

# Rangitoto College Term 3 Newsletter 2025

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Important Community Information	Date
Transitions Meetings for Year 9 students 2026 (bookings required)	Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 August
Pacifica Family Fono	Wednesday 20 August
Entrance Exams (NCEA and IB)	Wednesday 3rd to Friday 12th September
CAA Testing for all Year 10 and selected Year 11 to 13 students	Thursday and Friday 11-12th September

## Principal Update

It has been a big week for education, with the NCEA proposals being headline news. Hopefully parents have had a chance to read the communication sent out earlier in the week explaining the changes and offering you the opportunity to submit your views to the consultation process. I have been encouraged by the reception the proposals have received and hope that consultation offers us a chance to further review and refine the national assessment system. Our community's aspiration for high quality educational outcomes was clearly evident with 280 people attending the Study Skills evening on Thursday.

Board nominations are now closed, with voting papers due to be issued on 13th August.. A reminder that the key governance experience skills that the Board needs to be highly effective are law, finance, strategy, and property, and a clear interest in young people.

## Pedestrian Road Safety Concerns

The College continues to have very serious concerns about the safety of our students when crossing roads on their way to and from school. In the past week, we have once again voiced these concerns to Auckland Transport and the Police, urging them to take immediate action to prioritise solutions. There has been an ongoing decline in driver behaviour, with our East Coast Road crossing at the end of the school day regularly seeing drivers ignore red lights, endangering our students as they cross. Our staff are on duty each day to try and manage the risks, however, the decision making of drivers is beyond our control. We ask you to have conversations with your child, asking them to be exceptionally vigilant while on their way to and from school. Minster Stanford is aware of our concerns and has generated a petition supporting a Rosedale Road pedestrian crossing that can be signed by visiting [www.ericastanfordmp.co.nz/rosedale](http://www.ericastanfordmp.co.nz/rosedale).

## Study Skills Evening - Empowering Students for Exam Success

We had a fantastic turnout for our recent study skills evening, which was designed to help students across all year levels get ready for upcoming assessments. The event focused on equipping students with practical, evidence-based strategies to build confidence and prepare for success in their Junior, Year 11, entrance, and NCEA exams. Attendees learned about several powerful techniques, including the Leitner technique for effective revision, dual coding to connect words and visuals, the Pomodoro method for focused study sessions, and the Cornell method for structured note-taking. Teachers provided subject-specific examples to make these strategies easy to apply in any class. Each family went home with a resource booklet summarising all the key techniques discussed. We also held a specialised session for parents concerned about English language challenges, with resources translated into Korean and Chinese to provide additional support. Thank you to everyone who attended. We're excited to see students apply these valuable skills as they prepare for a successful term ahead. If you were unable to attend, resources are provided on our [Study Skills Website](#).

## In-Zone Enrolments and Transition Meetings

We encourage all in-zone families to enrol students for 2026 as soon as possible. We are holding the first round of Transitions Meetings on Wednesday, 13 August, and Thursday, 14 August, and wish to invite as many incoming students and families as possible. These meetings provide an opportunity to share information about the transition to high school, plan for the supports students may need, and address any questions that students and their families may have about Rangitoto College. We look forward to meeting you all at these meetings.

## CAA Co-requisite literacy and numeracy testing Year 10-13

All Year 10 and selected Year 11-13 students will be involved in the NCEA Literacy & Numeracy common assessment

activity across September 11th-12th (Week 9 Term 3). For students who sat this in May, you can view your results through your [learner login](#) on the NZQA website.

The Literacy & Numeracy CAA (common assessment activity) will test the reading, writing and numeracy knowledge that your child should have acquired between year 7-10 of their schooling. Literacy and numeracy must be gained in order to gain the Year 11 Rangitoto Diploma, as well as any level of the NCEA. The three assessments (reading, writing and numeracy) will take place online, at school, so your child will need an [approved device](#) to successfully complete it. Additionally, a calculator (they can not use the calculator on their device) and ruler will be required for the Numeracy CAA.

Year 10 students will need to set up an NZQA Login prior to the testing day. This slide show will support them to do this.

### **Year 10 Digital Exam Preparation**

Students who are not successful in the testing have further opportunities in Years 11-13. Closer to the testing day, each student will be able to view their venue/time for each test under 'Reports - Student Exam Timetable Report' in their student information section of PC School.

