



SUPER EIGHT SCHOOLS' *Cultural Festival*

HOSTED BY RBHS | 14 - 15 MAY 2025



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Matua John Kendal

Tēnā koutou katoa,

On behalf of Rotorua Boys' High School, I warmly welcome all the young men participating in the 2025 Super Eight Schools' Cultural Festival, along with the principals, staff, whānau, and supporters who are joining us for this two-day celebration of culture and talent.



We are honoured to host this year's festival, an event that showcases the rich diversity and excellence that exists within our group of schools—schools united not just by tradition and competition, but by a shared commitment to nurturing the whole student through academic, cultural, and sporting pursuits.

This festival provides a platform for our young men to stand tall in their identity and share their gifts in both the performing and visual arts. It is a time to strive for excellence, but also to celebrate connection, creativity, and cultural pride.

Behind every outstanding performance are those who uplift and guide—our dedicated teachers, tutors, coaches, directors, and mentors. Your commitment and aroha do not go unnoticed. Thank you for the time, energy, and passion you pour into these young men and this kaupapa.

We are grateful to the Sir Howard Morrison Centre for once again providing us with a world-class venue. We also acknowledge Whakaata Māori for live-streaming our Kapa Haka and prizegiving ceremonies, enabling our wider communities to join us from afar and witness the pride and power of our boys in performance.

To all involved—whether on stage, behind the scenes, or in support—thank you for contributing to the success of this special event. I wish every performer the very best. May this festival be a source of inspiration, growth, and mana for all.





SUPER EIGHT SCHOOLS' *Cultural Festival*

The New Zealand Super Eight Schools Cultural Festival is a two-day event celebrating cultural, performing and visual arts of the highest calibre.

This year, all events are held here at the Sir Howard Morrison Centre, at 1170 Fenton Street, Rotorua. The events include:

- Kapa Haka
- Pasifika
- Music Group
- Solo Music
- Oratory
- Drama
- Theatresports
- Debating
- Visual Art
- Chess
- Dance

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The first competitions commenced in 1998 involving rugby and cricket. Since that time the Super Eight concept has grown to include 10 sports competitions, a cultural festival, academic scholar awards and professional development programmes for teachers.



DAY ONE

Programme

WEDNESDAY 14th MAY							
Time/Location	Owen Glenn	Te Haumako	Matatea	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa	Foyer	Banquet Room
4:00 pm	Pōhiri						Schools Base/ Prep area
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Break <i>Pasifika groups to have 5-7 minutes slot on stage before event</i>						
6:30pm - 9:00 pm	Pasifika	Junior Theatresports	Senior Oratory	Junior Debating Round 1	Junior Debating Round 1	Junior and Senior Art (Display)	

DAY TWO

Programme

THURSDAY 15th MAY						
	Owen Glenn	Te Haumako	Matatea	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa	Banquet Room
9:00 am - 10:30 am	<i>Music Sound checks from 10am (Reverse order to programme)</i>	Junior Music Solo	Junior Oratory	Senior Debating Round 1	Senior Debating Round 1	Schools Base/ Prep area
10:30 am - 12:00 pm		Senior Music Solo	Chess			
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch					
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Music - Group	Dance	Chess	Junior Debating Semi Finals	Junior Debating Semi Finals	
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm		Drama		Senior Debating Semi Finals	Senior Debating Semi Finals	
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Dinner Break <i>Kapa Haka groups to have 5-7 minute slot on stage if required</i>					
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Kapa Haka	Senior Theatresports	Chess	Junior Debating Final	Senior Debating Final	
8:45 pm	Prizegiving					



PASIFIKA

Order of Performances

DAY 1.

6:00 PM Napier Boys' High School

6:30 PM Palmerston North Boys' High School

7:00 PM Hamilton Boys' High School

7:30 PM Hastings Boys' High School

8:00 PM Tauranga Boys' College

8:30 PM Rotorua Boys' High School

9:00 PM New Plymouth Boys' High School

MUSIC GROUP

Order of Performances

DAY 2.

1:00 PM Hamilton Boys' High School

1:30 PM Napier Boys' High School

2:00 PM Palmerston North Boys' High School

2:30 PM Tauranga Boys' College

3:00 PM Hastings Boys' High School

3:30 PM Gisborne Boys' High School

4:00 PM Rotorua Boys' High School

4:30 PM New Plymouth Boys' High School

KAPA HAKA *Order of Performances*

DAY 2.

6:00 PM New Plymouth Boys' High School

6:20 PM Tauranga Boys' College

6:40 PM Hastings Boys' High School

7:00 PM Napier Boys' High School

7:20 PM Gisborne Boys' High School

7:40 PM Palmerston North Boys' High School

8:00 PM Hamilton Boys' High School

8:20 PM Rotorua Boys' High School

JUNIOR SOLO MUSIC *Order of Performances*

DAY 2.

9:00 AM Hastings Boys' High School

9:10 AM Hamilton Boys' High School

9:20 AM Napier Boys' High School

9:30 AM New Plymouth Boys' High School

9:40 AM Gisborne Boys' High School

9:50 AM Rotorua Boys' High School

10:00 AM Tauranga Boys' College

SENIOR SOLO MUSIC

Order of Performances

DAY 2.

10:30 AM Palmerston North Boys' High School

10:40 AM New Plymouth Boys' High School

10:50 AM Gisborne Boys' High School

11:00 AM Hastings Boys' High School

11:10 AM Hamilton Boys' High School

11:20 AM Rotorua Boys' High School

11:30 AM Napier Boys' High School

11:40 AM Tauranga Boys' College

DANCE

Order of Performances

DAY 2.

