



Friday 10th October 2023

Rangitoto College Week 1, Term 4 Newsletter 2023

Important Upcoming Community Dates

Important Community Information	Date
Labour Day - school closed for instruction	23rd October
Senior Prize giving (Years 12 and 13)	30th October
Last day of timetables lessons for Year 12 and Year 13	31st October
Year 11 Prize giving and last day of timetabled lessons	1st November
Teacher Only Day - school closed for instruction	13th November
NAQA Literacy and Numeracy Testing (mostly Year 10)	2nd to 3rd November
NZQA Exam Dates	6th to 30th November
Junior Exams (Year 9 & 10)	17th to 20th November

Principal Update

I was excited to return to Rangitoto following my sabbatical in Term 3. It was a privilege to visit some excellent schools and universities in my time overseas, and I have come back with a good understanding of the opportunities we have for improvement within Rangitoto College and the wider education system in New Zealand. It is always interesting to compare our school with our international counterparts, and I am proud of the progress the school has made in its pursuit of excellence. My thanks go to Ms Meiklejohn for her outstanding leadership of Rangitoto in my absence. Our senior students are entering their final week of school for 2023 and should be well into their revision programmes. We advise Y11-13 students to be studying between two to three hours a day; revision information is available for them to sign in and access on Ranginet under the link headed 'Six Strategies for Effective Learning'.

AUT Millennium Athlete Nutrition Seminar - Thursday 19th October

Jeni Pearce, one of NZ's leading sports dietitian and a Performance Nutritionist at High Performance Sport NZ, will be running a seminar 'Do you know how to properly fuel for training?' This talk will cover energy availability, fuel insufficiency, new research, supplements, parental considerations and female health, this will take place at AUT Millennium on 19/10 at 6pm for one hour. This is free for the Rangitoto College community due to being a Foundation Organisation of AUT Millennium, please use the code **AUTMCLUBS2023** and register by clicking [Navigating the Minefield: Nutrition Seminar with Jeni Pearce](#)

Vaping

Information on a vaping programme that Rangitoto is running will be sent out to our community early in week 2. We urge parents and whānau to have a conversation with your children about the dangers of vaping and hope that the information provided will be of assistance in complementing the programme running at the College.

Rob Cope - Our Kids Online

Join us for an important event at Murrays Bay Intermediate School on Tuesday 21 November from 7 - 9pm. *Our Kids Online* is all about helping our children and young people navigate the digital world safely and confidently. Expert speaker, Rob Cope, will be presenting on this essential topic. Understand the harms our young people are facing online in relation to cyber bullying, predators, pornography, gaming, and social media. Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online. Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics. Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful. Let's all ensure our young people have the best online experience possible. Tickets are \$10 and are available for [purchase online](#).

NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - Year 10 (and selected Year 11 to 13 students)

A reminder to parents of students in Year 10 that a number of Year 10 students will be sitting the new NCEA Literacy and Numeracy online testing this term.. The testing will take place across two days, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd November. These assessments are corequisites to students gaining the NCEA qualification and the Year 11 Diploma in 2024. Students will need a fully charged laptop and charger (not a tablet or ipad) for each day as well as their [NZQA Login details](#) (which they have already received earlier this year). The expected completion time for each assessment, as recommended by NZQA, is one hour. Students will return to normal timetabled classes as they finish.

- Year 10 students can test the readiness of their device for online testing by going to: [check my device](#).

- Students can prepare themselves for what online testing looks like by visiting: [digital exam preparation for students](#).
- Students should bring a calculator for the numeracy test (they will not be able to use the calculator on their laptop).

NCEA Final Exams

NCEA and Scholarship exams begin on November the 6th. Every student will be issued an exam slip in week 4 just prior to exams beginning. Students must bring this exam slip to every exam for identification and attendance purposes. All normal school expectations apply, such as wearing the correct uniform.

NCEA Exam expectations:

1. Be at your exam venue at least 30 minutes before the start of your exam.
2. Follow the instructions of the exam supervisor at all times.
3. Ensure you have all equipment required for your exam e.g. calculator. Equipment cannot be shared between students.
4. Cellphones and smartwatches must be in your bag and turned off or on silent during the examination.
5. You may not leave the exam room for any reason, this includes toilet breaks, during the first 45 minutes or the last 15 minutes of the exam.
6. You cannot talk to, disturb, or communicate in any way with other students.
7. Bring your exam admission slip to each exam and place it face up on your desk.
8. For exams in the auditorium, you must sit in your designated row.

Attendance in classes right up until the exams begin is vital, as the material being covered in classes will be closely aligned to that of the examination content.

We wish all students the very best with their upcoming exams.

Course Consultation for Year 11 and 12

Year 11 and 12 students should have made their subjects selections for 2024. Students will receive individual course counselling advice from their Dean on either Wednesday the 18th or Thursday the 19th of October.

Uniform

Year 10 will require a senior uniform as they enter Year 11 in 2024. Our Uniform Shop fitting booking website is open now for both Seniors and Juniors, please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz code **we2cg**, you may experience a queue if you arrive without a booking during this busy time.

We are open 9th, 15th and 16th December 2023, 9am to 5pm, and then from Monday 15 January 2024 9am to 5pm with Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday late nights available. Please visit the school website for details.

To assist our school community our shop will be open daily from 30 January 2024, visit our school website page <https://www.rangitoto.school.nz/uniforms/>.

Our **Parent Teacher Association** welcomes school uniform items for donation or sale on behalf. You can view Summer opening hours on their website [Second Hand Uniform Shop | Rangitoto College](#).

Kind regards,



Patrick Gale

Principal