



14th April

Rangitoto College Start of Term 2 Newsletter

Covid 19 Update

The decision to move to Orange has been made on public health advice and reflects that we have moved past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope. Within school, we are seeing that case numbers continue to decline due to high levels of vaccination and natural immunity after infection.

At Orange, face masks are no longer mandatory at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors and we will continue to promote this at Rangitoto College. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

We also ask that your child continues to bring a mask to school every day. We will be strongly encouraging students to wear masks and ask parents to support this in your conversations with your child. There will be times when students have to wear a mask unless they have an exemption, assemblies will be an example of this. If there is a significant rise in cases at school or in the community, we will request that masks are worn in classrooms. We will return to our protocols of expecting all students to place their cellphones in a holder upon entry into each class. This ensures students do not get distracted during each class, promoting better learning outcomes.

At Orange, students are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport. We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick. As we move into the winter months, we would ask parents to ensure any student who is unwell with a cough or cold remains at home until fully recovered. Please also ensure your child comes to school with adequate warm clothing given our classrooms will remain with windows and doors open for ventilation purposes.

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.

Vista

Please take the time to read the latest digital issue of our school magazine, Vista, released to our community today. This edition highlights some of the outstanding achievements of our students in term 1.

Special Assemblies

We are delighted to announce that we will be able to hold assemblies in the auditorium again. To start Term 2 off in a positive note, our Term 1 Special Assemblies will be running during the first week of term as follows -

Monday - Year 13

Tuesday - Year 10

Wednesday - Year 11

Thursday - Year 12

Friday - Year 9

We are looking forward to welcoming parents back to celebrate our students' achievements.

Parent Teacher dates

With our move to the Orange setting, we will be able to host in person Parent Teacher Interviews. These are scheduled between 5pm and 8pm on the 19th May, 25th May and the 31st of May. These nights will be available to all students and will no longer be split into year groups. We know that households with siblings at the College will benefit from this change, as well as families that have extracurricular events happening on certain nights of the week. We will send out further information on these evenings as well as how to book your interviews during the first week of Term 2.

Reports

Reports have been entered for all students for Term One. These can be accessed via the parent portal in PC School. A students' report will show student 'dispositions' and there is a guide page for parents included in the report. These reports are 'live' and are populated with academic achievement and progress data regularly throughout the year.

Year Nine students will receive a tutor teacher comment in their reports.

Teacher Only Day

Monday 16th May is a teacher only day at Rangitoto College. This is one of the scheduled days allocated by the government to allow teachers to plan the new NCEA curriculum changes that are being implemented in 2024. As such, the school will be closed for instruction.

Uniform Shop

Winter sports uniforms can now be purchased from the sports uniform shop next to the netball/tennis courts at Rangitoto College.

Uniform Shop School Holiday Operating Hours

Thursday 28 April 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Friday 29th April 8:00am – 1:00pm

Uniform Shop Term 2 Operating Hours

Monday: 8:00am – 2:15pm

Tuesday: 8:00am – 11:30am

Wednesday: closed

Thursday: 1:30pm – 5:30pm

Friday: 8:00am – 2:15pm

Sport

We are excited for the prospect of a full and enjoyable winter sports season this year. Please ensure your sports fees are paid prior to the start of the term and that you have sourced the appropriate sports uniform items from our on-site uniform shop as per the uniform information document recently sent to all winter sports students. Please see above for the holiday uniform shop hours.

I wish you all a Happy Easter break.

Kind regards



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