson
(ex-Evans Bay Intermediate School)

What I love about Rongotai College is the values, and how every student respects them. The minute I walked into the school, I could feel the brotherhood and respect from both the teachers and students, and that feeling has never dissipated. The wide variety of activities to do is incredible, there's something for everyone. I love the music department because there are so many different instruments you can learn and they always have the best teachers. There're also so many classes with the best learning environments and the friendliest and greatest teachers you could ask for.



Oliver Brooke
(ex-Seatoun School)

What I love about Rongotai College is the strong feeling of brotherhood in the school. Whether it be on the sports fields, in classes, or in the hallways, it's nice to know that if you're ever unsure about something, either one of the students or teachers is there to help. Rongotai has a range of activities to take part in, there's something for everyone. In the end no matter what your personality, Rongotai will have something that is perfect for you.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW *Subjects marked * are compulsory.*

Course Structure	SUBJECT	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, Literacy, Māori, Music, Samoan, Spanish and 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 six subjects. English is compulsory. 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	Art
	Commerce	Economics	Economics
	English	English*	English*
	Health and Physical Education	Health and Physical Education*	Health and Physical Education*
	Languages	Samoan Spanish Te Reo Māori	Samoan Spanish Te Reo Māori
	Learning Support	ESOL Junior Literacy	ESOL Junior Literacy
	Mathematics	Mathematics*	Mathematics*
	Music	Music	Music
	Science	Science*	Science*
	Social Sciences	Social Studies*	Social Studies*
	Technology	Technology	Design & Visual Communication Materials Technology
	Vocational Studies		



Matthew Hoffman
(ex-South Wellington Intermediate School)

Rongotai College is an amazing school, the students and staff are very approachable and kind. The opportunities (both inside and outside the classroom) are endless, the facilities and resources are top-notch and the boys have a great understanding of each other. After only spending 11 weeks at this school I already feel like I've been here for an entire year. I am immensely enjoying my time here and I think it is the best College any boy could go to.



John Kersey
(ex-Haitaitai School)

What I love about Rongotai College is the sense of brotherhood ... there is always someone to help you. Everyone is kind and friendly from fellow students to the staff. The school also has great resources and facilities; whatever you want to be in life, the school can help you, and it's great. We have awesome activities which are run by people who truly care. I haven't been here long, but I know I made the right choice coming to Rongotai.

N.C.E.A. LEVEL ONE - YEAR 11	N.C.E.A. LEVEL TWO - YEAR 12	N.C.E.A. LEVEL THREE - YEAR 13
Art	Visual Art Photography	Design Painting Printmaking Photography
Economics Accounting & Business	Economics Accounting & Business Retail Studies (National Certificate Year 1 & Year 2)	Economics Accounting
English* Drama	English* Drama Media Studies	English Drama Media Studies
Physical Education	Physical Education Outdoor Education Personal Training	Physical Education Outdoor Education Personal Training
Samoan Spanish Te Reo Māori Māori Performing Arts	Samoan Spanish Te Reo Māori Māori Performing Arts	Samoan Spanish Te Reo Māori
ESOL Literacy	ESOL	ESOL
Mathematics*	Mathematics	Calculus Statistics & Modelling
Music	Music Theory Music Performance	Music Theory Music Performance
Science*	Science Biology Chemistry Physics	Biology Chemistry Physics
Geography History	Geography History Classical Studies	Geography History Classical Studies
Design & Visual Communication Materials Technology	Design & Visual Communication Automotive Engineering (Year 1) Construction (Year 1) Mechanical Engineering	Design & Visual Communication Construction (Year 2 National Certificate)
Digital Technologies	Digital Technologies Computer Science	Digital Technologies Computer Science Senior Computing (National Certificate in Computing)
Hospitality	Hospitality (National Certificate in Hospitality year 1) Vocational Studies	Hospitality (National Certificate in Hospitality year 2) Vocational Studies



Leo Powdrell
(ex-Kahurangi School)

Rongotai College is a school bursting with opportunity and respect. From the moment you go through the sliding doors there are amazing options, courses, competitions and trips just landing in your lap. You can find people that will help you out with whatever your problem is in any hallway or classroom around the college. Every part of Rongotai is unique and well suited, with teachers and equipment to get you to the highest standard of your learning.



