

Rangitoto College Term 1 Newsletter 2025

Friday 21 March 2025

Important Community Information	Date
Road to Resilience Year 9 Parent Presentation	Wednesday 26 March
Rangitoto Golf Day Fundraiser	Friday 4 April

Principal Update

Many Rangitoto students are now actively involved in our 2025 extracurricular programme. 110 service, club and activity groups are growing in their range and diversity (up from 75 in 2024). Our Performing Arts programme has 900 performers involved in 58 groups and our Sports numbers continue to flourish, with over 2200 players signed up for the upcoming winter season. With our desire to ensure as many students as possible have an extracurricular activity to involve themselves in, we are asking that any parent or community member who can help support a group or team as a coach, manager/organiser or sponsor contacts the relevant person below:

For Sport: Director of Sport: ryan.borthwick@rangitoto.school.nz
For Performing Arts: PA Coordinator: sarah.mcconnell@rangitoto.school.nz
For Service, Clubs and Activities: Deputy Principal: james.searle@rangitoto.school.nz

The value of extracurricular activity is hugely important, enabling our students to thrive by encouraging them to find a passion, grow confidence and develop a friendship network that often lasts well beyond school. This sits alongside the social and health benefits associated with positive activity. Any support that our community can assist with is very much appreciated - it takes a village to raise a child! We will endeavour to provide you with the guidance and structures needed so that you find enjoyment and fulfilment in your contribution.

The school's opportunities mean that demand for places at the College is at an all-time high. Please see the attached letter for information on enrolment decisions for 2026 that the Board has been required to make due to the extreme school roll pressure that Rangitoto continues to experience. This information is crucial to any family with a son or daughter currently studying in Year 8.

Year 9 Kotahitanga Day

Year 9 Kotahitanga Day was a resounding success this year. Year 9 students attended school in their house colours of red, white and blue, and competed with their tutor class in a range of exciting games, all to build kotahitanga (unity) and whanaungatanga (connection). Congratulations to Mr Singh's tutor classes, Red House, for winning the competition. Year 9 have made a wonderful start to their time at the college and we are looking forward to seeing their continued success and growth over this year, and the years to come. Make sure you read the next issue of Vista for more insights into Kotahitanga Day, including a celebration of students who won spot prizes for representing our school values, and many more photos.



Road to Resilience - Success Integrated Parent Presentation

Rangitoto College is excited to welcome back one of Oceania's foremost educational speakers and the founding director of Success Integrated, Darren Pereira.

On Wednesday, March 26th, Darren will present to parents of Year 9 students at 7pm in the school's auditorium. Over the past two years, we have had a capacity crowd attend this highly successful and informative parent presentation and have felt compelled to bring Darren back to support our community. There is no cost to attend the presentation but parents are asked to book a ticket to ensure we do not breach capacity in the auditorium. Tickets can be booked [here](#).

Free "Teach Your Teenager to Drive" Parent Evening

Wednesday 26th March, 5.45 – 7.00 pm 44 Northcote Road, Takapuna Cricket Club.

This practical workshop which updates parents on the latest research and road safety approaches, outlines some of the conversations and strategies our facilitators share with their teens at Ryda (our youth programme running in local high schools) and gives them an opportunity to ask questions and get advice from the experts.

Please click [HERE](#) to register.

Dental Planet - Term 1 Visit

We continue our partnership with Dental Planet to provide free dental services to our students. Mobile units will be on-site during the last two weeks of this term and during the Term 1 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 an enrollment link [here](#). Dental Planet will provide booking information by email to those students who are already enrolled.

Golf Day Fundraiser 2025

We have our annual **Golf Day Fundraiser** on **Friday 4 April** at **Pupuke Golf Club**. We are raising funds for our Tech Department and to support our students experiencing financial burdens.

We invite you to join us by either entering a team, entering as an individual player, sponsoring a hole or donating towards our prize pool.

Team entries are filling up fast with only a few spaces left so don't delay!



If you would like to promote your businesses at this event you can sponsor a hole, display your branding and connect with our Rangitoto community on the day. Your logo will be included in all socials relating to this event.

For more details on how to register, sponsor or donate, please visit: <https://community.rangitoto.school.nz/event/GolfDay>
If you would like to get in touch or have more questions, you can email our Community Relations Team at communityrelations@rangitoto.school.nz

Scholarship Information Evening

We had a very strong turnout of over 450 parents and students to our 2025 Scholarship information evening. We heard from students and staff about the range of subjects on offer and some tips and tricks for students on how to perform at the highest level. This was a great evening and another chance to celebrate the 324 scholarship passes our students gained in 2024.

Students who want to get involved in our scholarship programmes can find out more about specific subjects; when they begin their preparation programmes and who to see by accessing our FAQ and staff contact document on Ranginet under the students and caregiver section.

Special Assemblies for Term 1

To conclude an excellent start to the academic year the College will once again host a series of special assemblies after the term. Special Assemblies celebrate students who have achieved their excellence in the term, with seniors being celebrated for the academia in each subject, and juniors for their commitment to the College values across their multiple subjects. Special Assemblies for year levels will be held at the following times. Students who are prizewinners will be notified in Week 9, and whanau will receive invites to attend.

- Year 10- Tuesday 8th April, 9am
- Year 11- Wednesday 9th April, 9am
- Year 9 – Wednesday 9th April, 11:30am
- Year 12- Thursday 10th April, 9am
- Year 13- Friday 11th April, 9am

Student Reports Year 9 to 13

Parents and students can view student reports on PC School (FACTS) at any time as our reporting system is 'live'. As assessments are completed and grades entered by staff, these will populate throughout the year within a students report. By the end of week 8 March 21st, every senior student should have an assessment entry for each subject. This might be from a practice assessment leading towards a final NCEA or Diploma assessment or maybe a final assessment worth credits. Please see pages two and three of your child's report for a guide to unpacking the report information. All students (Year 9 to 13) will have learning dispositions entered by early week 11 (April 8), with Year 9 students also receiving a tutor teacher comment.

Kind regards,



Patrick Gale
Principal