

Rangitoto College Term 2 Newsletter 2025

24 May 2025

Important Community Information	Date
Brett Harvey Parent Presentation	Wednesday 28 May (details below)
Chinese Night	30 May Auditorium 6.00pm
Kings Birthday Public Holiday	2 June SCHOOL CLOSED
Korean Night	6 June Auditorium 6.00pm
Year 12 Ball	13 June

Principal Update

Many thanks to all the parents and students who attended the recent round of parent/teacher interviews. With approximately 14000 individual appointments carried out over two afternoons, it was a great chance to connect and discuss the successes and work on for our students. To further offer connection and relevant information, the school is in the process of offering a Mandarin translated version of our website, with a clickable flag appearing in the bottom right corner of the website to enable this new feature.

Parent Support Series

Rangitoto College is excited to welcome Brett Harvey from Tāima Kōrero to present to our parent community on Wednesday 28th May in the school's auditorium, on the topic of mitigating the harmful effects of pornography.

The prevalence of pornography is spreading rapidly throughout our society, and its long-term effects are yet to be fully understood. However, by equipping parents and young people with effective strategies to work together, we can look to reduce the potentially harmful impact of pornography on young people. Brett will deliver engaging, honest and sensible information on how to talk about pornography with your teenager, and why these conversations need to happen.

We encourage parents of students at any year level to attend this session to support their teenager in safely navigating the digital landscape of online pornography. Tickets are free to the event and can be secured through [this link](#). Ticketing allows us to manage numbers within the auditorium and is limited to our capacity.

Rangitoto College and National Vaping Data

The school continues to educate our students on the health implications of smoking and vaping. Each year, Rangitoto College engages in the national ASH survey for Year 10 students. The most recent data has been received by the College, which does show a gradual decline in vaping amongst our students. The table below gives a snapshot of this data. The 'N' column refers to the number of Year 10 students at Rangitoto College who completed the survey each year. Each category then compares School (Rangitoto College) statistics with National statistics.

Rangitoto College and the ASH Year 10 Snapshot – vaping statistics 2014–2024

Year	N	% Tried vaping		% Regular vaping		% Daily vaping	
		School	National	School	National	School	National
2014	483	23.8	20.8	-	-	-	-
2015			23.0		3.5		1.1
2016	421	21.4	25.0	2.7	4.4	0.5	1.4
2017	425	22.4	29.1	5.2	6.5	1.0	1.9
2018	484	24.4	33.3	5.5	7.4	1.3	1.8
2019	496	22.0	37.3	9.4	12.0	1.4	3.1
2020*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	520	22.1	42.7	8.7	20.2	3.3	9.6
2022	461	23.0	40.1	7.4	18.2	2.8	10.1
2023	564	21.1	37.5	7.8	16.4	4.6	10.0
2024	467	17.3	34.7	6.7	14.1	2.4	8.7

Ever tried: Year 10 students who have ever tried a vape, even just a few puffs
Regular use: Year 10 students who reported vaping daily, weekly, or monthly
Daily use: Year 10 students who reported vaping at least once a day

North Shore Careers Expo

The [North Shore Careers Expo](https://northshorecareerexpo.nz/exhibitors/) is taking place at North Harbour Stadium on **Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th May from 4pm to 7.30pm**. This event provides a valuable opportunity for students who are in the early stages of career exploration to gather insider information and knowledge on tertiary education, industry experts and career pathways. Students have the chance to meet with over 50 different organisations, including Universities, Polytechnics, Tertiary Training Providers and industry representatives from around New Zealand. See the list of exhibitors at <https://northshorecareerexpo.nz/exhibitors/>. All senior students are encouraged to attend with their parents/caregivers.

Kāhui Ako Cultural Exchange

Our Mid-Bays Kāhui Ako is committed to strengthening cultural connections and deepening understanding across our schools, whilst also fostering relationships between older and younger students. In week 3 of this term, our Chinese and Korean cultural groups visited Browns Bay and Pinehill Schools, where they showcased vibrant performances representing their cultural heritage.

The Chinese group performed a traditional circle-fan dance, the elegant sleeve dance, and an impressive diabolo display. The Korean group captivated audiences with dynamic taekwondo demonstrations and the graceful Korean fan dance. The performances were outstanding, and the primary school students were thoroughly engaged and inspired by the talent and energy on display. It was a privilege to witness our students perform with such passion and confidence.

Following the performances, our students stepped into the role of teachers, leading workshops in taekwondo, diabolo, and Chinese and Korean fan dance techniques. All students had the opportunity to try something new and rose to the challenge with enthusiasm.

This was a wonderful opportunity for our Chinese and Korean students to proudly share their cultures and serve as role models within our Kāhui Ako. It also allowed all students to develop a greater appreciation for the richness of these cultural traditions.



Winter Sports Fees

The winter sports season is well underway, and participation is at record levels with over 1 500 students representing the college. The costs involved in running such a programme are significant, and whilst the school makes a substantial investment, we rely heavily on the full payment of sports fees. We ask that outstanding fees be settled immediately, or in the case of genuine hardship, that arrangements are made by emailing the Director of Sport (ryan.borthwick@rangitoto.school.nz).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Gale'.

Patrick Gale
Principal