



26th May

## Rangitoto College Newsletter

### **Covid 19 Update:**

Covid-19 positive student cases have remained at the same level since our last communication, and we continue to support those students who are self-isolating due to either being positive or a household contact with online google meets to connect to the classroom.

We have been experiencing staffing difficulties in recent weeks and are currently stretched with teaching resources. The combination of Covid-19 self-isolation requirements and the beginning of winter illness has compounded the situation. I do want to publicly thank our teaching staff who have gone above and beyond to cover classes of their colleagues during their non-contact time. I would also like to thank our relief teachers who are essential to our school in providing further teaching support as cover for teacher absence.

We are at a point where it is becoming difficult to staff across the school. You may be aware we currently have some Year 13 classes without a relief teacher due to staff absences and the school not having the resources to cover these. We are considering the need to roster year levels home if the current situation does not improve. Should this be the case we will communicate with you immediately.

We continue to encourage students to be conscious of health measures in reducing transmission of Covid-19. This includes washing hands regularly, using hand sanitiser which is provided in classrooms and strongly encouraging the use of wearing masks indoors.

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.

### **Junior Diploma:**

Junior students are working hard towards their Junior Diploma. There are six categories, encompassing the various aspects of college life that are valued in our kura; academic excellence, academic progress, involvement in extracurricular activities, service and leadership, exemplary classroom behaviour and school attendance. To achieve each level of the Junior Diploma, five of the six categories must be achieved. The Junior Diploma resets at the end of each year so a student in Year 9 can achieve one or more of the three levels, and then in Year 10, they must complete the categories again to achieve the awards in year 10.

This week we have been celebrating the year 9 and 10 students who have been awarded the first level of the Diploma, the White Award. Red Awards will be presented at the end of term Special Assemblies and the top award, Blue, will be presented at the Junior Prize Giving ceremony at the end of Term Four.

You can check your child's progress with the diploma on PC School under the results tab, then the Junior Diploma button; shown below.

A reminder that if your child is involved in a sport in the community that the school does not offer, or if they have given service or leadership in the community, please send an email to your child's dean, outlining the involvement; this will then be added to their Junior Diploma.

### **Māori and Pacific Student Whānau Evening**

Māori and Pacific Student Whānau Evening will be on the Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 6pm in the Rangitoto Centre. This hui will be about connecting with our tamariki and their whānau to see what you would like support with at Rangitoto College. This hui will be student led and involve conversations around connection, student opportunities and enhancing the mana of our taura. Our Kaiako who are involved in Māori and Pasifika mahi at Rangitoto will introduce themselves to the community along with our student leaders for 2022. The purpose of the hui is to strengthen the relationships we already have, to grow new ones and to share ideas about what is important for our taura to thrive.

### **International Baccalaureate:**

The International Baccalaureate qualification is an alternative to the NCEA pathway, where students work for two years, in Year 12 and 13, towards an IB Diploma. This programme is growing in popularity in the Rangitoto College community. The students who have graduated with an IB Diploma demonstrate exceptional critical thinking skills, independent work habits, and display strong academic, social and emotional characteristics. The compulsory second language, Extended Essay, the deep investigation into the Theory of Knowledge and the commitment to service, creative endeavours and involvement in extracurricular activities empowers students to develop future-ready skills to make a difference and thrive in the world beyond school.

In 2021, five students from Rangitoto College gained an IB score of 40+, which is recognised globally as an IB Top Scholar. One of those students gained 45 points, a perfect IB score, which is an exceptional achievement and places that student in the top 1% of students in the world. Students from the 2021 cohort have been granted entry into highly competitive University programmes, both in New Zealand and at prestigious Universities, including Ivy league schools, around the world.

If you would like to learn more about the IB programme for Year 12 and 13, please email Mrs Brandt, the IB Coordinator: [catherine.brandt@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:catherine.brandt@rangitoto.school.nz).

### **Parent Teacher Interviews:**

Two Parent Teacher Interviews evenings have been held over the last couple of weeks. Given the number of parents who attended these two nights it is very apparent that the parents in our community have really appreciated the orange setting that allows face to face conversations with the teachers. The last Parent Teacher Interviews for the year will be next Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 between 5pm and 8pm at the College. All families have been emailed an invite with instructions on how to book via PC school.

### **Performing Arts:**

Term 2 is a busy time for Performing Arts. A number of events are scheduled throughout the term as we look to publicly celebrate performing arts at Rangitoto College after the relaxing of some Covid restrictions.

Music held their Choir camp, the first camp for some time which proved very successful. Coming up in late May will be the first big music concert for some time with the Jazz@Orange concert scheduled for 29 May. This will

feature a range of Big Bands and Jazz Combos. Of note in music is the recent success of Catherine Li in Year 13 who performed with distinction at the recent NSPA piano competitions, taking out 3 categories.

