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Happy belated New Year to all in our Rangitoto community; I hope you have all had a relaxing break over the summer with family and friends. We have seen significant building progress around the campus over the summer break in preparation for the start of the 2022 school year.

This newsletter is intended to remind students and caregivers of the start of year arrangements. The details for this can be found on the school website using the following [link](#).

## **Academic Results**

Last week our senior students received their NCEA and International Baccalaureate grades from 2021; we are delighted with their performance following the tribulations of lockdowns and online learning in the past year and look forward to sharing these with you in the near future.

## **Covid-19 Details**

We are anticipating further disruption to onsite learning in 2022 with the onset of Omicron in our community. We will keep our community informed of school logistics but need to indicate the likelihood that at some point we will have to revert to our online learning model that we successfully used in 2021. Please be assured that our teaching and learning programmes are robust enough to ensure that this will be a smooth and successful transition for our students.

A reminder that under the Covid-19 Protection Framework, red setting, we have a range of protocols in place. These include:

- Face coverings must be worn indoors and on school transport. We are also asking all students and staff to wear masks outdoors to help prevent potential spread.
- No non-essential visitors are allowed on site.
- Public health measures should be followed, including basic hygiene - including good hand hygiene, cough, and sneeze etiquette, and avoiding touching your face - and regularly cleaning and disinfecting surfaces.

If students are sick, they should stay at home. If they have cold or flu symptoms, they should get tested and remain isolated until a negative Covid-19 result is obtained.

As in previous communications, we strongly encourage all students who are able to get vaccinated.

## **Year 9 Students 2022**

We are looking forward to welcoming new students to Rangitoto College for the start of the year. Please refer to the link above and in particular outlined arrangements for Friday 28th January for new students. This day concludes at 2:00pm. Please also note the times on the link for Tuesday 1st February.

We will be notifying parents/guardians of Year 9 students on Thursday of their child's tutor class. This is essential information for Year 9 students to know before arriving at school on Friday; please ensure that your child is aware of this before their arrival. Consideration has been given when placing all students into tutor classes. Please be aware that we do not place students in subject classes and tutor classes based on parent/guardian requests and we ask you to respect our decisions regarding class placement and to allow time for relationships to be developed and students to settle into a new environment. Tutor class changes are only considered in exceptional circumstances.

Under the Covid-19 Protection Framework for schools, red setting, please be aware that unfortunately parents/guardians cannot attend the Pōwhiri on Friday 28th January for Year 9 and new students.

Additionally, we ask you to say goodbye to your child from within your car when dropping them off so that you do not need to leave your car. As the Pōwhiri will be held outside this year it is important that your child is prepared for all weather conditions. This may include being sun-smart, including wearing sufficient sun-screen or bringing a jacket in case of wet weather.

Starting Year 9 is an exciting time, and we are here to support your child as they begin the next phase of their education. All transitions are important, but the transition into secondary school is unique. Successful transitions rely on a number of social, emotional, and practical factors. Being well-prepared is key to a smooth transition that should be viewed as a process over time, rather than a one-off event. The following resources provide helpful tips for both whanau and students: [Transitions Report](#) and [School TV transition information](#).

### **Years 10-13 Students**

We welcome all year 10-13 students to school on Tuesday 1st February at the times below:

	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Assembly (Outdoor)</b>	<b>Tutor</b>	<b>Sports Expo</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	9am		9am-1 pm (with lunch)	1-2pm
<b>Year 10</b>	9am	9:00am	10-11am, 12-1pm	11am-12pm
<b>Year 11</b>	10am	10.00am	10:45am - 12pm	12pm-1pm
<b>Year 12</b>	10.45am	10.45am	11.30am- 1pm	
<b>Year 13</b>	11:30am	11:30am	12.15pm - 1pm	

The assemblies will take place on the hockey turf, with students then going to their tutor classes. We ask that all students check their PC School timetable over the weekend to confirm their tutor class allocation ahead of Tuesday's assembly. Students new to Rangitoto College have been invited to attend the Pōwhiri and an induction day on Friday 28th January.

### **Buses**

Ritchies Bus service to and from West Auckland will be the only buses operating on Friday 28th January. Bus numbers 201, 202 & 205 in the morning and 202 & 205 in the afternoon.

Auckland Transport and Bayes buses will not be providing transport on this day. All Auckland Transport and Bayes services will begin on Tuesday the 1st February.

Bus information and routes can be found by clicking [Bus Routes](#). This information is updated on a Term-by-Term basis from information from the bus companies.

Here is the link to the Journey Planner on the AT website to assist your parent community to plan their child(ren's) journey to and from school.

[Journey planner \(at.govt.nz\)](#)

### **Tuck Shop**

We're excited to welcome a brand-new Tuckshop to Rangitoto College! From next week Champion Tuckshops (brought to us by Libelle Group) will be serving us their Eat Smart menu. Libelle Group is the leading school food and beverage service provider in New Zealand. Their vision is to empower every learner to reach their

potential through nutrition-focused, food service solutions! They are passionate people who are partnering with us to focus on delivering a delicious and healthy food service to our students. They're also looking at working closely with us to create a custom menu that suits our school and community.

The tuck shops will be operating from Wednesday 2nd February. Year 9 and new students should bring their own lunch on Friday 28th January and all students should bring their own lunch on Tuesday 1st February.

### **Uniform**

The school's new uniform shop is now operational in its permanent location which is in the lower car park area with the best vehicle access off Rosedale Road into Graham Collins Drive.

With the ability to sell uniform items as a school, we have managed to reduce the costs of specific items to support our community. Please note that we have had a change of supplier for our sports uniform and all Year 9 students will need a new Physical Education top for 2022. In selecting this garment, we have looked at quality, durability, and the ability to use the top across many sports teams and other school representation activities. Further information on uniform collection can be found [here](#).

### **Stationery/Course related costs**

Stationery, Course related costs, Student ID cards and Donations can be paid via MY SCHOOL OFFICE MAX: [www.myschool.co.nz/rangitoto](http://www.myschool.co.nz/rangitoto) Please note we have been notified by OfficeMax that there may be delays of up to 9 days for some stationery items. For students who may be experiencing stationery delays, please ensure they have pens and sufficient paper (for all of their subjects) along with their device.

### **Change of Details for Year 10 -13 returning students**

Please check contact details on PCSchools to ensure we have accurate contact details (phone and email) and that your address is correct. If you notice any details that need updating, we would ask you to email [info@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:info@rangitoto.school.nz) for us to update these.

### **Sport**

A separate communication from the Sports Department will be sent out in the next few days.

We look forward to seeing our students next week. If you have any questions regarding the start of the year, please contact your child's Dean.

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**Principal**