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Rangitoto College Week 8 Newsletter

Covid 19 Update:

We are pleased with the declining number of positive Covid cases that our community is experiencing. Our average case numbers per day for this week has been 14 and numbers have continued to drop on a daily basis for the past two weeks. In week 8, we will have all students attending school every day, with no rostering of students' home. Thank you for your understanding in the past week, the tone in school remains excellent, with students and staff working hard to minimise the impacts of the interruptions caused by the pandemic.

Please continue to notify the school of all positive Covid-19 cases, as well as those who are self-isolating due to being Household Contacts. Please refer to the flowchart [link](#) and complete the [Google Form](#) for all positive cases.

SchoolTV:

SchoolTV is an online platform for parents that offers valuable advice on issues that adolescents may be navigating. Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is a well-respected Australian child and adolescent psychologist and he shares his knowledge and wisdom in a wide selection of special reports.

Rangitoto College continues to subscribe to SchoolTV to support our community. Parents can access SchoolTV from the link below and can determine which topics may be beneficial depending on the age of your child. Topics range from general parental support to cyber safety, mental health, vaping, moving to a new school, surviving the final year of school and many more. We would encourage parents to use the support available within schoolTV to meet the needs you may have.

You can access SchoolTV through the Parent Portal or click [here](#).

If you have any questions in relation to the information in the special reports, please do not hesitate to be in contact with the counselling team here at Rangitoto College.

School Donations:

On behalf of the Rangitoto College School Board, Students and Staff, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the parent donations to Rangitoto College in the past year.

These donations contribute in a significant way to the provision of an education for our students that rises above the norm, offering opportunities for school success and academic outcomes that are the envy of many schools in New Zealand. Donations in the past year have enabled us to employ 11 teachers above government funding, provide an extensive co-curricular programme of sport, performing arts, clubs and activities, and to increase the range of NCEA and IB subjects alongside the successful NZQA scholarship programme that returns significant funds to students for their tertiary education. In addition, we have been able to continue to fund our Health Centre and Guidance & Careers centre, services that have been critical in the past year. We believe our use of donation funds brings great benefit to all our students.

The board continues to develop plans to build a new Technology Centre containing Innovation Labs and Maker Spaces, in doing so, preparing Rangitoto students to be best placed for the changing demands of the world of work.

Please be aware that you can claim 33.33 cents for every dollar you donated to Rangitoto College. For the standard 2022 student donation, this equates to a return to you of \$133. In order to assist you to do this, the school donation receipt for paid donations to the end of the tax year will be sent out via email in early April and placed on our PCSchool Parent Portal for downloading and submission to the IRD. This submission is a straightforward process and can be completed [here](#).

In 2022, we are pleased to have partnered with [Tax Gift](#) to offer parents the opportunity to extend their donations to Rangitoto College through the gifting of the above tax credit, this has the potential to add an additional 43% to each donation to the school. The flyer attached to this email explains the process and guides you through the very quick gifting process.

My thanks again, your donations continue to make a significant difference to the lives of the students in our Rangitoto Community.

Year 11-13 NZQA Information

Many students will be entered into NCEA examinations this year, and these may be underway already. From September to December there will also be 'external' exams run by NZQA (the New Zealand Qualification Authority). The links below provide some key information for parents and students around how to be prepared and organised for assessment in 2022. Please take the time to work through these with your child to ensure they are prepared for their NCEA assessments this year.

[National secondary examinations timetable 2022](#)

[2022 National School Qualifications: Candidate Information Sheets - March](#)

[How students can set up their NZQA login](#)

[NZQA Login option page](#)

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Kind regards



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