

# Rangitoto College Term 2 Newsletter 2025

**7 May 2025**

Important Community Information	Date
Parent Teacher Interviews	Thursday 8 May & Wednesday 14 May
Pink Shirt Day/Mental Health Foundation (Non-Uniform Day)	Friday 16 May
Brett Harvey Taina Korero Parent Presentation	Wednesday 28 May
Chinese Night	Friday 30 May

## Principal Update

With a busy start to school activities in Term 2, we are sending this newsletter out a few days earlier than normal to provide information about the Parent Teacher Interviews this week. You will see this detail below. Term 2 is a shorter school term with only nine weeks of teaching. We have reiterated to all students the need to manage their time effectively.

The recent holidays saw Rangitoto students gain success across a range of activities, with a number of students being selected for New Zealand representation following their latest achievements on the national stage. I am also extremely proud of the contribution students made to the ANZAC Day commemorations, both the Dawn Service and the Memorial Service.

I have had the privilege this week to attend the Top Scholar Awards Ceremony in Wellington, celebrating New Zealand's highest achieving NZQA Scholarship students. Our very own Lianne Kim was named as a Premier Scholar which places her in the top 12 students in the nation, with ten scholarships in total including seven at outstanding level. Her results were the highlight of a fantastic year of Scholarship results for Rangitoto College, reflecting the dedication and talent of our students and teaching staff.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are on Thursday 8 May and Wednesday 14 May from 2.30 pm to 7.15 pm. We encourage your child to attend these interviews with you. These interviews are a great opportunity to discuss your child's academic achievement with their teachers and their next steps to ensure they are supported to achieve their potential. Each evening, senior staff will be available in E12 for questions, including help with understanding your child's report, how the school's diplomas work, and possible career pathways.

You can make bookings or check your bookings through the Parent Portal. Bookings can be made up until the day of each interview. The exception to this will be on Thursday, 8 May, when the booking system will be temporarily closed, before reopening for further bookings the next day in preparation for Wednesday 14 May.

School will finish both days for all students at 1.35 pm (end of period 4). School buses will continue to run at normal times, departing from 3:20 pm. These buses serve other local schools and are on an external timetable.

Parking is limited, so please arrive with plenty of time to find a carpark and walk to the college if needed. Some parking will be available off Graham Collins Drive, and there will be a limited amount in the top carpark of the college (off East Coast Road). Windsor Park Trust has generously allowed college families to use their carparks on both evenings. Please enter and exit the carpark at the East Coast Road (East Coast Bays Rugby Club) entrance. Please also note that parking is not permitted in Windsor Park's car park outside of the Parent Teacher Interview evenings.

## Parent Support Series

As part of our desire to support the Rangitoto College community, we are providing a parent series on topics which we believe may be beneficial to parents. The series will identify a key consideration for teenagers, along with some practical tips to support parents should you require this. The first of the series is based on sleep, with details found [here](#).

## **Attendance**

School attendance continues to be a government priority, with daily data being collected from schools regarding student attendance.

We would strongly urge parents to consider any missed learning and to prioritise their child's attendance unless there is a very good reason for absence, such as illness, medical reasons or something similar, which is unavoidable.

Parents can continue to track their child's attendance using the PCSchool Parent Portal's live attendance.

Parent Portal access should not be shared with your child, as this can compromise the integrity of attendance reporting. Please, under no circumstances, share your password with your child.

At Rangitoto College, we also use school attendance as a means of allowing student involvement in extracurricular activities, along with opportunities such as attending the school ball. It is important for our students to understand that poor attendance will impact opportunities and academic outcomes.

## **Sport Success**

In recent weeks, our school sports teams have delivered standout performances, and we have also had excellent individual performances. Our sailing team finished 5th at the National Championships, and the girls' 3x3 basketball team finished 4th at Nationals in a highly competitive competition. Their fast-paced, coordinated play showed their growth and potential, making them a team to watch as the basketball season commences.

We have had a number of students who have achieved great results in their individual sports. Congratulations go to Cooper Coulter in Year 9, who has recently competed at the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships, where he set seven national records for the 13-year-old category. We also celebrate Chloe Turner and Arran Begic, who have been selected to compete at the ILCA Youth World Championships later this year in the USA. We have also had Yanxi Liu winning multiple gold medals at the U19 North Island Championship. We also want to acknowledge Nina Li and Katya Adaikin, who won a gold medal at the 2025 Hancock Prospecting Artistic Swimming Australian Open Nationals in the Junior Women Tech Duet Category.

Water Polo National Championships were also held over the school holidays, with four teams representing the college across two divisions. In Division 2, our boys team finished 4th after a strong showing at North Islands, where they placed 3rd, and our girls team finished 10th. In Division 1, our girls team had a great run of results before losing out to Saint Cuthbert's in a close semi-final and took home a bronze medal. Our boys team was able to cap off a memorable week for the team in beating Westlake Boys High in a tense final and were crowned National Champions.

With our summer sports coming to a close, thank you to all our parents and whānau who have supported these athletes throughout the season, which has been a success. We now turn our attention to winter sport. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please contact the Sport Department.

## **Chemistry Olympiad**

Congratulations to Cael Sia, who has qualified in the top four chemists for his age group and is going to represent New Zealand at the International Chemistry Olympiad in Dubai in July. This is a phenomenal achievement, and we pass on the entire school's congratulations.

## **Students' Reports and the Year 11 Diploma Report**

Student reports are live and can be viewed at any time. Now is a great time to check your child's report for assessments completed across the year so far. Reports for all students are accessible through the Parent Portal and by selecting Rangitoto School Report.

Students in Year 11 have a report format which provides an overview page documenting progress on their Year 11 Rangitoto Diploma award. The report has a parent and student information page, which aims to provide an overview of the various aspects of the report. A good idea would be to bring a copy of your child's report along to the Parent Teacher Interviews this week and next.

Report Description	Actions
Student Profile	 Quick Print
<b>Rangitoto School Report</b>	 Quick Print
School Exam Timetable Report	 Quick Print

### NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Testing Year 11 to 13 students

Literacy and numeracy testing opportunities will take place in week 4 (Term 2) for selected students in Years 11-13 who have not yet attained NCEA numeracy and literacy. Students will be able to check their school exam timetable in FACTS closer to the time for their examination venue. All Year 10 students will be tested in the second-to-last week of Term 3. All students undergoing the testing will need to have an active NZQA login set up. Most Year 11 to 13 students will already have this, and Year 10 students will set these up later in the year. Students in Years 11 to 13 who do not have an NZQA login can set one up by following the instructions [here](#).



### Ray White Mairangi Bay in partnership with Rangitoto College

Kind regards,

Patrick Gale  
Principal