NZ RUGBY SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSES



A new approach to engaging our Rangatahi



The Learning Place delivers vocational education across Aotearoa into over 400 secondary schools annually supporting learners on their career journeys. All courses contribute to NCEA outcomes and provide essential and tangible skills for next steps to employment and tertiary training.

Partnering with New Zealand Rugby The Learning Place has created three courses to provide an opportunity for learners involved in secondary school rugby to gain tangible subject specific skills to aid them in their career choice in rugby or a sporting career.

While two of these courses are primarily centred around skill development, all three emphasise the culture and values of passion, mutual support, fair play and a welcoming environment, as outlined in The Four Pou of Te Ara Ranga Tira / The Rugby Way.

The overarching purpose of these courses is to develop the skills and cultural awareness necessary for our rangatahi (youth), who represent the next generation of New Zealand rugby, to grow into positions of responsibility and leadership, and foster meaningful and lasting change in the sport going forward.

DELIVERY

The Learning Place comes to the school or Club to deliver the course over three days. We run courses during term time and in the school holidays. There is the potential to have the courses delivered in a flexible manner to suit the needs of the school schedule. All course are delivered by experienced Kaiako and meet The Learning Place's academic standards.

COST

Cost per learner is \$350.00. NZ Rugby will contribute \$175.00 partial funding to learners to enable access to the course.

All course delivery, assessment, credit reporting and academic standards will meet the conditions of the MOU between The Learning Place and the school.



INTRODUCTION TO RUGBY COACHING

In partnership with New Zealand Rugby, The Learning Place is offering this opportunity for future rugby coaches to participate in this three day introduction to coaching course

Unit Standards		Level	Credits
25805	Demonstrate knowledge of individual and group characteristics and needs for coaching participants in sport	3	3
22771	Plan Beginner-level coaching sessions for sports participants	3	6
20673	Demonstrate knowledge of injuries, injury prevention and risks and hazards associated with sport or recreation	3	5

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will be centred around an introduction to the key skills of a coach, but with wide applicability for all of those involved in New Zealand Rugby and grounded in the context of care and support of players.

Totalling 14 NCEA credits at level 3, this course will take place across three consecutive days, and will be delivered by Kaiako with personal experience in rugby coaching.

This course will aid learners in developing their understanding of coaching skills and injury prevention practice, as well as providing them with an opportunity to plan and execute their own beginner-level coaching session under supervision.

Learners who complete this course will be capable of planning and executing their own beginner-level coaching sessions, and will be well on their way towards a future in NZ Rugby coaching.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Year 12 and 13
- All learners are required to engage with precourse work prior to the course.
- Resources will be sent in advance to allow sufficient time for learners to understand course content, expectations and be familiar with the topics involved.
- Learners must have had previous experience in a rugby environment.



INTRODUCTION TO RUGBY REFEREEING

In partnership with New Zealand Rugby, The Learning Place is offering this opportunity for future rugby referees to participate in this three day introduction to refereeing course

Unit Standards		Level	Credits
31385	Demonstrate knowledge of communication and people management as an official in sports	3	6
31387	Describe the application of rule and strategies for officiating at sports events for a selected sport	3	7

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Totalling 13 NCEA credits at level 3, this course will provide learners with a solid introduction to the role of a sports official, including application of rules and strategies in a refereeing context, and the importance of communication for a sports official in a rugby context.

By emphasising the importance of people management as a sports official, this three-day course will offer a range of benefits that apply to anyone interested in a future in rugby; such as communication techniques, conflict management, and strategies for promoting positive interactions in the context of sport.

By providing secondary school learners with an introduction to refereeing practice, this course will aim to foster interest amongst the next generation of potential referees and provide the skills required for secondary school students to begin their refereeing journey. Learners who complete this course will have an in-depth understanding of the role of a referee, and strategies for building trust and managing conflict both on and off the field.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Year 12 and 13 students
- All learners are required to engage with precourse work prior to the course.
- Resources will be sent in advance to allow sufficient time for learners to understand course content, expectations and be familiar with the topics involved.
- Learners must have had previous experience in a rugby environment.



THE RUGBY WAY

In partnership with New Zealand Rugby, The Learning Place is offering this opportunity for secondary school rugby players to participate in this three day course to foster personal wellbeing and wellbeing of others in the rugby sporting context.

Unit Standards		Level	Credits
4864	Demonstrate knowledge of recreation needs of target groups	3	4
31679	Demonstrate knowledge of participant welfare and wellbeing in a sports environment	3	6
28511	Manage and evaluate personal health and wellbeing to participate in a specific recreation activity	3	5

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will promote a positive and inclusive rugby culture. The course outlines a vision of rugby culture which is grounded in NZR's values of passion, mutual support, fair play, and a welcoming environment, as described in The Four Pou of The Rugby Way. This course will explore the needs of target groups identified by NZR, and the ways in which we can foster both personal wellbeing, and the wellbeing of others in a sporting context.

This three day course will be run in three instalments split up across the rugby season . This will allow learners to apply the concepts they discuss in class, and actively reflect on the way the values of NZR are represented in their own school rugby environment. In addition to the three days of face-to-face training, The Learning Place will provide online resources for all learners enrolled in this course to access throughout the season.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Year 12 and 13 learners
- All learners are required to engage with precourse work prior to the course.
- Resources will be sent in advance to allow sufficient time for learners to understand course content, expectations and be familiar with the topics involved.
- Learners must currently be engaged as a player in either a secondary school or club rugby team.