

Fees can be charged on a weekly, daily or hourly basis.

Kohanga reo

Kohanga reo are cooperatives where the families are responsible for the overall management of the centres. The aim of the centres is to foster young children's and parent's knowledge of te reo Maori (language) and tikanga Maori (culture). Information about how to choose a childcare and early learning centre can be obtained from:

Plunket

T. 07 348 4161


Ministry of Education

T. 07 349 7399

Websites

www.teamup.co.nz

www.minedu.govt.nz

See  *'Kindergartens', 'Childcare Care & Education', 'Playcentre & Preschool Centres'*

SPACE – Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education

The SPACE programme is for (mainly) first time parents with newborn babies. Sessions run weekly for 3-4 terms extending through the first year of the child's life.

The sessions are held in a relaxed and baby friendly environment, and include:

1. Opportunities for parents to meet and get to know one another.
2. Discussions and information sharing on relevant child development and parenting topics.
3. An introduction to rhymes, music, and books for infants.

4. Play sessions with age-appropriate equipment that supports infants' learning and development.

T: Gina 07 347 9747

E: wivitma@hotmail.com

Early Childhood Education Subsidies

From 1 July 2007, up to 20 hours of Free Early Childhood Education will be available each week to 3 and 4 year old children in participating childcare centres. The subsidy is available to all families who have permanent NZ residency. To enrol in the scheme, forms are available at participating organizations.

For further information, Early Childhood Education

Information Line

T. 0800 204 433

Children with Special Needs

Where ever possible, children with special needs are taught within the mainstream education system. Special needs education is available for children with physical and/ or intellectual impairments; hearing or vision difficulties; children who struggle with learning, communicating, or getting along with others; or who have an emotional or behavioural difficulty.

Teams with specialist skills provide family focused support to young children with developmental needs from birth until they settle at school.

To contact the office of Special Education in Rotorua,

Special Education

T. 07 348 5145

Schools

(from 6 to 16 years)

Schooling is compulsory for all children between 6 and 16 years, although most start on their fifth birthday and some students stay until they are 19 years.

Although the Government covers most state schooling costs, parents are expected to pay some fees for school books, stationery, materials for art classes, uniforms and school trips.

Types of Schools

Primary	5-10 years	Year 1-6
Intermediate	11-12 years	Year 7-8
Secondary	13-17 years	Year 9-13

Choosing a School

Local schools are listed in the Teamup Schools Directory
www.teamup.co.nz/School_Directory

It contains information about New Zealand schools including contact details, number of students, subjects taught, maps, and school Education Review Office (ERO) reports.
www.teamup.co.nz/school_directory

Once you have made a list of possible schools, families have the right to visit the schools, meet the school principals and staff and view the ERO reports, before enrolling their children as students.

Team-Up

The Team-Up programme provides information, ideas and materials to help parents support their children and get more involved in their education. It includes information specifically aimed for parents of children from migrant backgrounds.
www.teamup.co.nz

Home Zones

Most schools in the Rotorua district do not have a zoning scheme. Zoning is used by schools to avoid overcrowding in schools and to allow children living within a defined 'home zone' to enrol at their local school. To check whether a school operates a zoning scheme, go to www.schoolzones.co.nz

Home Schooling

Parents can choose to educate their children at home, during the compulsory schooling ages (6 to 16), but must get approval from the Ministry of Education to do so.

Parents must satisfy the Ministry that the child will be taught at least as regularly and as well as in a registered school. If satisfied the Ministry issues an exemption certificate.

The parents/caregivers do not have to teach the child, they can arrange for someone else to teach the child or may purchase a programme from someone else. Homeschooling parents are given an annual grant to help with the cost of learning materials or programme purchase.

Contact the local Ministry of Education office for a Home Schooling Application Pack

Ministry of Education

T. 07 349 7399

E. enquiries.rotorua@minedu.govt.nz

For further information about how to get started and the local support groups in Rotorua, contact

NZ Home Education

Heather Jeffcote

T. 07 348 4794

www.home.school.nz

OSCAR

Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Programmes are before school, after school and school holiday programmes for children age 5 to 13.

They are recreation based and they aim to meet the needs of children in their out of school hours in a safe and fun way. Many OSCAR programmes are run by community organisations – schools, community centers, parent groups, churches etc. Others are run by private providers such as early childhood centres.

OSCAR programmes are funded by a mixture of parent fees, the government funding and fundraising. The Working for Families government subsidy can help parents with fees.

The OSCAR Foundation

www.oscar.org.nz

To find an OSCAR programme in Rotorua, go to

Go Kids

www.gokids.org.nz

Ministry of Education

Ministry of Education

Level 4, 1144 Pukaki St.

P O Box 1749, Rotorua

T. 07 349 7399

E. enquiries.rotorua@minedu.govt.nz

www.minedu.govt.nz

Tertiary Education

The main providers of tertiary education in Rotorua are:

Waiariki Institute of Technology

Mokoia Drive, Rotorua

T. 0800 924 274

www.waiariki.ac.nz

Te Wananga O Aotearoa

1 Dinsdale Road, Rotorua

T. 07 349 2360

www.twoa.ac.nz

They offer a range of short, full and part time courses, including: arts, business administration, forestry, nursing, tourism, hospitality, teaching, health and social sciences.

School Holiday Programmes

Providers vary depending on the time of year. Check out local newspapers for further school holiday activities.

Key providers include:

Rotorua District Council Aquatic Centre	T. 07 348 8833
Rotorua Public Library	T. 07 348 4177
Craft Ware & Bead Me Up	T. 07 349 0844
RAVE	T. 07 348 9008
Rotorua Blue Light	T. 07 343 1728
Rotorua Community Youth Centre	T. 07 343 1012
Rotorua Museum of Art and History	T. 07 350 1814

Adult and Community Education

A wide choice of courses are available throughout the year including painting, pottery, languages, music and computing. These short courses provide an excellent opportunity to have fun, learn a new skill and meet people.

For up to date information contact:

RAVE

1204 Hinemaru St, Rotorua
T. 07 3489008

Mokoia Community Association

297 Vaughan Road, Rotorua
T. 07 345 5971

Other Vocational and Industry Training providers

Modern Apprenticeships

T. 0800 427 773
www.modernapprenticeships.co.nz

This is work based education, for 16 to 21 year olds where you earn while you learn. Check out the website for industry training opportunities in the Bay of Plenty.

Career NetWork

1057 Hinemoa Street, Rotorua
T. 07 348 4894
www.careernetwork.co.nz

Tourism and Hospitality

Eastside Training Limited

5 Scott Street, Rotorua
T. 07 348 8487

Forestry



Fashion and Faces

International Level 1/1250 Fenton Street, Rotorua
T. 07 3492904

Personal Services - Hairdressing or Beauty, Retail, Wholesale & Warehouse

Te Runanga O Ngati Pikiao

4 Tamatea Street, Rotoiti, Rotorua
T. 07 3485384

Forestry

Agriculture New Zealand

Wrightsons Building, Marguerita Street, Rotorua
T. 07 9124016

Agriculture, Horticulture

Trade & Commerce Centre Ltd

2nd Floor, 1154 Hinemoa Street, Rotorua
T. 07 3481843
www.tradeandcommerce.co.nz

Clerical & administration, Computing

See  Yellow 'Training'