

OUR RUGBY HISTORY

Level 4

- ✦ Read to the class a piece of historical rugby information.
- ✦ Pause at significant points in the story.
- ✦ The teacher and pupils map the story of events to date, including characters, sequence of events, and setting. Use other resources if necessary.
- ✦ Use this information to make a display or presentation on this part of rugby history.

Credit for the introduction of rugby to New Zealand goes to Charles John Monro as he learned to play rugby when overseas in England.

By 1875 the game had become established all over the country

The match between Nelson College and Nelson Football club, played on 14 May 1870, was played under rugby rules.



The first game of rugby played in New Zealand took place before the New Zealand Rugby Union was formed.

On his return to Nelson, he suggested that the local football club try out the rugby rules.

A visit to Wellington by Monro later in 1870 resulted in a game being arranged between Nelson and Wellington.