



17 November 2021

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau whānui o Rangitoto,

This week is the last week for Y11-13 students prior to their exams. We wish all our students the very best and are thankful for their hard work and commitment to achieving outstanding grades during a year of challenge. Anecdotally, there have been stories of disappointing behaviour from Year 13 leavers in a couple of Auckland schools. We remind our students of our expectation that they will live to the values of the school and that any disruption has negative impacts on others. We ask that parents support the school by having conversations with their Year 13 students about these expectations.

## **NCEA Exams**

NCEA exams begin on Monday November the 22nd. The timetable of exams is [here](#). All students need to attend the final tutor class with their tutor teacher this Friday, November 19th (see below for Year 13 details). Year 11 and 12 will have a period 5 tutor class, where they receive their exam admission slip and candidate information sheet. Without the admission slip, and a valid form of id (student id card or driver's license), students cannot enter their exam. Please also note on the candidate information sheet the strict requirements around having clear drink bottles and clear plastic zip lock bags for any equipment. Students will be able to view their exam timetable, allocated room, and seat by going to Ranginet > Senior Information > 2021 Seating arrangements. Arrangements for each day will be visible there the night before. For morning exams students should arrive at 9am for a 9:30am start and for afternoon exams students should arrive at 1:30pm for a 2pm start. We wish all students the very best with their exams.

## **Textbook returns**

All Senior students are encouraged to return their textbooks and library books to the school as soon as they have finished with them. Alternatively, the dates of 1st-3rd December have been set for all outstanding books to be handed in to the school library.

## **Y13 Leavers**

On Friday 19th November, Y13 students will attend their timetabled classes from period 1 until period 4. At the beginning of lunchtime, they will go directly to their tutor group classrooms where their tutor teacher will issue important information from NZQA about the upcoming examinations. They will also be given any certificates that they have not yet received and, as we are unable to hold a graduation ceremony this year, they will receive their Rangitoto College Graduation certificates. Following this,

our Year 13 students will be escorted to the top field, where they will be seated whilst socially distancing, to watch the 2021 Leavers' video. Year 13 students will then be farewelled by the Year 13 Student Leaders.

### **Y13 Prizegiving**

The Y13 Prizegiving ceremony is scheduled for 7pm on 14 December. The format of the evening is dependent on the Alert Level/Traffic Light that will be in place for Auckland at that time. In the event of our being unable to hold the ceremony in our auditorium, the event will be virtual.

### **School Ball**

We are still committed to holding a Year 13 Ball and the booking for this event is still in place for 18 December in the Ellerslie Convention Centre. If they are unable to host us there, we will, Health and Safety protocols permitting, hold the event in our auditorium.

### **Y9 & 10 Timetable**

Year 9 and 10 will move back to a full timetable from Monday 22 November, however, we will continue to have 5 x 1-hour periods until after the junior assessment week (in year 9, 3b will NOT happen). This includes Tutor Time which begins at 8:40am each morning. On Monday 6th December, the school will return to the normal school timetable, which includes the 80-minute period 3 (this can be split into 3a and 3b for year 9 students) and the shorter 40-minute period 4. We will not be running year group assemblies in the auditorium for the remainder of the year to support health and safety protocols.

Due to NCEA exams there may be some room changes for Year 9 and 10. Students will be asked to check their PCSchool timetable which will identify any room changes and we ask them to avoid the exam areas where possible and be quiet when passing close by.

We look forward to our junior students returning next week.

### **Vaccinations**

Many thanks to all parents who have provided the school with the requested vaccination information. For those of you yet to do this, please complete this as soon as possible by asking your child to log into PC School and fill in the Vaccination eForm. Should the vaccination status of your child change beyond completing this process, please email the Health Centre directly on [healthcentre@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:healthcentre@rangitoto.school.nz)

Our current vaccination submission from Year 9 and 10 to date indicates 91.5% of students are fully vaccinated and 95.9% are partially vaccinated. 100% of all staff have been vaccinated.

### **Uniform Shop Opening**

Rangitoto College is proud to be able to supply our school community school and sport uniforms direct on site from 22 November 2021, this will be temporarily located in the Rangitoto Centre until 15th December.

Due to current COVID-19 Level 3 restrictions we will be open with the retail restrictions in place please check our uniform website for these details <https://www.rangitoto.school.nz/parents-students/uniforms/>

Opening Hours: Monday 8am – 2:15pm Tuesday 8am – 11:30am Thursday 1:30pm – 5:30pm  
Friday 8am – 2:15pm. Phone: 09 4770150 ext. 696 Email: [uniforms@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:uniforms@rangitoto.school.nz)

### **Arts Awards**

You are warmly invited to attend the 2021 Arts Awards ceremony – and you don't even need to leave your house! Please join us at 7pm on Wednesday 24th November at <https://youtu.be/5r8ru7OUx-Y>

### **Sport Competitions**

We have received notice that College Sport Auckland has made the difficult decision to cancel all remaining Term Four CSA sanctioned competitions and events for the remainder of 2021 due to the ongoing Covid situation.

### **Senior Sports Awards**

The Senior Sports Awards will premiere in video format on Friday November 26th. We hope you can join us by viewing the stream at 7pm <https://youtu.be/s6iu32wG7DM>

Thank you for your continued support of Rangitoto College.



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