



Rangitoto  
College

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROSPECTUS



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KIA NOHO TAKATŪ KI TŌ ĀMUA AO!











# WELCOME

**Rangitoto College will empower each student, through unrivalled opportunities, exceptional support and challenging academic experiences, to make a positive difference in the world.**

Rangitoto College seeks to educate our young people to grow into fine adults who will contribute to our society in a positive way. Each student brings a unique set of skills and knowledge with them and we value this diversity, aiming to develop every student as an individual. We are able to provide unrivalled opportunity, with multiple academic pathways and co-curricular activities for all our students. Each individual is supported to be his or her very best, through the provision of a challenging and engaging curriculum, enabling them to transition into the finest universities and jobs worldwide.

Gaining exceptional academic outcomes is central to our purpose; with highly skilled and enthusiastic teachers providing exciting lessons that develop our students through critical thinking, problem solving and real world learning. Communication and collaborative skills are integrated into our learning programmes, preparing our students to be adaptable to the challenges of life ahead. Innovative use of technology supports and extends our students. This creates an environment that promotes creativity in a broad range of traditional and technological forms.

The pastoral care of our students is paramount. At Rangitoto College, a network of Deans, Tutor Teachers and Counsellors supports each student. Strong links to families allow us to develop a deep understanding of each individual's needs. Well planned programmes ensure our students develop respect, integrity and courage. We aim for all our students to be happy, confident and empathetic, with a clear pathway to their futures.

Our students are able to participate in an outstanding range of co-curricular activities. We benefit from truly world class resources and facilities that offer a multitude of activities. Sport is a key part of Rangitoto life, with a huge range of sports on offer. We cater for elite and social athletes in both team and individual sports and are proud of the part we have played in developing New Zealand, and overseas, representatives in a wide range of disciplines. We believe that sport offers our students health and well-being benefits along with developing the values of self-discipline, teamwork and responsibility. At Rangitoto College we aim to win humbly and lose graciously.

A world class performing arts programme allows our students to thrive in music, dance and drama. Outstanding cultural performances celebrate the diversity of our community, extending opportunities for all to be involved. The range and quality of our arts performances are the envy of schools across New Zealand, with the provision of superb facilities and specialist teaching staff enhancing the experience for our students. The global focus of Rangitoto College is enhanced through a broad variety of overseas trips and exchange programmes that encourage our students to build big dreams and become global citizens of the future.

Rangitoto College embraces the cultural diversity and character international students bring to our high school. We would like to welcome you to join the Rangitoto College community and experience life in New Zealand while continuing to study towards your long term academic goals.

***Principal: Patrick Gale***



# NEW EXPERIENCES

Students love New Zealand because of the natural beauty, friendly people, open spaces and excellent education system. New Zealand is one of the top three safest countries in the world due to the low crime rate and absence of dangerous animals.

Auckland's east coast beaches (five minutes from the school) have small waves and are perfect for swimming, sailing, kayaking and stand up paddle boarding. The west coast beaches (40 minutes from the school) have big waves and are perfect for surfing.

We encourage our international students to explore the country they are living in so we work with a small number of tour companies who are experts in creating exciting tours for international students.







# LOCATION

Rangitoto College is located in Mairangi Bay, Auckland; New Zealand's largest city. Auckland is a modern city with skyscrapers, excellent shopping and a world class selection of cafés and restaurants.

Mairangi Bay is on the North Shore of Auckland, only 20 minutes from downtown and close to a large shopping mall.

The North Shore is a busy and growing area which has beaches and open spaces for which New Zealand is so well known.

The north shore has a population of over 229,000 and around 148 kilometers of beautiful coastline.





# NEW LEARNING



## Top Student Choice

Rangitoto College has an exceptional reputation, both nationally and internationally, for its academic excellence, sporting achievements, performing arts and the quality of its graduates.

The highly-qualified teachers, strong curriculum and outstanding facilities at the school, combine to create a supportive and inspiring learning environment. Students enjoy our safe and culturally diverse school, developing their intellectual, emotional and social potential.

Being a large school, we have the ability to tailor learning to student needs and cater for the diverse interests of individual students. This is illustrated by the 60 different course options on offer and over 80 co-curricular activities available in sports, performing arts, cultural and creative pursuits.

Both NCEA and the International Baccalaureate (IB) qualifications are offered at Rangitoto College





# NEW LEARNING



## Learning Style

Students are challenged to think beyond the 'right' answer and to develop the skills needed to become independent learners. Students are expected to actively participate in classes and support their conclusions with reasoning and theory.

Assessment occurs through a variety of methods to accommodate different learning styles, including examinations, group work, presentations, assignments and practical work.

## Pathway to University

Our best students regularly gain 'top scholar' awards and scholarships to prestigious universities. Rangitoto graduates have been accepted into some of the world's best universities, including Cambridge, Oxford, Princeton and Harvard.

With an extensive selection of subjects, we can help students tailor pre-university courses for majors such as Business, Medicine, IT or Engineering. Careers counsellors are happy to discuss future plans with students and help them choose the most suitable university course.



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Every year international students add cultural diversity to the character of Rangitoto College, discovering new horizons and defining their own tomorrows.

Local Students mix with international students from countries as diverse as Brazil, Chile, China, Germany, Italy, Korea, Maldives, Slovakia, Spain and Thailand.

Some come for short term summer programmes; some stay for a six or twelve month transition, or 'Gap' experiences, and others stay on long term to graduate.