1:00 PM Tauranga Boys' College

1:10 PM New Plymouth Boys' High School

1:20 PM Napier Boys' High School

1:30 PM Rotorua Boys' High School

1:40 PM Hastings Boys' High School

1:50 PM Hamilton Boy's High School

DRAMA

Order of Performances

DAY 2.

2:30 PM Rotorua Boys' High School

2:50 PM Hamilton Boys' High School

3:10 PM Napier Boys' High School

3:30 PM Hastings Boys' High School

3:50 PM Tauranga Boys' College

4:10 PM New Plymouth Boys' High School

4:30 PM Palmerston North Boys' High School

JUNIOR ORATORY

Schedule

DAY 2.

9:00 AM Napier Boys' High School

9:10 AM Hamilton Boys' High School

9:20 AM New Plymouth Boys' High School

9:30 AM Gisborne Boys' High School

9:40 AM Rotorua Boys' High School

9:50 AM Tauranga Boys' College

10:00 AM Palmerston North Boys' High School

10:10 AM Hastings Boys' High School

SENIOR ORATORY *Schedule*

DAY 1.

6:30 PM New Plymouth Boys' High School

6:45 PM Palmerston North Boys' High School

7:00 PM Rotorua Boys' High School

7:15 PM Gisborne Boys' High School

7:30 PM Hastings Boys' High School

7:45 PM Tauranga Boys' College

8:00 PM Hamilton Boys' High School

8:15 PM Napier Boys' High School

Debating *Schedule*

DAY 1.

WEDNESDAY 14th		
JUNIOR HEATS		
TIME	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm ROUND 1	Rotorua (Aff.) v Napier (Neg.)	New Plymouth (Aff.) v Palmerston North (Neg.)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm ROUND 2	Hamilton (Aff.) v Gisborne (Neg)	Hastings (Aff.) v TBC (Neg)

Debating Schedule

DAY 2.

THURSDAY 15th		
SENIOR HEATS		
8:00 am - 9:00 am Senior Debate Prep Time		
TIME	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Hamilton (Aff.) v New Plymouth (Neg.)	Tauranga (Aff.) v Gisborne (Neg.)
9:30 am - 10:30 am Senior Debate Prep Time		
TIME	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Palmerston North (Aff.) v Hastings (Neg.)	Napier (Aff.) v Rotorua (Neg.)
LUNCH 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm		
JUNIOR SEMI-FINALS		
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Junior Semi-finals Prep Time		
TIME	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Winner 1 vs Winner 2	Winner 3 vs Winner 4
SENIOR SEMI-FINALS		
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Senior Debate Prep Time		
TIME	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Winner 1 v Winner 2	Winner from 3 v Winner 4
DINNER 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm		
JUNIOR FINAL and SENIOR FINALS		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Finals Prep Time		
TIME	Kapua Nui - JUNIOR FINAL	Kapua Roa - SENIOR FINAL
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	1 v 2	1 v 2

CHESS *Schedule*

DAY 2.

10:30 AM Briefing

10:40 AM Round 1

11:30 AM Round 2

LUNCH

1:00 PM Round 3

1:50 PM Round 4

3:10 PM Round 5

4:00 PM Round 6

DINNER

6:30 PM Round 7

7:30 PM Chess Prizegiving

8:45 PM Festival Prizegiving

THEATRE SPORTS

Order of Performances DAY 1 & 2.

The order of performances will be determined on the nights.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

Rotorua Boys' High School

Hamilton Boys' High School

Hastings Boys' High School

Tauranga Boys' College

New Plymouth Boys' High School

Palmerston North Boys' High School

Napier Boys' High School

FESTIVAL *Results*

KAPA HAKA

1.

2.

3.

SENIOR SOLO MUSIC

1.

2.

3.

PASIFIKA

1.

2.

3.

DRAMA

1.

2.

3.

MUSIC GROUP

1.

2.

3.

JUNIOR THEATRESPORTS

1.

2.

3.

JUNIOR SOLO MUSIC

1.

2.

3.

SENIOR THEATRESPORTS

1.

2.

3.

FESTIVAL *Results*

JUNIOR ORATORY

1.

2.

3.

ART JUNIOR

1.

2.

3.

SENIOR ORATORY

1.

2.

3.

ART SENIOR

1.

2.

3.

JUNIOR DEBATING

1.

2.

3.

DANCE

1.

2.

3.

SENIOR DEBATING

1.

2.

3.

CHESS

1.

2.

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FESTIVAL *Acknowledgements*

Thank you the Judges and Masters of Ceremony for your commitments to the 2025 Super Eight Cultural Festival.

Event	MC	Judges
Kapa Haka	Wirihana Te Rangi Arapeta Paea	Ruameto Hamiora Tipene James Phillipa Mohi
Pasifika	James Magatogia	Ailafo Semi Uale Lefaoseu
Music Group	Cameron Hay	Rawiri Waru Rob Powley Rietta Austin
Junior Music solo	Cameron Hay	Rawiri Waru Rob Powley Ben Wilcock
Senior Music Solo	Cameron Hay	Rawiri Waru Rob Powley Ben Wilcock
Drama	Nate McKenzie	Greg Davis Richard Rugg
Junior Theatresports	Cameron Hay	Alasdair Hay
Senior Theatresports	Cameron Hay	Alasdair Hay
Junior Oratory	Matiu Mear	Margriet Theron
Senior Oratory	Matiu Mear	Margriet Theron
Junior Debating	Josh Brown	Luke Westrupp, Ben Sandford, Morag Blair and Adjudicators from Auckland
Senior Debating	Wahangateranginui Downes	Ben Sandford, Shannon Eldridge and Adjudicators from Auckland
Art Junior	N/A	Bryony Edwards Awhina Kerr
Art Senior	N/A	Bryony Edwards Awhina Kerr
Dance	Nate McKenzie	Sam Pantangan
Chess	Joseph	Nick Gentle

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