

Hi there everyone,

Thanks again for making the 2008 Bay of Plenty SPARC Get2Go challenge such an amazing event. Congratulations to every single one of you who took part and tried your best in all of the challenges and did so with great big smiles on your faces. It was pleasing to see such a great turnout and several new schools join in this year.

As the results below show, the scoring between some teams was very close. There was however one standout team from Trident High School who managed to top score in two out of the four challenges. Well done guys the hard work now starts for you as you prepare for the Get2Go Grand Final in December.

It was awesome to see many of you out there trying these sports for the very first time. We hope the Get2Go has given you a chance to learn some new skills and hopefully inspired you to get out there and try them all again sometime.

A huge thank-you should go out to all of the volunteers that made the event such a great success -

- Marcus from the Rotorua Orienteering Club - <http://www.cdorienteering.co.nz/> , www.maptalk.co.nz The Rotorua club are very keen to help get more young people involved in orienteering and they run an excellent events in your local area. These events are for everyone and are great fun. Check out the website for details.
- Dave and the crew from the Rotorua Mountain Bike Club - <http://rotorua.mtbclub.org.nz/> Rotorua has kilometer after kilometer of world class mountain bike trails and the club is very proactive in building more of these trails for you to all ride on. As far as MTBing goes, it doesn't get much better than the Rotorua trails.
- Bruce and Donald and the team out at Blue Lake – It was a pretty cold day down there at the kayak challenge and even colder for those of you who didn't manage to stay in the kayak the whole way around the course. If there was time some of you might have had the opportunity to try out one of Donald's Big Kanu's. If your school is keen to get into some more big canoe action check out www.bigkanu.co.nz and Donald can help you out.
- Brandon, Jimmy and Amber at The Wall & Basement Cinema. This is a great place to get inside on those cold, rainy days and nights to practice your climbing. If you get tired of climbing you can even grab a coffee and check out a movie while you are there. The website has all the details <http://www.basementcinema.co.nz/>

So, if you tried something today at the SPARC Get2Go that you really enjoyed, get out there and do some more of it. Check out the web links above to find out more about what they can do to help you get involved. Remember all of these sports are popular recreation pursuits in NZ and they offer a fantastic way to get out into the great outdoors and keep fit and healthy.

Hopefully if you who are still in year 9 will be able to join us again next year and for those of you who are too old, why don't you check out the Genesis Energy Hillary Challenge. This is easily the toughest outdoor sporting event for secondary school students (year 12/13 only) anywhere in New Zealand.

The Results

SPARC Get2Go challenge 2008

Results - Bay of Plenty Region 19th August

School/Team	Orienteering	Kayaking	Rock climbing	Mountain biking	Final Score	Place
Rotorua Girls High School 1	70	50	52	73	245	
Rotorua Girls High School 2	80	53	52	60	245	
Reporoa College	53	90	52	73	268	
Aquinas College	60	75	57	57	249	
Trident High School	77	100	72	100	349	1
Te Puke High School	100	88	40	67	295	
Tongariro School	50	57	66	60	233	
Edgecumbe College	80	75	66	67	288	
Western Heights High School 1	83	74	66	87	310	2
Western Heights High School 2	57	90	52	87	286	
Te Kura o Hirangi	60	52	57	80	249	
Tauranga Girls High School 1	57	61	100	60	278	
Tauranga Girls High School 2	60	91	66	67	284	
Otumoetai College 1	60	93	57	67	277	
Otumoetai College 2	40	79	25	80	224	
Tauranga Boys High School	49	81	84	93	307	3
Whakatane High School	57	70	52	93	272	
Rotorua Lakes High School	53	57	25	60	195	

Thanks once again for being a part of this awesome day