

Friday 7th June 2024

## Rangitoto College Week 6 Term 2 Newsletter 2024

### Upcoming Community Dates

Important Community Information	Date
Korean Night	Friday 7th June
Year 12 Ball	Friday 21st June
Chinese Night	Thursday 27th June
Matariki	Friday 28 June <b>School Closed</b>

### Principal Update

I hope that you were all able to enjoy the beautiful weather over the King's birthday long weekend. Having returned from a New Zealand Principals Conference last week, it is clear that we are well on track to meet the Minister of Education's six priorities in education. The focus on structured literacy and improved mathematics teaching is long overdue, as is the prioritisation of a knowledge-rich curriculum that we have been working on at Rangitoto College for the past 4 years.

Following a review of the uniform community consultation results at the School Board meeting last week, I am pleased to be able to pass on the decisions regarding changes to uniform rules.

- 1) Junior students in Years 9 and 10 can wear Rangitoto College long trousers
- 2) Students are able to wear 2 earrings in each ear, either studs (silver, gold, small stone) or small hoops of less than 1cm in diameter and 3mm in width, without any embellishments such as diamantes or charms that hang off the hoop.
- 3) **Black** sandals with two buckle straps that cross the front of the foot (no heel straps) can now be worn with skirts and shorts (not to be worn with long trousers and not with socks). Sandals can be worn year-round if desired. Sandals must mirror this design:



- 4) The current junior skirt is to remain in place for years 9 and 10.

These changes come into immediate effect, with the school uniform shop now bringing in stock to meet new demands for those students who wish to take advantage of the changes.

### Homework

Thank you to the community members who have already completed the homework survey; it is important for us to collect as many stakeholder voices as possible to inform our thinking. If you have not provided your opinions and suggestions yet and would like to, please complete the short survey below.

[Google form](#)

### Read Theory Launched for Junior Students

Rangitoto College is happy to announce the launch of premium Read Theory for all Junior students in the Kura. During Year 10, all students will sit a Literacy assessment that will test their reading and writing skills. While students have been preparing for this test throughout their whole schooling in New Zealand, we also want to provide as many additional opportunities for students to experience success as we can. To this end, in their tutor classes, at least once a week, all junior students will spend some time using the Read Theory programme. They can also access this programme at home for additional support if they need it.

Read Theory is an online tool that provides short texts accompanied by reading comprehension questions. The power of this tool is that it is able to judge the level that the student is currently reading at provide texts and questions to match that level, and provide the right amount of challenge to develop their reading comprehension skills.

Students can access Read Theory at any time by going to [readtheory.org](http://readtheory.org) and signing in using their Rangitoto school email address.

In addition to using Read Theory regularly, you can also support your child's literacy development by encouraging them to read for pleasure regularly. Texts do not have to be particularly challenging or written in English for young people to benefit from regular reading, so I encourage you to explore what suits your young person's interests and needs. Literacy is the key to success in many avenues of academic life and career pathways, so the more we can encourage our young people to develop their literacy skills the better for their futures.

### Vacancy - School Curriculum Administrator

We are looking for a school curriculum administrator. The primary purpose of this position is to maintain and update student curriculum entries in our Student Management System. While an understanding of the NCEA would be advantageous, training and support is provided for this role. If this sounds like you and you enjoy being fully engaged in a high-stakes administrator role, please check out the vacancy [here](#).

### Dental Planet

We continue our partnership with Dental Planet to provide free dental services to our students. Mobile units will be on-site during the Term 2 holiday. If your child is not currently receiving regular dental checkups and treatment we would encourage you to seriously consider this opportunity. You will find further information and an [enrolment link here](#). Dental Planet will provide booking information by email to those students who are already enrolled.

Kind regards,



Patrick Gale  
Principal