Rangitoto College is one of the longest running schools to host international students in New Zealand and has 10 dedicated International Staff. We have an exceptional team with a lot of experience, who are dedicated to the academic and pastoral needs of our students

The school offers wide curriculum choices. Students enjoy great flexibility in selecting their preferred combination of subjects according to their needs, interests and career ambitions.







At Rangitoto College we challenge students to push their boundaries and discover what they are capable of. Through competition, young people learn teamwork, leadership and resilience – important life skills.

Rangitoto College gives students the opportunity to compete in over 30 different sports. Due to the size of the school, there are often a range of teams which can accommodate players of different abilities.

Some sports are played at specific times of year or have specific requirements or additional costs. More information about each sport is available on the website. [www.sporty.co.nz/rangitoto](http://www.sporty.co.nz/rangitoto)

Our school facilities include an Olympic standard all-weather hockey turf, three gymnasiums and a fitness centre, an all-weather athletics track, five sports fields, a dance studio with sprung floor, and two Olympic size swimming pools and sports institute on the school boundary.

## Rugby Programme

Our rugby programme is open to both boys and girls and can cater for experienced and new players. The Programme runs during Terms 1, 2, and 3 and involves specialist skills coaching sessions, fitness, strength and flexibility training, classroom work, performance feedback and rugby kit.

[www.rangitoto.school.nz/international/studying-at-rangitoto/rugby-programme-for-international-students](http://www.rangitoto.school.nz/international/studying-at-rangitoto/rugby-programme-for-international-students)



## Sport Performance Academy

Top young sportsmen and women are offered specialised training through the Sport Performance Academy. Training is targeted to help students develop the strength and muscle conditioning required for their specific sport.

[www.sporty.co.nz/rangitoto/S.P.A/S.P.A-1](http://www.sporty.co.nz/rangitoto/S.P.A/S.P.A-1)

See inserts at the back of the prospectus for a full list of activities.





# PERFORMING ARTS



Rangitoto College is one of the top performing arts schools in New Zealand and our students frequently win national and international prizes.

Performing Arts is about 'expressing humanity' in its most direct form. Music, Dance and Drama are subjects which challenge and inspire students to fulfil their potential artistically.

Classwork involves the study of classical and modern works and the chance for students to collaborate and produce their own works. Students have an abundance of performance opportunities throughout the year which count towards their final grades.

We believe in supporting students with the most up-to-date facilities, including an auditorium with the latest sound and lighting equipment, music rooms and recording studio, a dance studio, theatrette and performing arts centre.

Private tuition can be arranged for most musical instruments and it is possible to hire an instrument while students are at Rangitoto College.



## Performing Arts Activities

Rangitoto College offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities for all skill levels and year groups. Students can get involved on stage or behind the scenes, learning technical stage lighting and sound.

Music groups may include choirs, big bands, symphonic bands, concert bands, jazz combos, rock bands, orchestras and chamber or string groups.

Dance troupes may perform different styles, including contemporary, jazz, ballet, hip hop and funk. Drama productions may include theatre sports, large school productions or stage challenge.

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[www.rangitoto.school.nz/academic/performing-arts-and-music](http://www.rangitoto.school.nz/academic/performing-arts-and-music)  
[www.facebook.com/performingartsrangitotocollege](https://www.facebook.com/performingartsrangitotocollege)





# HOMESTAY



Rangitoto College has hosted international students for many years. We have an exceptional team, with a lot of experience, who are dedicated to the academic and pastoral needs of our students. International students live with either a homestay family, designated caregiver or parent. Our own accommodation service provides friendly, top-quality, caregiver support.

Homestay families are chosen carefully, and monitored by the school. They live close by, in large comfortable homes, often within walking distance to a local beach.

Staying in a Homestay gives students an unforgettable opportunity to experience what living with a family in New Zealand is like, while also improving their English.



# LIVING IN NEW ZEALAND

## Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

Rangitoto College has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at:

[www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/caring-for-internationals-students/](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/caring-for-internationals-students/)

## Immigration

Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website at:

[www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

## Eligibility for Health Services

Most international Students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full cost of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at:

[www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz)

## Accident Insurance

The accident compensation corporation provide accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website:

[www.acc.co.nz](http://www.acc.co.nz)

## Medical and Travel Insurance

International Students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while staying in New Zealand.







# WHY CHOOSE RANGITOTO?

## Amazing Location

Rangitoto College is in one of the best locations in the world. The local area is safe, clean and close to both the city and the beach. The quality of living in New Zealand is excellent, and the local community is friendly and welcoming to international students.

## Academic Excellence

Rangitoto students consistently achieve excellent academic results and gain entry to the world's best universities. We are proud to offer two world-class qualifications: NCEA or the IB.

## Choice & Flexibility

Students can choose from a large list of academic and vocational subjects. Extension classes are available for top students and ESOL classes support students with lower levels of English.

## Activities & Special Programmes

Students participate in a wide range of sport, music and cultural activities in addition to their academic studies. Our term 4 activities programme caters for short-term students and our rugby programme and SPA help sports players develop.

## Support & Integration

Students receive a high level of support provided by experienced international staff, carefully selected host families and the New Zealand government.

## Facilities

Our exceptional school facilities include modern classrooms, one of New Zealand's best secondary school libraries, computer access, free Wi-Fi for all students, an auditorium, an Olympic standard all-weather hockey turf, three gymnasiums, a weights room, an all-weather athletics track, five sports fields, a purpose built science block with laboratories for physics chemistry, biology and electronics, an English block featuring television and film studios, drama rooms, a music block with practice and performance spaces, a dance studio with sprung floor, two large modern swimming pools and sports institute on the school boundary.









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