



RONGOTAI COLLEGE
STRATEGIC PLAN
TOWARDS 2025

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Te Kura o Rongotai



*E tū ki te kei o te waka, kia pākia koe e nga ngaru o te wā.
Stand at the stern of the waka and feel the spray of the future on your face.*

OUR SCHOOL – Ō Mātau o kura

Rongotai College (Te Kura o Rongotai) is located on an expansive 9.7ha site in the eastern suburbs of Wellington, on the isthmus between Lyall Bay and Evans Bay. From Te Reo Māori, Rongotai translates to “sound of the sea”, reflecting the school’s location.



Established in 1928, Rongotai College is a state secondary school catering for boys from Years 9 to 13. A school with a rich past, it meets the all-round educational needs of approximately 710 boys from the Eastern and Southern suburbs of Wellington, and across the wider Wellington region.

The motto of the college is “Lumen accipe et imperti”, Medieval Latin for “Take the light and pass it on”. In Te Reo, the motto translates to “Kapohia te mātauranga me hōatu ra”

The school’s colours are blue, black and gold.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN – Mahere Rautaki

Our strategic plan builds on the strong foundations laid by previous plans, as we look forward to the continued progress of our school as it heads towards its 100th year in 2028.

This plan reaffirms our BEST values – Being Respectful, Encouraging Brotherhood, Striving for Excellence and Taking Pride – which underpin all we do.

Implementing this plan will ensure that our students have opportunities to reach their full potential in life, to succeed academically and have an educational pathway that equips them to be fully-functioning citizens of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

MISSION STATEMENT – *Ko te Uaratanga*

Rongotai College is committed to developing young men of excellence, encouraging them to be the BEST that they can be in all areas of their lives.

VISION – *Ko te whakakitenga*

Rongotai College will be a leading contemporary boys' school, shaped by the past and driven by the future.

Rongotai College believes a contemporary boys' school:

- Encourages boys to value hard work and be the best they can be.
- Is a welcoming and stimulating educational environment that is conducive to learning.
- Is inclusive and student-centred.
- Offers a broad curriculum, providing multiple pathways for students to achieve to their potential.
- Embraces meaningful innovation in teaching and learning.
- Supports student and staff wellbeing.
- Values and enhances its unique characteristics
- Is continually evolving and developing.

It will nurture learners who:

- Love learning
- Have the skills necessary to make well-informed decisions.
- Are confident, resilient and positive about the future.
- Are compassionate, respectful of others and appreciate the diverse people and cultures of our society.
- Have a balanced lifestyle, embracing all dimensions of hauora.
- Contribute actively in the community and are respectful of the environment.

VALUES – *Ko Ngā Uara o Rongotai*

In all things at Rongotai College, we value:

- Being Respectful
- Encouraging Brotherhood
- Striving for Excellence
- Taking Pride



STRATEGIC GOALS 2024-2025

Rongotai College is committed to giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Strategic Goals		Strategic Priorities
<p>Tutukitanga</p> <p>Achievement and Excellence</p>	<p>Providing a teaching and learning culture, underpinned by high expectations, which encourages and supports ākonga to achieve their potential and celebrates excellence.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continuing to provide an environment in which ākonga are challenged to achieve their potential in appropriate qualifications or pathways. 2. Enhancing the PLD culture of the school to support teacher growth and the development of their teaching practice, to ensure teaching and learning excellence continues to evolve.
<p>Ūkaipōtanga</p> <p>Belonging and Engagement</p>	<p>Fostering a culture that promotes a sense of belonging and engagement in learning, that is compassionate, accepting and supportive of diversity and difference.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continuing to provide a safe and supportive environment, where all ākonga feel connected, included, respected and empowered to learn and be compassionate citizens. 2. Enriching our curriculum and learning programmes so they effectively meet the needs of all ākonga by being supportive, culturally sustainable, challenging and engaging.
<p>Whanaungatanga</p> <p>Community Connection</p>	<p>Working to strengthen collaborative partnerships and links between the college and the community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthening relationships with mana whenua, the local community and members of the Rongotai College community - past, present and future. 2. Strengthening working relationships with the college's Māori, Pasifika and recent migrant communities and with families, whānau and aiga, to continue to improve student achievement.
<p>Oranga Tonutanga</p> <p>Wellbeing</p>	<p>Enhancing wellbeing for ākonga and staff by actively promoting a supportive school culture that values relationships and connections.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing and imbedding an explicit, lived culture of well-being through initiatives, practices and programmes across the school. 2. Further developing and refining ākonga support systems to promote learning and wellbeing.