



# TAURANGA BOYS' COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Football runs throughout Terms 2 and 3 at Tauranga Boys' College. There is some pre-season training in Term 1 for players who believe they are capable of making the 1st XI squad.

The 1st XI now runs separately from our senior competitive teams on a Saturday and plays a number of inter school fixtures throughout the year including exchanges, NZSS qualification games, Super 8 and Nationals.

**Our 1st XI team are the current national champions**, an amazing achievement and one of few regional schools in NZ having done so.

Our senior teams will continue in the Baywide Youth League on a Saturday morning. This league is for players under the age of nineteen. Generally the league comprises other Bay of Plenty schools' 1st XI teams and our Junior A team.

The top junior team - the 16 best in-form Year 9 and Year 10 players that compete for the school will also have various inter-school fixtures and host the NZSS Hillsdene Trophy which is part of the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Winter Tournament Week held in late August/early September.

Our Year 9 and 10 teams (excluding Junior A) play in the Western Bay of Plenty Under 14/15 Grade leagues on a Saturday morning.

We run an inter school football league throughout Terms 2 and 3. This is a seven-a-side format with squads no bigger than 10. Juniors play on a Wednesday and seniors on a Friday after school. Included in fees for this league

will be a personalised, replica shirt with the player's name and selected number on the back to keep, as well as a football and pair of goalkeeper gloves for each team.



As of 2022, we will be running a Referee Academy where boys have the opportunity to develop their officiating skills and consider refereeing as a viable option to move up in the game. This program will be supported by WaiBOP and our in-house qualified referee Mr Orchard. Student referees will be paid to officiate games, starting at intra school level moving up to officiating at tournaments as they become more competent.