Drama hosted an interschool Theatresports workshop for student leaders who came from a variety of schools around Auckland. Looking ahead, Rangitoto College's Theatre Festival will be one of many highlights for the term, scheduled for Saturday 18 June. This is a one-day event which includes 4 abridged plays and 2 Commedia Dell'Arte troupes. Tickets are on sale for \$10 and available from the school's Finance office. The festival is a great opportunity for our Drama Company students to learn skills beyond acting in a play. Under supervision they have been given responsibility for many different facets of theatre production and are gaining new skills and insights into how theatre operates.

The National Dance Challenge is scheduled for Friday 10 June at Westlake Girls High School. All of our dance co-curricular groups will be competing at the Challenge which we are looking forward to.

### **Auckland Transport Consultation:**

#### **East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay – Bus Lane enforcement and signage changes.**

Auckland Transport are proposing to make changes (see attached plan) to the existing bus lane on the northern approach to Rangitoto College and upgrade signage on all approaches to the school entrance.

This will include:

An extension of the existing southbound bus lane to be 70m in length and the addition of a solid traffic island, supported with flexi-posts to demarcate the bus lane area as a lane only for buses.

The addition of a CCTV enforcement camera for the bus lane and additional signage to support the extended bus lane. Additional signage on other approaches to the Rangitoto College grounds to indicate that the school grounds are a private road and not for general traffic use.

This project is responding to student safety concerns brought to Auckland Transport' attention by Rangitoto College. This response from Auckland Transport, together with other changes that the school is considering for access to the school grounds, is aimed at reducing the numbers of vehicles that access the school grounds at busy times, in order to improve safety for school students who are arriving / leaving the school on foot, bikes and on public transport services.

You can tell Auckland Transport what your views are up until 10th June by contacting them through the channels below:

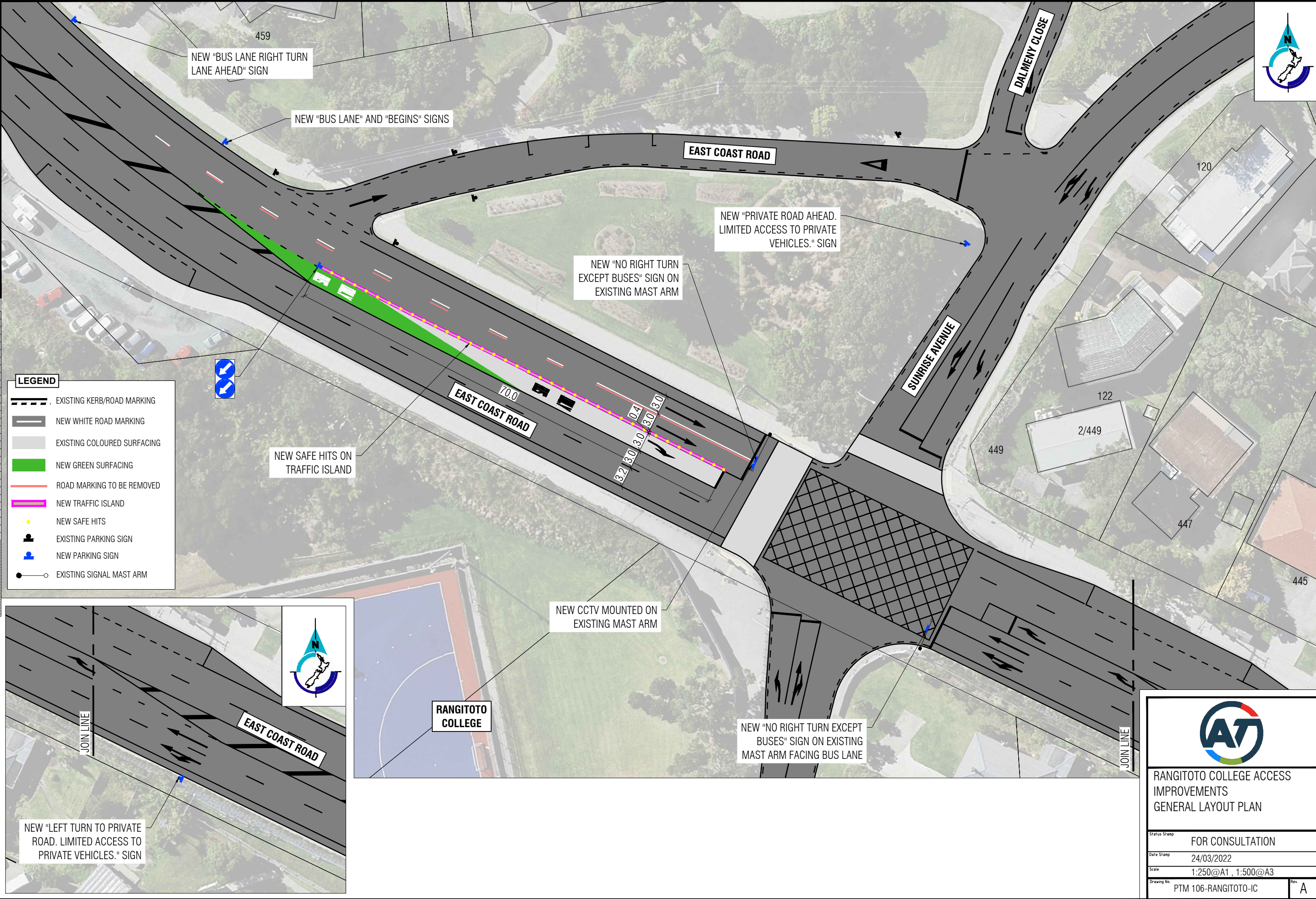
Phone: 09 447 4671, Email: [projects@AT.govt.nz](mailto:projects@AT.govt.nz) (include the reference Rangitoto College Bus Lane), Post: 20 Viaduct Harbour Avenue, Auckland 1010