Leo Stein
(ex-Evans Bay Intermediate School)

What makes Rongotai College the best school to go to? The best part of Rongotai is the atmosphere. You feel welcomed by everyone as soon as you are wearing the uniform. Our school is abundant with encouragement and respect, and the encouragement and respect that I have been shown by my teachers is immense. I have never been happier at school, and I'm sure anyone who decides to go to Rongotai will feel the same way.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Students have access to our ultrafast broadband and a robust, monitored and secure Wi-Fi network to support and enhance their learning. While it is not compulsory, we would like students attending Rongotai College to bring their own technology device to school every day.

Rongotai College has changed Year 9 and 10 learning programmes to harness the potential of eLearning. Each student has their own school Gmail account, they use a range of applications and the cloud storage capacity within the Google environment to store their work. Students can access course material and learning resources from our MOODLE Learning Management System and GOOGLE Docs. They are also able to print from their devices through our online print service. Students are able to access their timetable, results and other details through our portal.

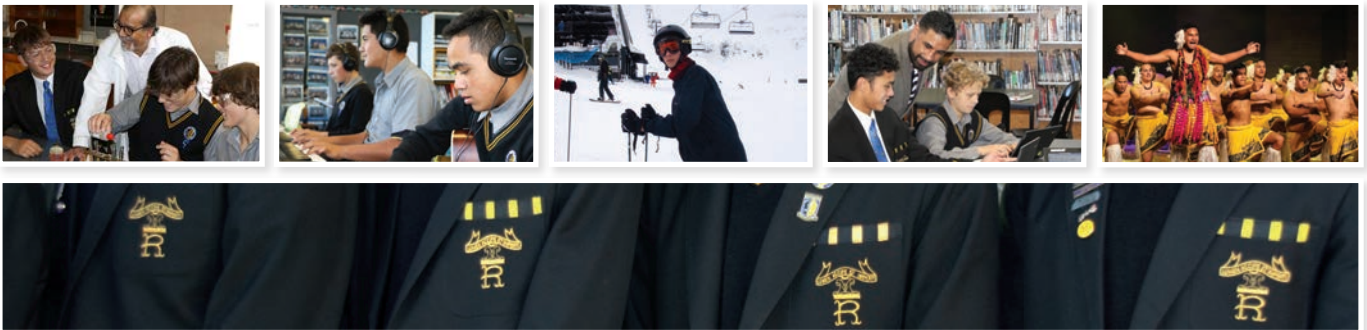
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

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.



STUDENT SUPPORT AND WELL-BEING

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

- **CLASSROOM TEACHERS** - provide subject specific and learning support contact
- **FORM TEACHER** - has daily contact with students
- **DEAN** - provides overall support for a year level
- **GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR** - provides specialised counselling and assistance
- **SENIOR ADMINISTRATION** - provide oversight and organisation of pastoral care network
- **PREFECTS and SENIOR STUDENTS** - provide assistance with adherence to school rules and support for younger students
- **HEALTH NURSE** - private consultations on health issues
- **DENTAL SERVICE PROVIDER** - on-site consultations and appointments minimise disruptions
- **PHYSIOTHERAPIST** - on-site consultations and appointments minimise disruptions

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).



The 'Rongotai Way'

The 'Rongotai Way' highlights the cornerstone values of the school and underpins the way we expect our boys to behave at all times.

- B**eing Respectful
- E**ncouraging Brotherhood
- S**triving for Excellence
- T**aking Pride

ARTS, CULTURAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES

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

Arts and Cultural Activities

- Big Band
- Chess Club
- Debating
- Drama – including Major Productions
- Kapa Haka
- Polynesian Club
- Rock Band
- Rockquest
- Stage Challenge

Sports

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Canoe Polo
- Cricket
- Croquet
- Cross Country
- Cycling
- Dragon Boating
- Floorball
- Football
- Futsal
- Golf
- Handball
- Hockey
- Lawn Bowls
- Rowing
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Shooting
- Softball
- Squash
- Surfing
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Touch
- Triathlon
- Volleyball
- Waka Ama
- Water Polo
- Weightlifting
- Yachting

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
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Form Captains and Deputy Form Captains
- Interact Club
- Sports Captains



COMMUNICATION

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.

Our website also provides parents and caregivers with a "Parent Portal" allowing them to become even more involved with their child's progress at school. By going online, parents are able to view timetables, up to date attendance data, course details, results and reports.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Transport Information

Boys come to Rongotai College from all suburbs of the greater Wellington area. A number of bus services ensure that getting to Rongotai is not a difficulty. Buses bring students to the front doors of the college. For more information about bus services, see our website.

Students can top up their Snapper pass at the college shop.

School Hours

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.

Term Dates

Refer to our website for detailed information on term dates.

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