### **Entrance Exams Year 12 and 13:**

Exams for Year 12 and 13 students begin on Wednesday the 3rd of September running through until Friday the 12th of September. All students will receive an individualised timetable that they access through PC School, with their examination room and time. Exam attendance is compulsory. Given the importance of these exams and the opportunity they provide to give students feedback prior to the November NCEA exams, students who do not attend *without a justified reason* will be followed up by a senior staff member (Dean or Senior Leader) and allocated a catch up time. For students in this situation, their exams cannot be used for derived grade purposes.

Students will receive a printed copy of their exam admission slip and timetable in Tutor Period on Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>; they must bring a copy of this with them to each exam, students without their admission slip will not be allowed to enter the examination room. These slips can be reprinted from PC School at any time from week 7 onwards.

Students in Year 12 & 13 only need to attend school for the times they have examinations. Normal school rules around uniform and dress apply. Year 10 or 11 students who have an exam still attend normal classes when they do not have an exam on.

While the entrance exams are running, all Year 9, 10 and 11 classes operate as normal, although room change will occur to accommodate examinations.

### **Scholarship Examination and Portfolio Entry 2025**

We are in the process of officially enrolling students in the 2025 NZQA Scholarship Examinations. We have had a range of guest speakers coming to work with groups of students and our subject specific workshops are continuing to attract strong numbers of students before school, at lunchtimes and after school. Now is the perfect time for students to be working through [past Scholarship Exam papers](#) and working hard to gain a deep understanding of what it takes to get a successful Scholarship pass at both the scholarship, outstanding and 'top in subject' level. Students will have Scholarship exams as part of their entrance exams this term.


### **Pathways Evening for Year 10 & 11 Students/Parents/Caregivers**

**Tuesday 19 August 2025 | 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm | Auditorium**

We warmly invite Year 10 and 11 students and their parents/caregivers to attend our Pathways Evening. This expo-style event is designed to support you in making informed choices about subjects for 2026 and the years ahead.

The evening will feature:

- Subject teachers from all departments are available to discuss subject options and answer your questions.
- Deans, Learning Support, Careers, and IB staff are on hand to assist with any enquiries you may have.



The poster is for a 'PATHWAYS EVENING' for Year 10 & 11 students and parents/caregivers. It features the Rangitoto Careers logo in the top right corner, which includes a stylized '6' and the text 'RANGITOTO CAREERS'. The main text is in blue and red, stating 'YR 10 & 11 STUDENTS & PARENTS/CAREGIVERS' and 'PATHWAYS EVENING'. Below this, the date and time are given: 'Tuesday 19th August 4.30 pm - 7.30 pm'. A red banner with white text says 'Making informed decisions about your subject choices for 2026 and beyond'. At the bottom, a blue banner with white text says 'See your email for an invitation'. The poster also features a graphic of three blue chevrons pointing upwards and a pair of red sneakers at the bottom right.

- Rangitoto Diploma Presentation (for parents/caregivers of current Year 10 students only).
- Subject Selection Presentation (for parents/caregivers of current Year 11 students only).

Please [click here](#) to register your attendance. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

## NCEA Revision Programme

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Our community program aims to help students become better prepared and improve their performance in NCEA exams.

Classes are available across NCEA levels 2 and 3 for **Maths, English, and Science** subjects taught by experienced registered teachers and held at Rangitoto College for students from all schools. Limited spaces are available, so [book today](#).



**NCEA REVISION CLASSES**  
**COST FROM \$35**  
**SMALL CLASS SIZES**  
**TAUGHT BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS**  
**IN TERM 3 HOLIDAYS**  
**FOR STUDENTS FROM ALL SCHOOLS**  
**BOOK ON RANGITOTO COLLEGE WEBSITE**

The graphic features a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue denim shirt, looking thoughtfully upwards with a pen in her mouth. A QR code is visible on the left side of the graphic.

- **NCEA REVISION CLASSES running 30 Sept - 10 Oct**, these classes are content-based and revisit key topics in Mathematics, English, and Science subjects, [Level 2](#) and [Level 3](#)
- **EXAM PREP CLASSES on 19 Oct & 2 Nov** these classes will review questions from past exam papers and improve answers to gain the best possible results in [Level 2](#) and [Level 3](#)

Any questions, email [events@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:events@rangitoto.school.nz)



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