

RONGOTAI COLLEGE



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WELCOME TO RONGOTAI COLLEGE

E ngā 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.

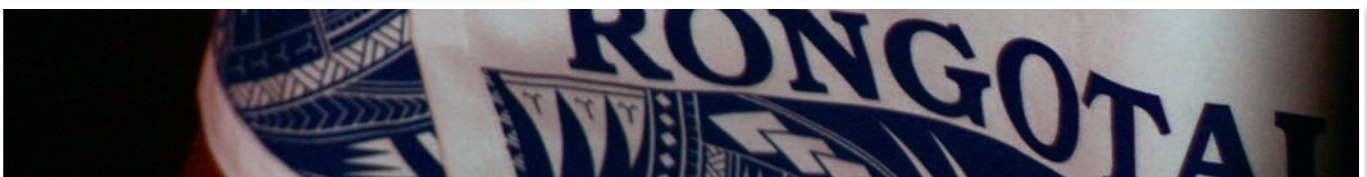
Nau mai haere mai.

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

WHY RONGOTAI COLLEGE?

Rongotai College offers:

- small Year 9 and 10 class sizes
- 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



Liam Whatman
ex - Brooklyn School

What I love about Rongotai College is the strong sense of brotherhood. All the older students are incredibly supportive, and it is very easy to make friends ... Whatever your passion, from the sports field to music and drama, Rongotai College will not only provide the necessary education, but also do it with a brilliant attitude.



Tom Woodbridge
ex - HAITAITAI School

What I love about Rongotai College is the kindness and the sense of welcome from the teachers and students. On my first day I instantly felt that I was welcomed into the school. The teachers made sure that you knew their personality and what they expect and what they don't, from the second that you walk through the door and into their class.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW *Subjects marked * are compulsory.*

Course Structure	LEARNING AREA	YEAR 9 SUBJECTS	YEAR 10 SUBJECTS
YEAR 9 All students study the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Health and Physical Education. They will also study 1 trimester of 3 Technology-based subjects. 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.	Art & Design	Art	Art
		Design & Visual Communication*	Design & Visual Communication
	Commerce	Commerce	Commerce
	Digital Technology	Digital Technologies*	Digital Technologies
	English	English*	English*
	Health and Physical Education	Health and Physical Education*	Health and Physical Education*
	Languages	ESOL Samoan Spanish Te Reo Māori	ESOL Samoan Spanish Te Reo Māori
	Learning Support	Literacy/Numeracy Skills	Literacy/Numeracy Skills
	Mathematics	Mathematics*	Mathematics*
	Music	Music	Music
	Science	Science*	Science*
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.	Social Sciences	Social Studies*	Social Studies*
	Vocational and Trade Training	Technology*	Materials Technology
YEAR 11 Boys study six subjects. English, Mathematics and Science are compulsory.			
YEAR 12 Boys study six subjects. English is compulsory. It is possible to repeat Level One courses.			
YEAR 13 Boys study five or six subjects at the appropriate N.C.E.A. level.			



Gagan Yadav
ex - EBIS

What I love about Rongotai College is ... how many sports, clubs and opportunities there are. If there is a sport or an instrument you would like to play,

Rongotai probably has it. If you like the great outdoors then Rongotai is for you because Rongotai has the biggest fields.



Mick Saunders
ex - SWIS

I love Rongotai College because ... the size of the school means that all the teachers make an effort to know you by name and are willing to help you navigate and find people to hang out with at Rongotai. You just wouldn't get this anywhere else. The facilities are also really good because they strongly encourage students to

take part in any sport. I started playing piano and floorball thanks to what Rongotai College has to offer. Rongotai College is the school for you.

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	Design Painting Printmaking Photography Design & Visual Communication
Design & Visual Communication	Photography Design & Visual Communication	
Commerce	Economics Accounting & Business	Economics Accounting
Digital Technologies	Digital Technologies Computer Science	Digital Technologies Computer Science
English* Drama	English* Drama Media Studies	English Drama Media Studies
Physical Education	Physical Education Outdoor Education Personal Training	Physical Education Outdoor Education Personal Training
ESOL Samoan Spanish Te Reo Māori	ESOL Samoan Spanish Te Reo Māori Māori Performing Arts	ESOL Samoan Spanish Te Reo Māori Māori Performing Arts
Literacy		
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
Hospitality Materials Technology	Hospitality Vocational Studies Automotive Engineering Construction Mechanical Engineering	Hospitality Vocational Studies Construction Trades Academy



Antek Banas
ex - Te Aro School

Rongotai College is a great college, with large grounds that include two football fields, a cricket field and a rugby field as well as a hockey turf. The school also has a large and newly built gym and a tin shed for sports like futsal and floorball.



Te Maihi Mitcalfe Matthews
ex - SWIS

What I love about Rongotai College is how many great opportunities are represented to you. From cultural activities, sports, clubs - all of these lead to excellent roles where you can strive to be a prefect, dux, head boy, need I say more?



Finn Collier
ex - EBIS

The sense of brotherhood at this school makes me feel so safe and confident. The staff are some of the kindest, most welcoming people you will ever meet. Sports, Kapa haka, Poly club, even Chess club - there are infinite opportunities.

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 learning programmes 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 within Google Classroom. 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.

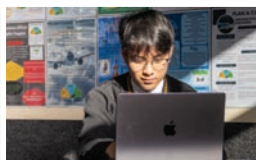
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

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
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Debating
- Drama – including Major Productions
- Enviro Group
- Interact (Service) Club
- Kapa Haka
- Polynesian Club
- Rock Band
- Rockquest

Sports

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Canoe Polo
- Cricket
- Croquet
- Cross Country
- Cycling
- Dragon Boating
- Fencing
- Floorball
- Football
- Futsal
- Golf
- Handball
- Hockey
- Lawn Bowls
- Rowing
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Shooting
- Softball
- Squash
- Surfing
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Touch
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- 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 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 contacting home, individual interviews with parents, personal contact by senior staff and parents' evenings. Two full school reports are issued each year, in addition to weekly reports on student effort and engagement.

Our website also provides parents and caregivers with a "Parent Portal" and an app, allowing them to become even more involved with their son's progress at school. By going online, parents are able to view timetables, up to date attendance information, activities, results and reports. We also have an app which provides similar information for parents.

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 3.15pm.

Term Dates

Refer to our website for detailed information on term dates.

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