

Friday 23rd February 2024

Rangitoto College Week 4 Term 1 Newsletter 2024

Upcoming Community Dates

Important Community Information	Date
Year 9 Kotahitanga Day	Monday 26 February
Year 12 and Year 13 Parent Information Evening	Thursday 29 February
Scholarship Information Evening	Wednesday 13 March

Principal Update

With all major 2023 exam results now released, we are delighted to report on the continued high rates of academic achievement by Rangitoto College students. Our strong set of NCEA grades highlights the exceptional results that our students achieve when compared to similar schools. NCEA Excellence endorsement results placed us as a leading school in New Zealand. At Level 1, our students gained 43% Excellence endorsements (compared to 30% in similar socio economic schools), at Level 2 39% Excellence v 25%, Level 3 28% v 21%. Our International Baccalaureate and Scholarship results were equally impressive - more on these below. My congratulations to all students on these results, we look forward to our 2024 cohort emulating these achievements.

International Baccalaureate Diploma results

The International Baccalaureate class of 2023 has once again produced some outstanding academic results. Three Rangitoto College students were awarded Top Scholar status, William Li with an IB43, Martin Leung with an IB42 and Kevin Chen with an IB41. 92% of the IB cohort passed the Diploma; the two students who just fell slightly short and resitting some of their examination in May. One pleasing aspect is the increasing number of IB students gaining a prestigious bi-lingual Diploma; 38% from the 2023 cohort. Rangitoto College's school average of IB35 is significantly higher than the global November average of IB29, indicating that our staff and students are performing exceptionally well in this programme. In 2024, the Year 12 cohort increased to over 80 students, many joining Rangitoto College, from Auckland, New Zealand and abroad, for the sole purpose of achieving the IB Diploma. We are pleased and excited about our IB successes and also with the growth of this programme.

Scholarship results

Once again, our students gained some outstanding results in the 2023 NZQA Scholarship exams and portfolio submissions. 466 students across years 10 -13 entered 966 Scholarship exams. Our students gained 203 Scholarship passes across 125 students, with 12 at the outstanding level. In Year 10, Gwang Ho Kim and Jaylen Ling gained Calculus passes, an exceptional achievement for these two students. Seven Year 11 students, and 39 Year 12 students gained passes, with 77 students in Year 13 gaining 136 passes. Five students gained NZQA Outstanding Scholars awards for results that place them within the top 50 students in the country; John Cai and Lianne Kim in Year 12 and Kevin Huang, Feifei Sun and Johnathon Sun in Year 13. Sebastian Camus gained the top mark in the country for the Spanish exam and will be heading to Wellington to receive his award at Parliament in May. Jonathan Sun our Year 13 Dux gained a total of 10 scholarships and is now heading off to Cambridge University after receiving an unconditional offer from them. We are very proud of all of our students who participated in the Scholarship exams and look forward to once again running a 2024 programme that enables our students to achieve at the highest level.

Scholarship Information Evening

The College will be holding an NZQA Scholarship Examination information evening on Wednesday the 13th of March, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Rangitoto College students have a proud history of success in these end of year exams, with students across all year levels becoming increasingly more involved. This evening would suit both parents and students from Year 9 to 13 who want to begin planning and preparing for Scholarship pathways across the 28 subjects we offer. While these exams require an academic mindset, students who show a genuine passion and interest for any subject, with the right

level of preparation, can be successful in the exams. The evening will feature an overview of 'Scholarship at Rangitoto', how junior students can get involved, the benefits of preparing and sitting the exams, as well as insights from staff and a range of current and ex students who have been involved in the Scholarship programme. We hope to see you there.

Rangitoto Golf Day

We are gearing up for yet another successful Golf Day Fundraiser on Friday 5 April at Pupuke Golf Club. We would love your help to raise funds for our Performing Arts Department to upgrade stage and lighting facilities, and to support our students in need. All levels of golf skills are welcome! You can register yourself for \$150 or a team of four for \$600 – this includes 18 holes of golf (Ambrose/shotgun start), food and beverages throughout the day followed by food platters, auctions and prizes in the clubhouse after.

Business owners – make the most of this awesome opportunity to market your business to a captive audience by sponsoring a hole for \$1,000 (you can market and manage your hole however you like with a gazebo, flyers, business cards, set up a challenge for each player, etc).

** If you're unable to play, donations of any kind would be much appreciated.

TO REGISTER YOURSELF, YOUR TEAM, SPONSOR A HOLE OR DONATE, please visit this link:

<https://community.rangitoto.school.nz/event/GolfDay>

Any questions, please email communityrelations@rangitoto.school.nz

Welcome to Ray White - new sponsors of our Rugby Programme

We are excited to announce that Ray White Mairangi Bay has become the major sponsor of our 1st XV Rugby team this year. Shane Coote and Kris Cunningham are both involved in East Coast Bays Rugby Club and are well-known locals in the area. Along with Rugby, Ray White Mairangi Bay has proudly sponsored our Premier Football and Hockey teams for the last two years. We are grateful to have them supporting Rangitoto and we look forward to a great sporting year ahead.

Opportunity - International Student Host Families

Host Families Needed



Rangitoto College

BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Take a leap and host an international student. Be part of an unforgettable experience, make connections of a life time by inviting our wonderful students into your home.

Contact Ashleigh for more information

Remuneration is \$380 per week for students 14 years old and older, and \$400 per week for students under 14 years old.

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Kind regards,



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