



8 December 2021

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau whānui o Rangitoto,

With the end of our assessments for 2021 in sight, I would like to congratulate our students for the hard work that has gone into the past few weeks. Junior reports will be released soon, with further details below. For the last two weeks of school, teachers have been asked to ensure that we are preparing students for success in 2022 by ensuring all learning time is meaningful and relevant to student needs next year. After such a disturbed year, being in school over the next two weeks is very important and we expect to see all students attending in order to take advantage of uninterrupted teaching time prior to a long break over the upcoming holiday.

### **End of Year Arrangements**

The final day for Year 9 and 10 students is Thursday 16 December. The day will include a Tutor Period at 8:40am, two periods in the morning before a second Tutor Period. The final school day will conclude at 12:05pm on Thursday 16 December and students will be released for the holiday break. The bus companies which are currently providing school bus services to us have informed us that they will endeavour to have buses available for our students at that time but that they cannot guarantee that this will be possible.

### **Start of Year 2022 Arrangements**

Details for the beginning of 2022 are on the school website which can be located on this [link](#). This includes start days for different year levels and course consultation opportunities for returning students.

### **Panorama**

The school magazine Panorama is published at the end of each year as a summary of school activity. Panorama will be distributed to students on their final day of school.

### **Prizegiving for Year 9-12 Students**

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our end of year prizegiving for students in Years 9-12 because of the alert levels. These will be held in week 3 of Term 1. The format of these will be determined by the traffic light that we are in at the time and all Ministry of Health requirements will be followed.

### **Reports**

Reports for all students will be updated and ready to be viewed through the parent portal on Ranginet from Tuesday December the 14th. These reports will contain results from the Term 4 assessments, a Term 4 progress grade (which shows the change in academic achievement from Term 3 to Term 4) as well as written teacher comments for all junior students.

### **Year 9 & 10**

The Year 9 & 10 students of 2021 have had an interesting and challenging year, adapting to the constant changes due to COVID-19. Feedback from their teachers is that they engaged positively with their online learning and attendance over this time was extremely high. We have been most impressed with their resilience and positivity across the year, and we all hope for a more settled time for them in education in 2022.

The engagement of the students in the recent Assessment Week was impressive and they have gained important feedback on their year's learning as well as very valuable practice at sitting assessments in an examination like situation for the future.

The Prizegiving for juniors will be held early in Term 1 next year as indicated above and will include subject prizes and the RED and BLUE Junior Diploma Awards (date tba). Lessons for Year 9 and 10 are continuing as normal and work being done in class is relevant to their ongoing progress. Given the disruptions to teaching time this year, having this time in class now is important to ongoing learning. At Rangitoto College we continue to teach in class until the end of the school year in preparation for the following year of academic study.

December the 14th is our annual Christmas Mufti Day, which a group of Year 9 & 10 Leaders are organizing and promoting with the tutor groups. Each student is being asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Salvation Army to distribute to families in need. The Year 9 Deans continue to collect students' letters to themselves for 2025 that will be placed in a Time Capsule and kept. It will be fun for students to look back on this at the end of their time at Rangitoto College.

The Year 9 and 10 Deans wish all their students a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing the students back in 2022.

### **Sport - Vaccination news update from School Sport NZ**

School Sport NZ has announced all sanctioned national events in Term 1 next year will require mandatory vaccinations for all participants, with Covid Vaccination Certificate verification required. Although we are yet to receive notification of local based tournaments and competitions, it is highly likely these will follow the same path.

### **Rangitoto College Uniform Shop**

The Rangitoto College Uniform Shop is open through the summer during the following times. Normal shop hours will be in place until the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 and will resume on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2022. We will be very busy during these times so it is advised to make a booking by going to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using code mh47e this will ensure we have the time to fit your child properly and provide the help you need. The shop will be situated in the Rangitoto Centre until the 18<sup>th</sup> January, when it will open in its new permanent location by the tennis courts.

**Shop SUMMER Hours**

Sat 11 Dec - 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Mon 13 & Tues 14 Dec - 10:00am - 8:00pm  
Wed 15 Dec - Monday 17 Jan **Closed**  
Tues 18, Wed 19, Thur 20 & Fri 21 Jan - 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Sat 22 Jan - 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Thur 27 Jan - 8:00am - 1:00pm  
Fri 28 Jan **Closed**  
**Tues 2nd Feb - normal hours resume**



Many thanks for your ongoing support and understanding this year. I wish you all a happy and healthy summer break.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a trailing line.

Patrick Gale  
**PRINCIPAL**