



25th January 2022

Rangitoto College Start of Year Newsletter 2023

We are delighted to welcome all our new students and whānau joining us in 2023 at Rangitoto. To our returning students, we look forward to continuing your educational journey and to the wide range of successes that both you, and our incoming students, will achieve over the course of this year. Rangitoto students gained exceptional academic results in their 2022 NCEA and IB exams and we will be proud to provide further details to our community when the Scholarship results have been published by NZQA.

Year 9 Familiarisation Tours

Student leaders will be available for tours of the College for any new Year 9 student that wishes to have a final familiarisation walk around before starting school. These will take place on Thursday the 26th of January at 3:30pm. These tours will be leaving from the flagpole at the front of the school. Alternatively, a [campus map is available here](#) if anyone would like to visit the school over the upcoming weekend.

Course Consultations

Most returning students will have their courses finalised for 2023. For those students requiring course change discussions, we have course consultation with deans scheduled for Thursday 26 January 10.00am - 2.00pm and again on Tuesday 31 January 9.00am - 12.00pm.

Upper car park drop offs

Barrier arms have been installed in the car park at the front of the school. Access into the College using the East Coast Road entrance to drop off and collect students is not possible between the hours of 8.00am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm. We request that alternative locations are used when dropping off and collecting students.

Request for Rental Property Information

Rangitoto is delighted to welcome 30 new teaching and support staff to the College in 2023. A number of staff have relocated from other parts of New Zealand and overseas to join us and are on the hunt for suitable accommodation in, or near, our school zone. If you know of any property that may be available for a professional person, couple or family to rent, please notify pam.watson@rangitoto.school.nz

Property work over summer

As part of the car park changes, an area of the main entrance has been resurfaced. The school has undergone a deep clean and fields have been renovated in readiness for the term ahead. Modernisation of the art rooms has been completed and improvements have been made to the courtyard in that area. A floor has been laid in the adjunct room of the dance studio to provide additional dance space.

Sports Expo

On Wednesday 1st February, students in year 9-11 will go to a Sports Expo as part of their school day. This is an excellent opportunity for students to get information on the various sports on offer and sign up for information regarding trials and competitions. There are also numerous clubs and activities in the college and information on these can be found on the school website. Involvement in these activities is an important part of school life and we encourage all students to involve themselves in sports, performing arts and/or cultural groups.

Reminder: Start of Year Details

Tuesday 31st January	<p>Powhiri for Year 9, new students in Year 10-13, international students & new staff 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>Year 9 Orientation with Tutor Teachers and Peer Support Leaders – 10.00am - 1.00pm</p> <p>New Domestic Student Year 10-13 Orientation 10:00am - 1.00pm</p> <p>Course Changes (Year 10-13) 9.00am -12.00pm (located in Year level Deans' offices)</p> <p>International Student Orientation Day 1 8.45am -3.00pm (details previously communicated)</p> <p>Year 9 Connections Workshop 1.00pm - 3.00pm</p>																														
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1	31st January- 6th April	10 weeks Auckland Anniversary 30th January Waitangi Day 6th February Easter: Fri 7th April
2	26th Apr - 30th June Students start 26th April	10 weeks TOD 24th April ANZAC day 25th April King's Birthday 5th June
3	17th July - 22nd September	10 weeks TOD 31st August RangiDay 1st September (School Closed)
4	9th October – 8th December (Friday)	9 weeks Labour Day 23rd October

Donations, Course Related Costs and Stationery:

In January and February 2023 Donations, Course Related Costs, Student ID Cards and Stationery can be paid via OfficeMax MySchool online: <https://www.myschool.co.nz/rangitoto>

Once student timetables are finalised from late February 2023 onwards, payments can be made on the [Rangitoto website](#) by selecting PARENT PORTAL. Sign in using your Username and Password which will be issued to new families at the start of the year. Existing families will use their same Username and Passwords.

Uniforms:

Information on the School Uniform Shop and PTA Second Hand Shop can be found [here](#).

Buses:

Buses will run as normal from 1st February. More information can be found [here](#).

I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Gale', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Gale
PRINCIPAL