SECONDARY SCHOOL RUGBY PLAN



PURPOSE		To ensure rugby grows and develops good people through great experiences. Kia riro mā ngā wheako whakahirahira o te whutupōro te hunga ngākau pai e whakapakari, e whakawhanake.
GUIDING PRINCIPLES		 Participants at the heart of the experience. The vision, values and key competencies of the NZ Curriculum and The Rugby Way guide all decisions. Safety and wellbeing are paramount - on and off the field. The quality of the experience is key - Right people, Right things, Right time. Strong School, Club and Provincial Union collaboration is crucial.
CRITICAL OBJECTIVES	LEAD FROM THE FRONT ME AMORANGI	Effective sustainable governance and leadership. • Implement a governance structure that will serve secondary school rugby well into the future. • Develop standards to guide the ethical and moral behaviour of all stakeholders.
	A GAME FOR ALL HE TĀKARO TAKITINI	 Retain and engage participants Develop a future-focussed secondary school framework that is fit for purpose. Focus on target groups: Girls, Maori, Pasifika, Boys 12-16. Address school seasonality. Consider pinnacle and championship level events. Transition plan.
		 Safety is paramount Rules and regs support safe play. Continue education on injury prevention, management and RTP protocols. Support the building of safe and inclusive environments for all participants.
		 Participant centered approach Build great experiences for more participants through cup and carnival events. Consider other formats. Ensure rugby is accessible to all teenagers. Address teenagers lost or at risk of losing.
	BUILD THE 'TEAM BEHIND THE TEAM' WHAKAKAHA I 'TE HĀPAI Ō O TE KAPA'	 Deliver appropriate resources Address the workload for administrators within the school system. Build coach numbers (especially school staff) and support the upskilling / development. Increase the quantity and quality of referees. Provide opportunities for teaching staff to develop and fulfil their aspirations - referees, coaches, managers.
	DEVELOP ALL PARTICIPANTS WHAKAWHANAKE I TE KATOA	 Best practices opportunities whatever the aspiration Clear definition of performance grades and expectations within schools. Define principles and expectations for those on the emerging talent pathway. Performance pathways for girls are developed.
	CHAMPION OUR VALUES HĀPAITIA NGĀ UARĀ	 Evidence based research Capture and integration of expertise, participant values and research evidence aimed to optimize the decision making process Influence and advocacy Values reflecting NZC and The Rugby Way are embedded within participants and programmes in Secondary School rugby. Advocate a value of sport approach. Ensure actions and messaging from national partners reflect our values. Active sector advocacy.