GREAT OPPORTUNITIES – GREAT STUDENTS
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Rangitoto College Week 4, Term 1 Newsletter 2023

Cyclone Relief Collection

Our thoughts remain with those affected across New Zealand by the recent cyclone, we have planned a school wide collection day on Friday 3rd March to support those in need.

Over the next week in assemblies, we will be highlighting to students the aid required in affected areas and the situation people find themselves in. Our messaging will focus on what we can do both individually and collectively to support those in need. This will include thinking about our own individual situations and whether we are in a position to give towards the relief fund. All money collected will go to the Red Cross NZ Disaster Fund. Please note this will not be a non-uniform day but rather a coin or note collection day.

Rangitoto College 2022 Academic results

It is with great pride that we can share our NCEA and IB results from the 2022 academic school year. As a community we are thrilled with the outstanding results our students have achieved, especially given the continued implication that covid-19 has had on our students, staff and whanau. Our record results are testament to our students' resilience and their dedicated and motivated approach to their academic studies. It is especially impressive when you consider that students in year 11 and 12 have not previously experienced NCEA external examinations before.

Our educational philosophy states students are supported to engage and connect, through an empowering curriculum that draws on expertise, honours Mātauranga Māori, and is taught using evidence-informed Teaching Principles; these academic results suggest that this philosophy is setting our students up for academic success in the national education system.

NCEA Results 2022

The NCEA results for the school were very strong, especially when compared to other Decile 10 schools and the National average. It is exceptionally pleasing to see our students not simply passing their external examinations, but doing so at the highest level, gaining Merit and Excellence endorsements. It is also encouraging to see a very high proportion of year 13 students gaining entrance to university; whilst we know not all students choose to attend tertiary education, our aim is to give them that opportunity.

	Pass rate (Decile 10 schools average in brackets)	Percentage gaining Excellence Endorsement (Decile 10 schools in brackets)
Level 1	95% (64%)	49% (35%)
Level 2	94% (83%)	41% (28%)
Level 3	94% (79%)	36% (24%)
University Entrance	87% (70%)	The national average for University Entrance is 48%
Numeracy	98.2% (86.3%)	
Literacy	98.5% (86.3%)	

International Baccalaureate Results 2022

The 2022 IB results were simply outstanding; especially given the 50% increase in the number of students in the programme. Globally, the average grade achieved by students in the November examinations was 32 (out of a possible 45) whilst Rangitoto College's average was significantly higher than this at 37.

17 Rangitoto College students gained IB top scholar status, due to their IB scores of 40+. This equates to 38% of the Rangitoto cohort, which was a significant increase from 2021, where 20% gained top scholar status. These students were celebrated earlier this month in Christchurch at the IB Top Scholars event.

Notable academic success:

Richard Li, achieved a remarkable IB maximum score of 45/45, placing him in the top 1% in the world. Sawooly Li (44/45) has already secured a significant scholarship to Princeton, and other students are awaiting offers after applying to Stanford, Harvard, Berkeley and MIT.

NZQA Scholarship Results 2022

Once again, Rangitoto College students performed exceptionally in the New Zealand Scholarship assessments; these examinations enable candidates to be assessed against challenging standards and are demanding for the most able candidates in each subject. In 2022, Rangitoto College students gained 202 scholarships, 18 at outstanding level, across 26 different subjects. It is pleasing to see students in four-year levels attempting and gaining scholarship passes.

Notable Success:

Ashley Huddart (Yr 13) -7 Scholarships (2 at Outstanding) - Top in NZ for Statistics. Sara Yavari (Yr 13) -6 Scholarships (3 at Outstanding) - Top in NZ for Earth and Space Science

Top Carpark - East Coast Road Entrance

We are extremely grateful to the community for the support and compliance in relation to the restricted access for drop offs and pickups using the main entrance to the College between 8.00 am - 9.00 am and 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. This has had a significant impact on the general orderliness in this area and has resulted in improved safety for everyone at times when student pedestrian volumes are at a peak.

On-site Provision of Dental Services

We have entered into a partnership with Dental Planet to provide free dental services to our students. Mobile units will be on site in the last week of this term and during the holiday break. You will receive an introductory letter in Week 6 with full details and an enrolment link. If your child is not currently receiving regular dental check-ups and treatment we would encourage you to seriously consider this opportunity

Golf Day - call for community support



Our Kids Online - Mid Bays Kahui Ako Cyber Safety Evening

The Mid Bays Kāhui Ako have organised an evening for parents, whānau and caregivers to find out more about cyber safety. Our guest speaker will be Rob Cope- Author, Parent & Filmmaker of the 2020 documentary 'Our Kids Online'. He will be covering topics like the harms our kids are facing online, effects on the developing brain, practical solutions to keeping children safer online and more. The evening will be held on the **28th February 2023 from 7pm - 9pm** in the Rangitoto College Auditorium. Tickets will be \$10 and can be accessed from here

Key Dates

Year 12 and Year 13 Parent Information evening: Thursday 2nd March 6.30pm, auditorium Year 10 Meet the Teacher evening: Thursday 23rd March 6.30pm, auditorium Summer Sports Tournament Week: 27th March - 3rd April

Kind regards

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