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Kind regards



Patrick Gale  
**PRINCIPAL**



NEW "BUS LANE RIGHT TURN LANE AHEAD" SIGN

NEW "BUS LANE" AND "BEGINS" SIGNS

EAST COAST ROAD

DALMENY CLOSE

120

NEW "PRIVATE ROAD AHEAD. LIMITED ACCESS TO PRIVATE VEHICLES." SIGN

NEW "NO RIGHT TURN EXCEPT BUSES" SIGN ON EXISTING MAST ARM

SUNRISE AVENUE

122

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NEW SAFE HITS ON TRAFFIC ISLAND

EAST COAST ROAD

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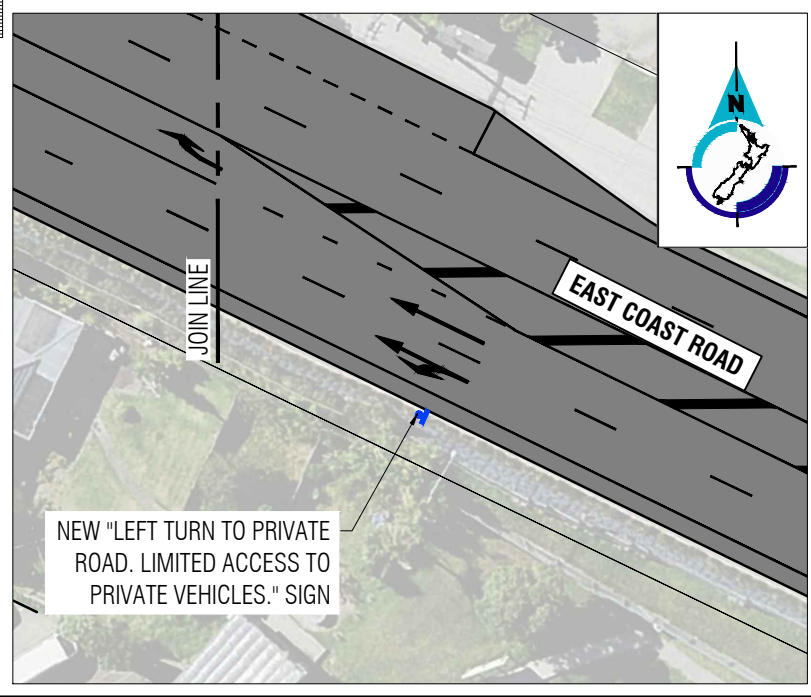
NEW CCTV MOUNTED ON EXISTING MAST ARM

RANGITOTO COLLEGE

NEW "NO RIGHT TURN EXCEPT BUSES" SIGN ON EXISTING MAST ARM FACING BUS LANE

**LEGEND**

- EXISTING KERB/ROAD MARKING
- NEW WHITE ROAD MARKING
- EXISTING COLOURED SURFACING
- NEW GREEN SURFACING
- ROAD MARKING TO BE REMOVED
- NEW TRAFFIC ISLAND
- NEW SAFE HITS
- EXISTING PARKING SIGN
- NEW PARKING SIGN
- EXISTING SIGNAL MAST ARM



**RANGITOTO COLLEGE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL LAYOUT PLAN**

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