



ROTORUA LAKES
HIGH SCHOOL

'Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth'

YEAR NINE SUBJECTS

NAME: _____

Previous School: _____

All Year 9 students will study English, Maths, Science, Social Studies, and P.E in their **CORE** class as well as a range of Option Subjects.

On the grid on the other side of this sheet, students will have to select up 8 different options. Four from list 1 and four from list 2.

NOTES

- **Health and Te Ao Māori** are compulsory core subjects that run in the option lines so please choose Health and Te Ao Māori in ONE of the lists.
- Options usually run in 10-week blocks **EXCEPT for Introductory Te Reo Māori** (2 blocks).
- If you wish to take **Reo-Rumaki** you cannot take any other subjects in that list.
- **Sports Leadership Programme** (runs all year).
If you wish to be considered for this course there is an application process. Please read the criteria and fill out an application form, which can be found online. Applications need to be received by 31 January 2023. Interviews will take place the following week.

Please read the **notes on the first page** *before* you fill this page in – thanks.

Please **circle** your choices on the Grid below:

All options **EXCEPT** those noted previously run for **1 Block only**

List One CHOOSE 4 Blocks	List Two CHOOSE 4 Blocks
Art	Art
Advance Physical Education	Design & Visual Communication
Health	Health
Dance & Drama	Music
Food Technology	Robotic
Digital Technologies	Textiles, Fashion and Design
Materials Technology – Hard	Sports Leadership Programme (runs all year i.e. 4 blocks)
Introductory Te Reo (runs for 2 blocks)	Digital Art & Design
Te Ao Māori	Te Ao Māori
Te Reo – Rumaki (runs all year i.e. 4 blocks)	Māori Performing Art

NB: We will endeavour to place students in their selected options

Signed: _____ Student

Signed: _____ Parent / Caregiver

ADVANCED PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This course prepares students for the academic pathway into Advanced Physical Education in Year 10 and senior school Physical Education. It covers topics such as Anatomy, Physiology, Biomechanics and Motor Skill Learning.

ART

This course is an introduction to Visual Arts and includes a range of media and techniques that are used to develop ideas and study artist models. This includes Photography and Digital Photoshop, Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture, Drawing and Design.

DIGITAL ART & DESIGN

The digital design program is brand new and has been set up to equip students for digital art and design in the senior art programmes. The department has a full class set of high quality drawing tablets that students learn to design on in this course. Traditional Art elements such as drawing and painting are taught using digital media, with Photoshop and Illustrator programmes also being introduced. Students explore what the design process involves before they have a go at designing a character based on a design brief.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

This course aims to extend student's knowledge in the creation of digital content, including apps, and websites. Students will be encouraged to apply computational thinking towards web (HTML and CSS) graphic (Photoshop) design. Students will gain knowledge in the following programs: Photoshop, Illustrator, Brackets, Thinkable and other apps development programs. This subject can lead to tertiary studies and careers in areas such as graphic, game and web design, computer graphics and animation, computer programming, software engineering and I.T. Leading onto NCEA Digital Technologies Level 1.

DESIGN and VISUAL COMMUNICATION (Graphics)

The Design and Visual Communications course covers freehand sketching, rendering (colour), instrumental drawing and the design process. Interest is developed by using specialised equipment, learning set standards of presentation and the completion of individual work. The design brief approach is introduced and students can develop broad graphic communication skills, explore the design process and gain some appreciation of good design. Students will also be introduced to a computer drawing programme called Revit for interior and exterior house design.

DRAMA & DANCE

Do you tap your feet to any beat or enjoy dancing or acting? Then Drama & Dance is the subject for you! This is a one term course which covers a fun introduction to both drama and dance. This is a practical subject that will allow you to build your confidence and experience the many different styles and elements of both subjects. It will develop your skills and ability to perform, and create choreography that work within both drama and dance. Although both subjects will be covered, the course will have a dance or drama focus, dependent on what students are most interested in. This is a practical and performance focused course.

