



1 February 2023

Rangitoto College Update - 'Week 1'

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

I hope that you have survived the second weather event intact. We are receiving word that a number of our community have once again experienced flooding and power outages, our thoughts are with them as they embark on a further recovery process. The school has had minimal damage, with our property team working hard to ready the school for the return of students.

Following this afternoon's announcement at 12:40pm that schools are able to make the decision to reopen, we have determined that we will not be in a position to open the College until Tuesday 7th February. The very late and unclear communication from the authorities over the past few days has created a number of significant challenges with the organisation of our orientation programmes due to the inclusion of a number of external speakers. One significant aspect around logistical requirements, is the importance to have all our students in attendance for orientation purposes. We are conscious that initial communications from the MOE, and subsequently ourselves, indicated schools would be closed until Tuesday 7th February. Due to this, some students may not be in a position to begin earlier, along with some in our community cleaning up damage, and other students required by parents to support younger siblings at home while primary schools are closed. After disruptions to the start of the past two years, it is our strong preference that we run the orientation over two consecutive days as this best enables new students in their transition into Rangitoto, therefore we will delay the start to Tuesday 7th February as announced in the previous newsletter.

Course consultation and timetables

We require any student in Y11-13 who wishes to discuss possible course changes to attend the College between 9am and 12pm on Tuesday 7th February if they are yet to do so. Once this process is complete, we will be in a position to release all timetables to students via PC School.

School Uniform Shop

The School Uniform Shop will reopen from 8am-5pm this Friday, and next Tuesday and Wednesday. The PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Friday from 1pm-3pm.

Health and Safety Notification: Walkway from Bellbird Rise to Speedy Reserve

A section of the walkway was washed away in Murrays Bay, between Bellbird Rise and Speedy Reserve, last Friday evening, with approximately 10 metres of the walkway washed away. As of earlier this week, there were no warning signs or barriers. We ask that all students who would normally use this as an access way to the college make alternative arrangements.

Calendar Changes & Term Dates

There have been some changes to planned calendar events due to the delay in starting school. The Sports Department will be in touch with students regarding any trial and competition changes. The school term will still finish on Thursday 6 April.

Reminder: Start of Year Details

| Tuesday 7th February | <p>Pōwhiri 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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| Wednesday 8th February | <p>All Year 9 - 13 students are required to attend - staggered start times. Students should be ready to enter the auditorium 5 minutes before the scheduled start time.</p> <table><tr><th></th><th>Start time</th><th>Assembly</th><th>Tutor Time</th><th>Sports Expo</th></tr><tr><td>Year 9</td><td>9am</td><td></td><td>9am-1pm</td><td>1-2pm 2-3:20pm (Connections workshop)</td></tr><tr><td>Year 10</td><td>9am</td><td>9:00am</td><td>10-11am, 12-1pm</td><td>11am-12pm</td></tr><tr><td>Year 11</td><td>10am</td><td>10.00am</td><td>10:45am - 12pm</td><td>12pm-1pm</td></tr><tr><td>Year 12</td><td>10.45am</td><td>10.45am</td><td>11.30am- 1pm</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Year 13</td><td>11:30am</td><td>11:30am</td><td>12.15pm - 1pm</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>International Student Orientation Day 2 9.00am-3.00pm</p> | | Start time | Assembly | Tutor Time | Sports Expo | Year 9 | 9am | | 9am-1pm | 1-2pm 2-3:20pm (Connections workshop) | Year 10 | 9am | 9:00am | 10-11am, 12-1pm | 11am-12pm | Year 11 | 10am | 10.00am | 10:45am - 12pm | 12pm-1pm | Year 12 | 10.45am | 10.45am | 11.30am- 1pm | | Year 13 | 11:30am | 11:30am | 12.15pm - 1pm | |
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| Thursday 9th February | <p>DAY 5 all students in class</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Friday 10th February | <p>DAY 6 all students in class</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Kind regards



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