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Rangitoto College Week 1, Term 2 Newsletter 2023

Junior Summit Diploma

At Rangitoto College we are always excited to celebrate our junior students' achievement and over the past three years, this has occurred through the Junior Diploma. This year we have rebranded this, and it has now been re-named the Rangitoto Summit Diploma. The Rangitoto Summit Diploma still has three levels: White, is the first level certificate and this will be presented at tutor time by the Deans and the Tutor teacher, Red is the second level certificate and this will be presented at assembly/special assembly by the Senior Leadership Team, and Blue is the highest level with the certificate being presented at Prizegiving as part of students academic awards. The Summit Diploma's six elements enable students to thrive in all aspects of school life and we encourage you to speak with your child about the Summit Diploma and to track their progress on PC School.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Following last year's successful trial of hosting all year groups Parent / Teacher interviews on the same evenings we will be running three nights on the 10th, 17th and 30th May from 5pm to 8pm. The school will contact you via email on Monday to arrange the booking of individual interviews.

Careers Expo

We encourage Rangitoto College senior students and their families to attend the upcoming North Shore Schools Careers Expo. The event aims to provide young people with an opportunity to explore future education, industry training and career options.



A promotional poster for the North Shore Schools Careers & Pathways Career Expo. The poster has a teal background. In the top left corner, there is a blue circle with the text 'FREE ENTRY' in white. To the right of this is a logo featuring a stylized person with arms raised inside a sun-like shape. Next to the logo, the text 'NORTH SHORE SCHOOLS CAREERS & PATHWAYS' is written in black. Below this, the words 'CAREER EXPO' are written in large, bold, white letters, and 'NORTH HARBOUR STADIUM' is written in bold, yellow letters. In the center, there are two black rectangular boxes with white text. The left box says 'WED 10 MAY' followed by '11am - 2:30pm' and '& 4pm - 7:30pm'. The right box says 'THUR 11 MAY' followed by '9:30am - 2.30pm' and '& 4pm - 7.30pm'. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text '50+ EXHIBITORS INCLUDING UNIVERSITIES, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, PRIVATE TRAINING PROVIDERS, TE PUKENGA,, INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS & MORE' in black.

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We would ask that students plan to attend with their families outside of school hours, during either of the two evening sessions from 4pm to 7:30pm. Check out the website www.northshorecareerexpo.nz for further details of exhibitors and seminars.

Attendance

We have seen excellent attendance and engagement from students throughout Term 1. A current focus within NZ education is attendance given this is a national issue in schools. Parents play a significant role in our community in ensuring their children are attending school and we thank you for your support with this.

We do ask parents to monitor your child's attendance on a regular basis via the [PCSchool Parent Portal](#) or PCSchool App. Should you have a query regarding your child's attendance please contact their year level Dean.

Parent's/Guardian's should ensure absence from school is accounted for in a timely manner. Rangitoto College's preference is for parents/guardians to use the PCSchool Parent Portal or PCSchool App to explain student absences. When using the PCSchool Parent Portal or PCSchool App, it is essential for you to keep login information private. Please do not share the login details with your child as this may compromise the integrity of the absence system.

Winter Sports Season

The start of the winter sports season will see a large number of students representing Rangitoto College across many different codes. An important message at this time is for all players and supporters to ensure that we represent Rangitoto College's values when on the pitch or the sideline. We ask that all players and supporters are positive with comments and behaviour, being very respectful of referees, umpires and opposition players. Please give our coaches and managers the appropriate support to perform their roles as well as can be hoped for, given that all players will be looking to improve their skills and performances over the course of the season ahead. School sport should be about fun while playing with your friends, not about victory at all costs. We expect Rangitoto College sports players to win humbly or lose with good grace and ask for your support and role modelling with this expectation.

Teacher only days

The Ministry of Education allocates teacher-only days to schools to plan and prepare material for the new NCEA standards that are to be implemented in 2024. The school has recently been informed of the timeframe for the second teacher only day and as such the date that has been chosen is **Monday 13th November**. Last year, when planning the school calendar, we pencilled in a teacher only day in Term 3 on Thursday 31st August; the day before the 'Rangi Day' holiday. This teacher only day has been **cancelled** and classes will run as usual. Thursday 31st August will be renumbered as a **DAY 3**, due to missing a number of day 3's over the course of the year.

NCEA Exams

[NZQA Candidate Information Sheet](#) - this is a one stop shop guide for all students and parents containing information about entering into NCEA Exams, Portfolios and Scholarship.

[NZQA National secondary examinations timetable 2023](#) - Timetable for this year's NCEA exams in November.

[The-Student-login – Navigating your Learner Login on the NZQA website](#) - A guide for students and parents around accessing results on the student portal of the NZQA website. Note - students will be walked through this process at the start of Term 2 during the extended tutor period in week 1.

Tuckshop - Online Ordering

To reduce lunchtime queues we have asked Libelle's to implement their online contactless lunch ordering platform. You can now browse Libelle's Eat Smart menu before 8.30 am and order a meal for collection at lunchtime from the top tuckshop. Information on the registration process and how to order can be found [here](#).

Kind regards



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