

Rangitoto College Term 1 Newsletter 2025

7 March 2025

Important Community Information	Date
Scholarship Information Evening	Wednesday 12 March 6:30pm
Māori and Pacifica whānau hui (Location: Rangitoto Centre)	Thursday 13 March 6.00 - 8.00pm
Kotahitanga Day	Monday 17 March

Principal Update

Academic programmes are fully underway, with senior students during their first NCEA internal assessments, IB students progressing their Extended Essays and junior students undertaking formative assessments. Starting strong, building confidence and routines that support learning in both school and at home are conversations that we hope all our families are engaging in. From my own experience as a parent, continuing supportive conversations about school work and progress is exceptionally important regardless of a student's age. One of the challenges facing schools at present is the impact of AI, with adjustments to assessment conditions necessary to ensure authenticity, rigour and critical thinking. Equally, we understand that AI will be an influential part of students' lives moving forward, therefore finding ways to harness the power of AI in a positive manner that promotes integrity is an important consideration for schools and wider society. The ever-evolving landscape of AI adds complexity and is something we are seeking to develop a school-wide set of principles on to guide our use moving forward.

Waka Ama

Rangitoto College has partnered with the Takapuna Taniwha Waka Ama club this year, and it was wonderful to see three crews compete in the Auckland Secondary Schools on Saturday 1st March. All crews were in the novice section; for paddlers new to the sport. Our boys' team secured a silver medal in the novice championship race, in a photo finish. Our girls' team won the novice plate race, showing grit and determination in a closely contested race, and our mixed team were 4th in the novice championship final. It was fantastic to see so many whanau members at the regatta, supporting our rangatahi.



Kotahitanga Day

Kotahitanga Day was unfortunately postponed last week due to the weather. The new date is Monday 17 March. Students should come to school in non-uniform in their house colour. Students should leave their devices and books at home, and bring sunblock, a hat, a water bottle and their morning tea and lunch, as Year 9's break times will be different from usual so they will not have access to the tuck shop.

We are looking forward to building kotahitanga (unity) and school spirit on this day, and to students creating bonds and lasting memories with their tutor classes.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop now has stocks of boys' merino socks. Please come down to the Uniform Shop to get your socks. These can be obtained from the Uniform Shop. See the link for shop hours [opening hours](#).

Les Miserables



Rangitoto College's Performing Arts department is delighted to bring the much-loved musical Les Misérables to the stage at the start of April. Cast and orchestra rehearsals are well underway, set pieces and costumes are being created, sound and lighting are being designed, and tickets are now on sale!

It's going to be an EPIC show and with only 4 performances we expect it will be a sellout season!

Performances are listed below.

7pm Thursday 3 April

7pm Friday 4 April

2pm Saturday 5 April

7pm Saturday 5 April

Tickets are available at the Finance Window or online at Trybooking.com

\$20 - students/staff/seniors

\$28 - adults

Kind regards,

Patrick Gale
Principal