

RONGOTAI COLLEGE



PROSPECTUS
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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.

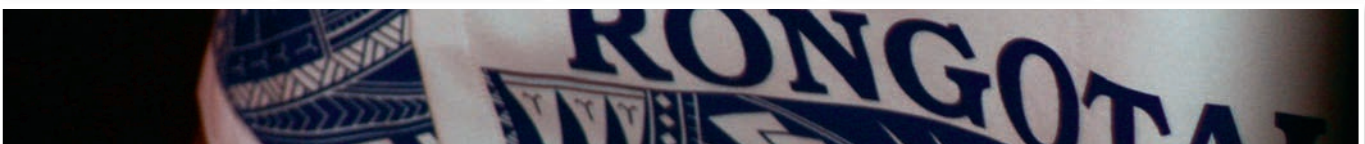
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Kevin Carter, M.A.(Hons), Dip. Tchg.
Principal

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



Ethan Burns
Evans Bay Intermediate

As soon as I walked into Rongotai College, I could feel the strong sense of brotherhood. The staff is extremely welcoming and the kind and encouraging fellow students make the school a wonderful atmosphere. At Rongotai you are encouraged to do your best but in the kindest way possible, the staff push you out of your comfort zone but not so much that you don't feel safe.



Johnny White
St Francis de Sales School

From the moment I came to this school I felt welcome. Being the only one to come to Rongotai from my old school, I didn't know what to expect but I found my place very fast. I was debating if I should come to this school at first but since coming here, I have no regrets - from the lunchtime football, to the many clubs and experiences this school has the team or club for you. Playing football for all my life this school has helped me continue this love by the trainings with Wynton Rufer at the Football Academy.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW *Subjects marked * are compulsory.*

Course Structure	LEARNING AREA	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 & Design	Art Design & Visual Communication*	Art Design & Visual Communication
	Commerce	Commerce	Commerce
	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*
	Social Sciences	Social Studies*	Social Studies*
	Vocational, Technology and Trade Training	Technology* Digital Technologies	Materials Technology Digital Technologies



Marcus Rowe
Seatoun School

As soon as I walked into Rongotai I was embraced by the strong sense of brotherhood. Everyone in the school was kind and helpful and had great advice. All the staff at the school are kind and encourage you to strive for excellence and they make sure that you never miss out on the endless opportunities at the school from sports to the many clubs they have on display which help you develop as a person. This is why Rongotai has helped me to be the best me.



Richard Tor
Evans Bay Intermediate

Choosing Rongotai as my secondary school was one of the best decisions I've made. The teachers make you instantly feel welcomed and they are extremely nice, always waving and greeting you. There are a variety of endless sport opportunities that are offered to you, where you can socialize and meet new people. The brotherhood at this school is incredibly strong, everyone is nice and helps you with anything. In class the teachers make everything understandable, and clear, they are always free to help with your work.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW *Subjects marked * are compulsory.*

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 Design & Visual Communication	Visual Art Photography Design & Visual Communication	Design Painting Printmaking Photography Design & Visual Communication
Commerce	Economics Accounting & Business	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
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 Digital Technologies	Hospitality Vocational Studies Automotive Engineering Construction Mechanical Engineering Digital Technologies Computer Science	Hospitality Vocational Studies Construction Trades Academy Digital Technologies Computer Science



Maxim Boon
Raphael House

When I first arrived at Rongotai College I didn't know anyone at the school, but after a couple of weeks I had made friends in the classroom and outside it on the basketball court. The students here have welcomed me with open arms and now that I have made connections in the school, I feel way more comfortable in the classrooms with our amazing teachers.



Tynen Riddell
Kahurangi School

Rongotai College is such an amazing school, and the moment I stepped into the school I instantly felt like I belonged. The staff were so kind and welcoming and helped all of the Year 9s have a great start to high school life. The students were showing brotherhood as soon as school started. There's something for everyone at Rongotai no matter what you're into whether you like Sports, Music, Cultural activities or even helping the community you're bound to find something you enjoy.



Tadhg Pierse
South Wellington Intermediate

Rongotai College has been the best school experience I have had. Everyone at Rongotai is super friendly and there is a great sense of brotherhood around the school. There are so many sports you can play and other great options. All the staff and teachers are very friendly and have clear exceptions.

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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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.

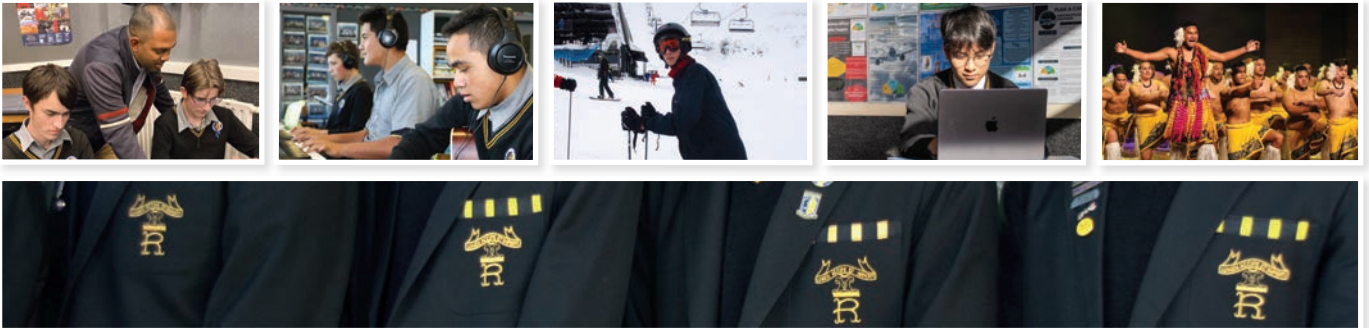
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

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