



30th January 2023

## Rangitoto College Closure Notification

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

At 4pm today we were alerted via the media of Auckland school closures from 31 January through to Monday 6 February. The Ministry of Education has since communicated the following:

*Earlier today the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) asked us to take action to help minimise traffic movement on Auckland roads while vital infrastructure is urgently repaired.*

*With the possibility of further weather damage leading to more disruption, the Secretary for Education has directed that schools, kura, early learning services and Tertiary institutions in the Auckland region (Wellsford to Pukekohe) must close for physical attendance and instruction until 7 February.*

Unlike during the lockdown periods, we are not permitted to have students of any age on site and must also minimise staff on site. The first two days of school are essential for orientation of new students, and for the organisation of returning students. With this in mind we will not be in a position to offer online learning during this closure period; therefore, we are delaying the start of the school year.

The planned start of the year will now begin one week later on Tuesday 7 February. Please refer to the dates and details below for new start of year arrangements. The first day of timetabled classes, Thursday the 9th February, will now be a Day 5 on the timetable.

### **School Uniform Shops**

The uniform shops will be closed as per the directives received.

### **New Start of Year Details**

Tuesday 7th February	<p><b>Powhiri for Year 9, new students in Year 10-13, international students &amp; new staff</b> 9.00am - 10:00am (students should congregate around the flagpole entrance before 9.00am and await instruction. Full school uniform should be worn by students).</p> <p><b>Year 9 Orientation</b> with Tutor Teachers and Peer Support Leaders – 10.00am - 1.00pm</p> <p><b>New Domestic Student Year 10-13 Orientation</b> 10:00am - 1.00pm</p> <p><b>Course Changes (Year 10-13)</b> 9.00am - 12.00pm (located in Year level Deans' offices)</p> <p><b>International Student Orientation Day 1</b> 8.45am - 3.00pm (details previously communicated)</p> <p><b>Year 9 Connections Workshop</b> 1.00pm - 3.00pm</p>
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Wednesday 8th February	<b>All Year 9 - 13 students are required to attend</b> - staggered start times. Students should be ready to enter the auditorium 5 minutes before the scheduled start time.				
		<b>Start time</b>	<b>Assembly</b>	<b>Tutor Time</b>	<b>Sports Expo</b>
	<b>Year 9</b>	9am		9am-1pm	1-2pm 2-3:20pm (Connections workshop)
	<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	
<b>International Student Orientation Day 2 9.00am-3.00pm</b>					
Thursday 9th February	<b>DAY 5</b> all students in class				
Friday 10th February	<b>DAY 6</b> all students in class				

We appreciate that the delay to the start of the year may cause challenges for both parents and students; however, we must prioritise the safety of our community at this time. Please take care of yourself and your whānau over the next few days.

Kind regards



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