

Rangitoto College Term 2 Newsletter 2025

25 June 2025

Important Community Information	Date
Last day of Term 2	Friday 27th June
First day of Term 3	Monday 14th July
Year 9 2026 Enrolment Information Evening	Thursday 17th July
Open Day - Enrolments 2026	Friday 18th July
Summit Academy Dinner	Friday 8th August

Principal Update

As we near the end of Term 2, we have had the opportunity to come together as year groups and celebrate the many and diverse successes of our students. Some of the messaging in Special Assemblies has focused on the sentiment of appreciation. I wish to pass on my appreciation to parents and caregivers for your ongoing support of our school community and everything we aim to achieve together. I do hope your child continues to pass on their appreciation to you for everything you do for them.

We have celebrated many community events this term, with last Thursday's Hautapu ceremony a fantastic way to celebrate Matariki before the long weekend. The Hautapu is an opportunity to come together in aroha and unity to honour those we have lost and to release the burdens we no longer need to hold. In a traditional sense, it is an offering to the stars of kai from various food sources. The celebration is not only a remembrance, but also a time to look to the horizon with hope, to reconnect, and to reset.

Year 9 Option Subjects for Terms 3 and 4

Year 9 students will begin their second rotation of option subjects in Term 3, which, for most students, means two of their current subjects will change. Students can check their subjects on the student portal to see what options they are taking in Term 3, and should ensure they have stationery ready for the first day of Term 3. Please note that Digitech is a compulsory half-year course which many students have already completed, and others will complete in Terms 3 and 4. Some students will also be placed in English for Literacy (ENL) for additional support in English and with literacy skills. Parents and caregivers have been notified if their child has been placed in this course, and these changes will go live on the student portal by the end of the holidays.



In Terms 3 and 4, we are also excited to offer Te Ao Haka, a kapa haka course, and Whakairo, Māori carving, as option subjects. These subjects are an exciting opportunity for students to learn about Māori culture in a supportive environment, and no prior knowledge or skills are required. Students should speak to or email their dean if they would like to change their option subjects to pick up Te Ao Haka or Whakairo.

Parent Support Series

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the Rangitoto College community, we are sharing a parent series on topics that we believe may be beneficial. The series aims to identify key considerations for teenagers, along with some practical tips to support parents who may require this assistance. The next in the series is based on building success through routine, with details found [here](#).

Student Leader Events

Term 2 has seen the Student Leaders in the kura run many schoolwide activations for their peers to enjoy. In the past three weeks, we have seen Diversity Week, Arts Week, Kaos, The Chase, Rangi's Got Talent, Samoan Language Week, and many more. A huge thank you to all the staff and students who have been involved in the planning and mahi to bring these events to life, and to the students who have participated in each of these whilst modelling exemplary school values. We look forward to a strong end to the term with the remainder of the Arts Week events, including a living canvas activation, Just Dance, and Library Day.

Reports

Report dispositions have been entered for all students and comments from subject teachers have been populated for students in Year 12 and 13. To access reports, please use the parent portal, then navigate through 'Student Information' - 'Reports' - 'Rangitoto School Report'. Year 11 students will receive a written subject comment in Week 3 of Term 3.

Open Day

The College will be holding its annual Open Day on Friday 18th July for in zone families. There will be two one hour tours around the campus at 9.00am and 2.00pm. Both tours start from the auditorium and finish up in the Rangitoto Centre. We look forward to showcasing to our community the opportunities on offer at Rangitoto College during this day.



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Rangitoto College