

NEWSLETTER

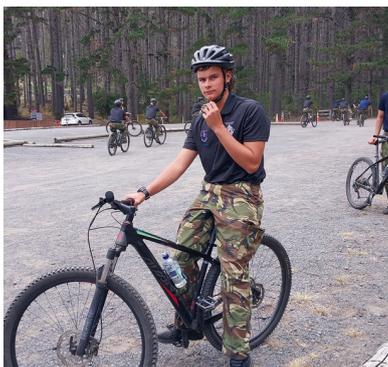


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Services Academy Induction Camp

On Monday, March 3, our Year 12 and 13 services academy students headed to Whenuapai Airforce Base in Auckland to begin their 12-day military-style induction camp. One week in, students have completed various team-building and leadership exercises like mountain biking, high ropes courses, cross-country runs, and first aid.

The purpose of this camp is to network with other service academy schools across Aotearoa and build the ethos and values that will carry the students forward through their service academy journey.



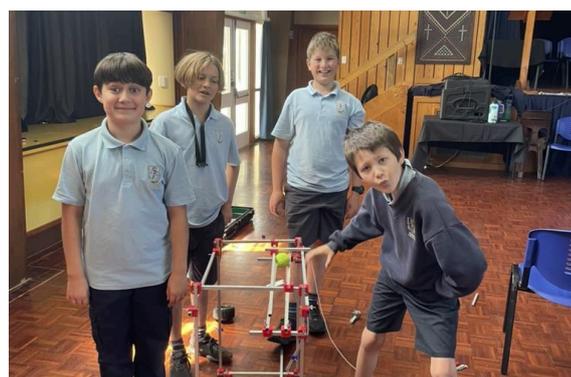
PST Interviews



PST interviews for Years 7 to 13 students will take place on **Tuesday 6 May 2025, 3:30 pm to 7:45 pm** and **Wednesday 7 May 2025, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. No timetabled classes on Wednesday, please attend interviews with your parents/caregivers. School reports will be issued in mid-April.

Epro 8

Earlier this term our Year 7 and 8s competed in Epro 8, a fantastic event that challenges students to think creatively, work collaboratively, and put their problem-solving skills to the test. We had four teams compete in a range of activities, where they created a tennis ball launcher and a jack-in-the-box. At the end of the competition, the 'Cogwheels' emerged as our winners and will be heading to Whangārei to participate in the interschool competition later this term.

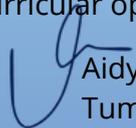


A word from the Principal

The school term is now fully underway, and there is a wonderful energy across our campus. It has been fantastic to see our students embracing their studies with enthusiasm and actively participating in the many opportunities available to them. One of the most exciting developments this term has been the successful launch of our new co-curricular activities.

From sports teams to creative arts, academic clubs, and community service initiatives, there is something for everyone. Thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for making these activities possible.

As we continue through the term, I encourage all students to make the most of the learning experiences and extracurricular opportunities on offer.



Aidyn Rasmussen
Tumuaki/Principal



School Docs Term 1 Review

The school community is invited to review specific policies and procedures each term. If you'd like information on how to review our school policies, please contact the office.

New Badge System

This week, we launched our new badge system, a concept developed by our 2024 Student Leaders.

Students can earn points by demonstrating our school values, achieving their personal best, and contributing to school life - all the things that are the RC Way!

Points accumulate towards Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels in each badge category and can also be spent at the PB4L Store. Items in the store include stationery, scholarships towards school fees, sports balls, vouchers, bluetooth speakers and AirPods!

Have a kōrero at home about this exciting initiative, or visit our website for more information.



Year 13 Japan Trip

Planning for the Year 13 Japan trips is well underway. This is a test run to see how well it goes and what the engagement is with it. There is potential to make this either an annual or bi-annual event.

To go on the trip students must:

- Maintain an attendance level that shows engagement
- Stay up to date with their classwork
- Be an active part of school life and tuakana teina
- Be involved in fundraising activities where requested

We will be leaving from Auckland in Week 10 of Term 3. Keep an eye out for our fundraising events and plans!

Contact Details

We predominantly use three social media platforms for our messaging and updates:

- [School website](#)
- [School Facebook page](#)
- [Instagram page](#)

The school must have up to date contact details for caregivers.

Upcoming Events

Monday 17 March

Year 7 & 8 Vaccinations

Tuesday 18 March

Year 7 Vision Testing

Tuesday 1 April

RC Board Meeting



Swimming Sports 2025



Top Form Term 1 Snapshots



Swimming Champions

Sub Junior Girls: Eden Devlyn

Sub Junior Boys: Teili Pua

Junior Girls: Charlotte Gooch

Junior Boys: Willem Oud

Intermediate Girls: Leticey Kapa

Intermediate Boys: Rian Gatehouse

Senior Girls: Alyssa Bishop

Senior Boys: Matthew Watkins

1st - Kauri House

2nd - Totara House

3rd - Rimu House

Swimming Records Broken

Matthew Watkins (Senior Boy)

50m Freestyle - T Blythen 30.28 (2014)

New Time 29.72

50 Backstroke - 38.90 (1991)

New Time 36.03

100m Freestyle - K Connett 1.11.31 (2018)

New Time 1.06.81

100m Backstroke - B Watkins 1.25.83 (2023)

New Time 1.23.62

Zach Sterling (Senior Boy)

75m Medley - K Connett 59.21 (2018)

New Time 57.28

100m Breaststroke - B Watkins 1.33.74 (2023)

New Time 1.33.12

Charlotte Gooch (Junior Girl)

25m Butterfly - K Murphy 18.66 (1995)

New Time 16.66





Festival 25

5th April
9am to 3pmish

Ruawai Tokatoka
War Memorial Hall

Koha Entry

Food ~ info ~ Crafts