



# TAURANGA BOYS' COLLEGE HOCKEY

## A Legacy of Success

Tauranga Boys' College has a proud and successful history in New Zealand hockey and is regarded as one of the country's top hockey schools. The program has dominated the Bay of Plenty region for the past decade. With a turf on site (the Gemming Turf, named after long-serving Director of Hockey Gill Gemming), TBC provides an elite development and coaching program.

## Expert Coaching and Leadership

The 1st XI is coached by Mark Page, a New Zealand Hockey Level 2 accredited coach with national and regional experience as both a player and coach. Mark has been with the team for many years, leading them to their historic Rankin Cup victory in 2024.

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## PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

We are proud to be one of the few schools with three teams attending national tournaments:

- **1st XI (Rankin Cup / India Shield):** New Zealand's premier secondary school tournament. TBC won the Rankin Cup in 2024.
- **2nd XI (Galletly Cup):** A national tournament showcasing the country's top second XI teams.
- **U15 (Tanner Cup):** An invitational tournament that has become the national championship for U15 teams.



*The team lifting the Rankin Cup*



## LOCAL COMPETITIONS AND TRADITIONAL FIXTURES

The 1st XI competes in the Secondary Premier League and the Midlands Secondary Schools Competition. The 1st XI also plays annual traditional matches against top schools like Auckland Grammar School, Hamilton Boys' High School, and Westlake Boys' High School.

**Season Dates:** April to September (Terms 2 and 3)

## A TYPICAL TRAINING WEEK

- Two weekly turf sessions as part of the Senior Performance Squad
- Weekly speed and power development sessions.
- Weekly local competition and inter-school fixtures

## MORE HOCKEY OPPORTUNITIES

- **Representative Hockey:** Players can trial for the Tauranga U16 and U18 teams, complementing their school commitments.
- **Club Hockey:** Since most school hockey is played mid-week, senior players are encouraged to play club hockey for one of the three local men's clubs that play across various divisions.

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## MARK PAGE – DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY / 1ST XI COACH

Since 2007, I have been an English teacher and hockey coach at TBC. In 2024, I was appointed Director of Hockey, the same year our 1st XI won the historic Rankin Cup. I know what it takes to succeed under pressure, having played at two Rankin Cups myself with King's High School and representing the Otago province at national championships from U13 to Senior Men's levels. I continue to play hockey for the Tauranga Old Boys' Hockey Club in their Titans team in Division 2 and coach the Tauranga Old Boys' Spartans team in Division 1. My coaching philosophy is simple: **"Team -> Teammates -> Self."** I aim to help every player reach their full potential on and off the field.

