



# TAURANGA BOYS' COLLEGE RUGBY



Tauranga Boys' College has a long and distinguished record on the rugby field. The school has produced 11 All Blacks. The most current crop are Daniel Braid, Royce Willis, Tanerau Latimer, Jarred Hoeata, Nathan Harris, Aiden Ross and Sam Cane. We also have a long history with Sevens Rugby contributing 8 NZ Sevens players in past years- Adrian Cashmore, Nathaniel Walker, Jason Hona, Charles Baxter, Tanerau Latimer, Lance McDonald and Jarred Hoeata and most recently, Leroy Carter

Tauranga Boys' College 1st XV compete in the prestigious Super 8 Competition. This is arguably the strongest Secondary School competition in New Zealand. Many of these games are now televised or live-streamed weekly. On top of its Super 8 home and away commitments we play traditional fixtures against Auckland Grammar, Wesley College, Westlake Boys' High School and Kelston Boys' High School.



The school's 1st XV (top team) is coached by **Mr Aidan Kuka**, a former Bay of Plenty Steamer and old collegian. Mr Kuka is a World Rugby Level 3 Qualified Coach, graduate of the High Performance Athlete Coaching Course run by Sport Bay of Plenty and recipient of the Bay of Plenty Rugby Union - Club Coach of the Year in 2018 & 2019 and the Bay of Plenty Rugby Union - Secondary School Coach of the Year in 2022. Mr Kuka also holds the position of Head of Rugby for TBC and is the Senior Rugby Coordinator.

## RECENT RUGBY ACHIEVEMENTS AT TBC

- 2021** - 1st XV defeated Hamilton Boys High School 1st XV 13-12 for the first in in 11 years and claiming 'The Boot' trophy
- 2021** - 1st XV & 2nd XV toured the South Island and were undefeated in 6 games
- 1st XV defeated Rotorua Boys High School 1st XV 22-11 and claimed the prestigious Moascar Cup & Dick Littlejohn Shield

## A TYPICAL SENIOR SQUAD TRAINING WEEK

As a member of the schools 1st XV squad you will have three on-field training sessions per week and three weight training sessions per week. There will also be video analysis and focused skill sessions throughout the season when required.

## RUGBY - A GAME FOR ALL LEVELS

350 students register to play rugby each year at Tauranga Boys' College. We pride ourselves on providing a positive learning environment based on some core fundamental values. The overriding factor within our Rugby Program is to promote enjoyment and fun while developing the basic skills of the game. Whether students are new to the game or played the game their whole life, we provide a team to cater for all levels of ability.



## C.A.R.E — A CULTURE OF CARE

Our Rugby Program is based around 4 key anchors that we strongly promote and encourage our athletes to embrace:

**C** = Courage - be strong, face fear and develop a growth mindset

**A** = Appreciation - show gratitude and give thanks to acknowledge

**R** = Resilience - accept change and adapt to situations

**E** = Ethics - behave and conduct yourself with integrity and pride



## ACCREDITED COACHING TEAM

**Mr Hamish Boyce** - Current Assistant 1st XV Coach. Specialises in Set-Piece coaching and attack systems. Mr Boyce also has experience coaching the Bay of Plenty Senior Men 7s rugby team and is a World Rugby Level 3 Accredited Coach.

**Mr Atirau Ohia** - Current Assistant 1st XV Coach. Specialises in Back Attack shape, Vision Decision skills and passing technique. Mr Ohia is a World Rugby Level 3 Accredited Coach. Mr Ohia has experience in coaching Rugby 7s and Touch Rugby as well.

**Mr Te Aihe Toma** - Junior Rugby Coordinator and Resource Skills Coach. Mr Toma is a former professional player who had stints with the Highlanders, Leinster and the NZ 7s team. He excels in coaching passing and kicking technique, attack plays and game management. Mr Toma also has experience in Rugby 7s and Touch Rugby

