

Rangitoto College Term 1 Newsletter 2025

4 April 2025

Important Community Information	Date
Les Miserables	3 - 5 April 2025 Auditorium 7.00pm
Relay for Life	5 April 2025 AUT Millennium 10.00am - 10.00pm
Year 10 Special Assembly	8 April 2025 Auditorium 9.00am
Year 11 Special Assembly	9 April 2025 Auditorium 9.00am
Year 9 Special Assembly	9 April 2025 Auditorium 11.30am
Year 12 Special Assembly	10 April 2025 Auditorium 9.00am
Year 13 Special Assembly	11 April 2025 Auditorium 9.00am
Term 1 ends	11 April 2025 3:20pm
Term 2 begins	28 April 2025 8:40am
Parent Teacher Interviews	8 & 14 May 2025 2.30pm - 7.15pm

Principal Update

Many students have been involved in co-curricular activities in the past week. In the Arts, our musical production of Les Misérables is underway. It is a truly spectacular performance that highlights the exceptional talents of the cast, crew and orchestra. Relay for Life takes place tomorrow, and record numbers have signed up to raise money for the Cancer Society. With service leadership a key part of our Rangitoto Diploma programmes, it has been gratifying to see the range of charitable and environmental involvements that students are getting themselves in for the benefit of our community.

Congratulations to all of our athletes who competed during the summer tournament week. Particular accolades go to our premier volleyball teams, who both won silver medals at the Nationals, another exceptional achievement from a programme that continues to excel. Water polo premier teams made the North Island medal playoffs, with the Girls gaining silver in the final against a very strong St Cuthberts team. Our 3x3 basketball teams competed in the Auckland championships, with the girls winning gold. A special commendation to our girls' cricket team, who lost in the Auckland final, battling for a place in the national top 4 competition. This caps off a great season with the team overcoming several teams in the division above them en route to the final. Our sailors continued their fine form with a comprehensive victory in the North of the Bridge regatta, winning 19 out of 20 races.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Rangitoto College's Parent Teacher Interviews are being held next term on Thursday, 8 and Wednesday, 14 of May. These are a great opportunity for you to speak directly with your child's teachers and receive feedback to help support academic success. Please see these [instructions](#) on how to make bookings.

Parking is limited, so please arrive in the evening with plenty of time to find a carpark and walk to the college.

Some parking will be available off Graham Collins Drive, and there will be a limited amount in the top car park of the college (off East Coast Road). Please note the car park off Graham Collins Drive will be the closest to the rooms being used.

Windsor Park Trust has generously allowed college families to use their car parks on both evenings. Please enter and exit the carpark at East Coast Road (East Coast Bays Rugby Club) entrance. Please also note that parking is not permitted in Windsor Park's carpark outside of the Parent Teacher Interviews evenings.

Student Absence Notifications

With the change in weather and subsequent illness, which may result, we would ask parents to communicate any absence on the day through their parent portal absence feature. Winter flu jabs are available in the community for those families wishing to have them. Further to this, we would also ask that if any student contracts an infectious disease, parents notify public health and the school. This [link](#) gives information and guidance from Te Whatu Ora on infectious diseases, which may be helpful.

A reminder that your child should not have access to a parent's login details as this may compromise the integrity of absence notifications. We have had occurrences where students have used their parents' login details to excuse unjustified absence without parents' knowledge, which is unacceptable from a school perspective.

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 student's 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 may be 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.

Classical Studies Trip - Italy & Greece

37 students and four staff members are heading away these holidays on a Classical Studies trip to Italy and Greece. We wish them well on this exciting adventure. While there, they will visit many key historical sites across Rome, Florence, Sorrento and Athens. Many students have worked hard to fundraise for this opportunity, and they will be able to use this experience not only to support their Classics classes this year, but also to deepen their understanding of Classical Studies in the 'real world.' Students depart on Thursday, 10 April and return on Saturday, 26 April.

Tertiary Overview Visits: Term 2/Week 1 Period 4 in the Auditorium

Various Universities and the NZ Defence Force will provide overview presentations to students at the start of Term 2. Recruitment Advisors from each University will discuss the experience of studying at each University and essential information for students to consider before deciding on their future education. (Year 13 Students only).

Parents of Year 13 students, please encourage your child to attend any visits of interest and keep an eye on the daily notices for further information.

E-Waste Collection - Saturday 12 April

We have teamed up with Echotech to provide the opportunity for electronic waste drop-off in our lower car park (Graham Collins Drive entrance) on Saturday, 12 April, from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Full details can be found [here](#).

Kind regards,



Patrick Gale
Principal