- You will work either solo, duo or in a small group.
- You will perform for your peers

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

The Food Technology course covers techniques and processes. Students will gain a basic knowledge of the technology process through planning, designing and understanding a brief. Through this course students will gain social and co-operative skills through the extensive use of group work. They will also build on the practical and organisational skills they gained in Year 8.

HEALTH

Year 9 Health is a compulsory core subject that looks at understanding the concept of Hauora/Well-being, and how this is influenced by society and others to develop an individual's self-worth. We identify and apply decision making skills. This assists students in making informed choices around drug and alcohol use and the strategies to resist peer pressure. We also identify the qualities of a good relationship and allow students to develop positive attitudes towards sexuality.

INTRODUCTORY TE REO MĀORI

The Year 9 Māori course is designed for students who are totally new to learning the Māori language or for students who have basic Māori language skills already. The course develops skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening to Te Reo Māori. The course will cover at least four topics such as: whānau (family), kai (food), kura (school) and mihi (greetings). You will also have the chance to do taster lessons in Māori Performing Arts, Māori Arts and Crafts and Māori games. This course can progress to Year 10 Te Reo Māori and NCEA Te Reo Māori.

WHAITITIRI KI TE RANGI, KO TE ARAWA KI TE WHENUA - MĀORI PERFORMING ARTS

Junior Māori Performing Arts is a new subject to our kura here at Rotorua Lakes High. The goal of the class is to strengthen our kura from the roots with our juniors coming through in Te Ao Haka. This subject is geared towards preparing taurira for the Senior Te Ao Haka course.

Kaupapa we look at are the different components of Kapa Haka, such as poi, haka, moteatea and waiata-a-ringa. We also dive into the tikanga behind each item and the different movements and stances they require. We use multiple local waiata and haka to practise these aspects and thus further strengthen our connection to the whenua and tangata of Te Arawa.

MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY - HARD

Hard Materials Technology encourages students to participate in a creative process of planning, designing and evaluating to produce a unique project. Students will design and make their own clock which they will be able to take home once it has been finished to a high standard.

MUSIC

This course is an enjoyable practical introduction to playing, performing and understanding Music. Students will study different genres and styles of Music and the skill of reading and writing Music is also introduced.

ROBOTICS

If you are an innovative and creative thinker - whether it be about using objects, or experimenting with computers and want to learn to program a robot, then this is the subject for you. Design is about innovation. While developing the skills and knowledge that industry currently demands, you will also be pushing the limits and, in a sense, forging the future of design practice. During lessons your teacher will show you how to take an experimental approach to design that encourages creative and thoughtful design solutions for an outcome i.e. game design, robotics, etc. There might be opportunities to participate in a few programming competitions such as Robotics Competition, Aquabots etc.

SPORTS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Sports Leadership Development Programme is a training and support programme designed to assist talented students to reach their sporting potential, as well as achieving academic success. Our training and support programme is intended to be a stepping stone to further achievements at a regional and national level. It will also increase the sporting and academic achievement level within RLHS. The SLDP will support all codes that benefit our students and wider community.

TE-REO RUMAKI

The Reo-Rumaki class is designed for students who have come from total immersion or bilingual classes at primary, intermediate or kura kaupapa. As it is delivered 80% in Te Reo Māori, entry into this subject is via the Year 9 Rumaki core class **OR** at the discretion of the HOD Māori, and/or the Principal. Students in this class may work towards an NCEA pathway depending on their fluency in Te Reo Māori in both written and spoken Māori. The course topics for this class include: Te Kura, Mihi, Tōku Kāinga, Te Marae, Pōhiri and Te Ao Taiohi.

TEXTILES, FASHION & DESIGN

Textiles and Fashion Technology involves creating with fibre, yarn and fabric, and learning skills that will enable students to manipulate various soft materials. This course is based on the technology process which encourages the students to plan and design, creating a unique product and BE CREATIVE!