

Rangitoto College Term 4 Newsletter 2024

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Important Community Information	Date
IB Exam results Released	Dec 16
NCEA Results Released	Jan 15
Year 11 (2024) Diploma Prizegiving	Feb 10
NZQA Scholarship Results Released	Feb 11

Principal Update

The school has been alive with festive activity as term 4 winds up. We were delighted to be invited to join the residents of the Knightsbridge (Aviva) village to acknowledge the strength of the partnership that our communities are forging. Students have been exceptional ambassadors for the College, involving themselves in a range of performances, IT support, oral history collation and environmental causes. We look forward to strengthening our connections in 2025. Thank you to all year 9 and 10 families who contributed to the foodbank collection for Windsor Park distribution. We hope to have provided food packs for over 200 families in need over the Xmas period. Congratulations to the Junior Premier Girls waterpolo team for their exceptional gold medal victory at the North Island championships. Well done to Rose Tindall and Emily Armes for being named MVP and MVP Goalkeeper.

With the school year drawing to a close, this edition of the newsletter looks ahead to 2025, with a range of information relevant to ensuring your child has a smooth start the year included.

Literacy and Numeracy results

You may have seen recent media coverage of the national literacy and numeracy test results last week. We are really pleased with the performance of our students and after testing nearly all of our Year 10 students this year, we have seen increases over the last 12 months in all three of the assessment pass rates; reading up 3% to 84%, writing up 13% to 81% and numeracy up 2% to 86%. National average pass rates for reading (70%) and writing (66%) have seen small improvements, while there has been a significant drop in the national numeracy pass rate, dropping 7%, to 55%. One of our target areas in 2025 is to provide additional support to our ESOL students. To achieve this, we are in the process of developing a range of new courses where literacy and numeracy improvement is the focus.

PCSchool Parent Portal Notification

To begin 2025, the school will be moving to solely using the PCSchool Parent Portal through PCSchool and no longer have the PCSchool App in operation. The PCSchool App is no longer supported and has poor functionality compared to the PCSchool Parent Portal, hence the reason to remove the App from January 1, 2025.

We would remind parents who have previously used the App for [absence notifications](#) to transition to using the Parent Portal. The Parent Portal can be accessed using a mobile phone or appropriate device and the process for absence notification is the same as in the PCSchool App. Indicating the reason in writing for absence is important to ensure we can code this against MOE attendance codes. Some other features in the PCSchool Parent Portal (e.g. attendance records and live reporting) are designed to be viewed on a larger device.

Please refer to this [link](#) for images of the PCSchool Parent Portal for absence notification.

Homework

The school has recently refined its guidelines regarding homework, centering around the elements of intentionality, feedback, communication, amount, due date, and personal responsibility. We are adopting a schoolwide approach to use homework to its fullest potential and achieve consistency across the College. Specific information from teachers will be forthcoming at the beginning of next year, including how best to support your child.

Year 10 - 13 NCEA Literacy and Numeracy results available

Results from the September literacy and numeracy NCEA testing were recently released. Students can view their results through the PC School (FACTS), student information - results - click on: 'Level 1' section, as well as on their school report and also through their NZQA learner login. Unsuccessful students can access a feedback form via their learner login, which

outlines the specific areas where they did not meet the standard. Students will get another testing opportunity in term one 2025.

NCEA Results Release - January 15th

NCEA results will be available on January 15th via [student learner logins on the NZQA website](#). A small number of students may be required to come back to school for one or more days, between January 20 and 27 to sit additional assessments at Level 2 and 3 NCEA to meet NCEA qualification requirements. Parents and students of these students will be contacted in this case.

Scholarship results are released on February 11th.

Scholarship and Top Scholars Prize Giving 2025

On February 20th we will be hosting an evening prize giving for all of our successful Scholarship exam recipients as well as our top 25 Year 11 Diploma, NCEA Level 2 and IB 40+ students. Invitations for parents and students will go out early in term one.

2025 Sport Performance Academy

Registrations of interest for our 2025 Sports Performance Academy programmes (SPA Blue, Basketball, Football, Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Volleyball, Girls Cricket) are now open for students in Years 9 and 10. Full details can be found [here](#).

Do you have your Rangitoto College uniforms for 2025? Our Bookings are now open for December and January.

Please book your appointments online.

BOOK: schoolinterviews.co.nz

CODE: **u89u4**

2nd Hand Uniform Shop by the PTA - Summer Sales

The shop will be open from 11.00am - 3.00pm on the following dates:

- 2024 - Fri 13 Dec, Sun 15 Dec
- 2025 - Fri 17 Jan, Sun 19 Jan, Fri 24 Jan

Do you have Rangitoto school uniforms you no longer need?

Consider donating your uniforms to the PTA's second-hand uniform shop. The shop's proceeds help support the college, and we also sell uniforms on your behalf. All uniforms should be in clean, saleable condition.

For more information email uniformshop.rangitotocollege@gmail.com

Finance Information for Parents 2025

DONATIONS (Tax Credits can be claimed) - Parent Donation for one student \$450 and second student \$300. A total of \$750 per family with 2 or more children. Sports, Performing Arts & Environment Donation \$50 each.

START OF YEAR - From December 2024 to February 2025 Stationery, Course Related Costs, Student ID Cards, and Donations can be paid via MySchool OfficeMax online: <https://www.myschool.co.nz/rangitoto>

Once student timetables are finalised from late February 2025 onwards, payments can be made on the Rangitoto College website www.rangitoto.school.nz by selecting PARENT PORTAL. Sign in using your Username and Password which will be issued to new families at the start of the year. Existing families will use the same Username and Password.

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OPTIONS

- All major banks have the Rangitoto College ASB Bank Account as a preferred payee (Reference: Student Name, Student ID Number / Family Code & Description)
- Finance Office Window (open term time only)
- Payment Plan – regular payments can be arranged: please email accounts@rangitoto.school.nz

Sports, Music & EXTRA-CURRICULAR costs –

These should not be paid to the Coach, Manager or Teacher. All payments should be made via the Parent Portal, Bank Account or at the Finance Office Window.

UNIFORM SHOP – purchases are paid for at the uniform shop.

Second-hand uniforms – purchases are paid for at the second-hand uniform shop (run by the PTA)

TUCK SHOP – purchases are paid directly to the tuck shop staff.

2025 Start Dates

Friday 24 January

Student course confirmation and issues are available on RangiNet for returning students in Years 10 - 13.

10.00 am - 2.00 pm - course consultation with HODs and Deans for students with course issues.

Wednesday 29 January

The Lower Tuckshop will be open during breaks.

- Year 9 and new students Y10 - 13 mihi whakatau (9am - 10am)
- Year 9 Orientation Day with Peer Support Leaders (10am - 3.20pm)
- New students Y10 - 13 orientation (10am - 1pm)

Thursday 30 January

First day for returning students in Years 10 - 13. Start times for each level are staggered.

The Upper Tuckshop will be open from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm.

Start time	Assembly	Tutor
Year 9 9:00am		9.00am - 1.00pm (with lunch)
Year 10 9:00am	9.00am	10.00am - 11.00am 12.00pm - 1.00pm
Year 11 10:00am	10.00am	10.45am - 12.00pm
Year 12 10:45am	10.45am	11.30am - 1.00pm
Year 13 11:30am	11.30am	12.15pm - 1.00pm

Buses

Full bus services for the start of 2025 will be available from Wednesday 29th January. Please refer to our website for services available.

I wish you and your families the best over the summer break.

Kind regards,



Patrick Gale
Principal