



New Zealand Super Eight Schools Cultural Festival

Background

Formed in 1997, the NZ Super Eight Schools incorporates the eight boys' high schools from their respective provincial cities of the Central North Island.

- Tauranga Boys' College
- Gisborne Boys' High School
- Hamilton Boys' High School
- Hastings Boys' High School
- Napier Boys' High School
- New Plymouth Boys' High School
- Palmerston North Boys' High School
- Rotorua Boys' High School

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.

The schools individually and collectively reflect a traditional ethos based on boys' education. Old boys have a prominence across New Zealand's society as university academics and educators, senior business managers, professionals and entrepreneurs, civil leaders and politicians, as well as sport and cultural icons.

Today, the New Zealand Super Eight Schools are synonymous with excellence in boys' education, innovation in management and outstanding performance on the stage and the sports field. The management of the Super Eight schools' is rotated on an annual basis and school leaders meet to establish priorities, discuss initiatives and set guidelines for the ensuing year.

The following schools have hosted the Cultural Festival:

- 2000 - Napier Boys' High School
- 2001 - Rotorua Boys' High School
- 2002 - Hamilton Boys' High School
- 2003 - Palmerston North Boys' High School
- 2004 - Rotorua Boys' High School
- 2005 - Hamilton Boys' High School
- 2006 - Hastings Boys' High School
- 2007 - Gisborne Boys' High School
- 2008 - Tauranga Boys' College
- 2009 - Rotorua Boys' High School
- 2010 - Rotorua Boys' High School
- 2011 - Napier Boys' High School

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