



SUPER EIGHT SCHOOLS' *Cultural Festival*

HOSTED BY RBHS | 19 - 20 MAY 2026



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 2026 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, Pasifika, 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

TUESDAY 19 TH MAY							
Time/Location	Owen Glenn	Te Haumako	Matatea	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa	Foyer	Banquet Room
4.00pm	Pōhiri						Schools Base Prep area
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Break Pasifika groups to have 5-7 minutes slot on stage before event						
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

WEDNESDAY 20 TH MAY						
Time/Location	Owen Glenn	Te Haumako	Matatea	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa	Banquet Room
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Music sound checks from 10am	Junior Music Solo	Junior Oratory	Senior Debating Round 1	Senior Debating Round 1	
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 Kapa Haka groups to have 5-7 minute slot on stage if required					
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Kapa Haka	Senior Theatresports	Chess	Junior Debating Final	Senior Debating Final	
9.30pm	Prizegiving					



PASIFIKA *Order of Performances*

DAY 1.
6.30PM

1 New Plymouth Boys' High School

2 Gisborne Boys' High School

3 Palmerston North Boys' High School

4 Hastings Boys' High School

5 Hamilton Boys' High School

6 Rotorua Boys' High School

7 Napier Boys' High School

MUSIC GROUP *Order of Performances*

DAY 2.
1.00PM

1 Rotorua Boys' High School

2 New Plymouth Boys' High School

3 Gisborne Boys' High School

4 Napier Boys' High School

5 Tauranga Boys' College

6 Hamilton Boys' High School

7 Hastings Boys' High School

KAPA HAKA *Order of Performances*

DAY 2.
6.30PM

1 Hamilton Boys' High School

2 Gisborne Boys' High School

3 Hastings Boys' High School

4 Tauranga Boys' College

5 Napier Boys' High School

6 Rotorua Boys' High School

7 Palmerston North Boys' High School

8 New Plymouth Boys' High School

JUNIOR SOLO MUSIC *Order of Performances*

DAY 2.
9.00AM

1 New Plymouth Boys' High School

2 Hastings Boys' High School

3 Tauranga Boys' College

4 Napier Boys' High School

5 Rotorua Boys' High School

6 Gisborne Boys' High School

7 Hamilton Boys' High School

SENIOR SOLO MUSIC

Order of Performances

DAY 2.
10.30AM

1 Hastings Boys' High School

2 New Plymouth Boys' High School

3 Napier Boys' High School

4 Rotorua Boys' High School

5 Tauranga Boys' College

6 Hamilton Boys' High School

7 Gisborne Boys' High School

DANCE

Order of Performances

DAY 2.
1.00PM

1 Tauranga Boys' College

2 Rotorua Boys' High School

3 New Plymouth Boys' High School

4 Palmerston North Boys' High School

5 Gisborne Boys' High School

6 Hamilton Boy's High School

DRAMA *Order of Performances*

DAY 2.
2.30PM

1 Hamilton Boys' High School

2 Napier Boys' High School

3 Tauranga Boys' College

4 Palmerston North Boys' High School

5 Rotorua Boys' High School

6 New Plymouth Boys' High School

JUNIOR ORATORY *Schedule*

DAY 2.
9.00AM

1 Palmerston North Boys' High School

2 Napier Boys' High School

3 Hamilton Boys' High School

4 Gisborne Boys' High School

5 Rotorua Boys' High School

6 Tauranga Boys' College

7 New Plymouth Boys' High School

8 Hastings Boys' High School

SENIOR ORATORY *Schedule*

DAY 1.
6.30PM

1 Rotorua Boys' High School

2 Napier Boys' High School

3 New Plymouth Boys' High School

4 Hastings Boys' High School

5 Palmerston North Boys' High School

6 Hamilton Boys' High School

7 Gisborne Boys' High School

8 Tauranga Boys' College

Debating *Schedule*

DAY 1.

TUESDAY 19TH		
JUNIOR HEATS		
TIME	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm ROUND 1	Tauranga (Aff.) v Hastings (Neg.)	New Plymouth (Aff.) v Palmerston North (Neg.)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm ROUND 2	Gisborne (Aff.) v Rotorua (Neg.)	Napier (Aff.) v Hamilton (Neg.)

Debating Schedule

DAY 2.

WEDNESDAY 20TH		
SENIOR HEATS		
8:00 am - 9:00 am Senior Debate Prep Time		
TIME	Kapua Nui	Kapua Roa
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Palmerston North (Aff.) v Hamilton (Neg.)	New Plymouth (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	Napier (Aff.) v Hastings (Neg.)	Rotorua (Aff.) v Tauranga (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:

Juniors

Rotorua Boys' High School

Hamilton Boys' High School

Hastings Boys' High School

Tauranga Boys' College

New Plymouth Boys' High School

Napier Boys' High School

Seniors

Rotorua Boys' High School

Hamilton Boys' High School

Tauranga Boys' College

New Plymouth Boys' High School

Napier Boys' High School

Palmerston North Boys' High School

Gisborne 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 2026 Super Eight Cultural Festival.

Event	MC	Judges
Kapa Haka	Wirihana Te Rangi Arapeta Paea	Tauru Johnson (Hastings) Nathan Soloman (Palmerston North) Aukaha Kakau (Tauranga) Keihana Kingi-Takoko (Gisborne) Jack Potaka (Rotorua) Chey Milne (Hamilton)
Pasifika	Tere Mitchell-Piua	Te Ao Tahana-Prangnell Marina Torope Molimau Oou Poasa
Music Group	Cameron Hay	Rob Powley Ben Wilcock Rietta Austin
Junior and Senior Music solo	Cameron Hay	Rob Powley Ben Wilcock Rietta Austin
Drama	Nate McKenzie	Richard Rugg Alasdair Hay
Junior Theatresports	Ben Hay Aste Dixon Josh Whitaker	Richard Rugg Alasdair Hay
Senior Theatresports	Katina Ioane Rihari Walden	Richard Rugg Alasdair Hay
Junior Oratory	Keri MacKinnon	Margriet Theron Keinan Ngapo
Senior Oratory	Keri MacKinnon	Margriet Theron Keinan Ngapo
Junior Debating	Jo Senior	NZSDC
Senior Debating	Keri MacKinnon	NZSDC
Junior and Senior Art		Josephine Puha Keita Brightwell
Dance	Nate McKenzie	Sam Patangan
Chess	Ceylan Bekar	Shibu Joseph

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