

Rangitoto College Term 3 Newsletter 2025

Friday 22 August 2025

Important Community Information	Date
Shakespeare Co Production: Much Ado About Nothing	26 August Auditorium
Big Sing Finale: Serenata Choir	27 - 31 August Dunedin
Dance NZ Made Regionals	27 August Trusts Arena
Rangitoto Day	29 August SCHOOL CLOSED
Senior exams & CAA literacy and numeracy testing	3 - 12 September
Transition interviews with senior staff	3 September 3.45pm
1990's Reunion	4 September Merchant Pub 6.00pm

Principal Update

As the winter sports season draws to a close, I would like to extend my gratitude to our coaches, managers, match officials, and sideline supporters for their assistance throughout the season. Congratulations to all students who played a sport this season! Your hard work and dedication have been amazing to watch. A special well done to those who have recently achieved great results. We wish all teams competing in Tournament Week the best of luck as they compete in locations across New Zealand next week.

There has been an ongoing debate about educational reforms in New Zealand. At Rangitoto, we are excited by the proposals and see a move towards a knowledge-based curriculum as a significant step in the right direction. Leading educational academic, Professor Carl Hendrick, made this pertinent comment recently about his own children's education:

"Thinking well requires having something to think with. Without background knowledge, there's no basis for inference, no filter for nonsense, no framework for judgment. A mind rich in knowledge isn't weighed down; it's agile. It can evaluate claims, imagine alternatives, and anticipate consequences. That is what I want for my daughters: not just to store facts, but to weave them into an internal framework that guides judgment when the world gets noisy for them."

With a new curriculum that esteems a knowledge-rich approach, there has also been a set of proposals designed to reform NCEA, aiming to improve our secondary assessment system. I encourage you to complete a submission on the proposed NCEA reforms [here](#).

Sport

We're thrilled to announce that Chloe Turner has returned from the USA as the Under-17 World Champion in sailing! After six intense days of racing, she secured the gold medal with an impressive 14-point lead over her nearest competitor.

As the season draws to a close, we would also like to celebrate the recent successes of several of our premier teams. Our Netball team demonstrated incredible determination, fighting until the final minute of their North Harbour championship match to finish as runners-up. The First XV Boys Rugby team also had a successful season, reaching the semi-finals of the 1A competition, while the Premier Girls Rugby team had a strong showing, finishing in the top four of the North Harbour competition.

Both our Premier Girls Basketball and Premier Girls Hockey teams showcased outstanding performance by finishing in the top four of the Auckland Premier competition. Additionally, the Boys Basketball team finished second in the A1 competition, and the Boys Hockey team won their A1 final. Both teams have earned the opportunity to compete for a spot in their respective premier grades next year. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by all our student-athletes and their coaches.

Dental Planet - Term 3 Visit

We continue our partnership with Dental Planet to provide free dental services to our students. A mobile unit will be on-site during the last week of this term and during the Term 3 holiday. If your child is not currently receiving regular dental checkups and treatment, we would encourage you to consider this opportunity seriously. You will find further information and an enrolment link [here](#). Dental Planet will provide booking information by email to those students who are already enrolled.

Year 10-11 Pathways evening

On Tuesday evening, the kura ran a very successful Pathways Evening for whanau and students to learn about the senior options available in the school. This evening had information from all of the curriculum areas in the school, careers information, and also a session on the Year 11 Rangitoto College Diploma. We appreciated how many whanau attended this evening to support the educational journey of their children, and we are thrilled with the collaboration between families and the school to support our students to make informed, intelligent choices for their senior school subjects.

Rangitoto College Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD)

A poster for the 'SAFER PLATES' event. At the top, it says 'SAFER PLATES' in large blue letters. Below this are logos for Rangitoto College and North Shore Neighbourhood Support. In the center is a photo of five people in high-visibility vests standing in front of a car. Below the photo, text explains that stolen number plates are used in crimes like petrol drive-offs, burglaries, and car theft. It lists benefits of installing anti-theft screws: making it harder to steal plates, reducing the risk of being wrongly linked to a crime, and supporting a safer community overall. It says 'ALL WELCOME'. At the bottom, it states the date '20TH SEPTEMBER' from '11AM-1PM' at 'RANGITOTO COLLEGE (BOTTOM CARPARK)' and '21 GRAHAM COLLINS DRIVE ENTRANCE'. It also mentions 'ENTRY FREE - ALL WELCOME' and a '\$4 CASH ONLY' donation. Contact information for the coordinator is at the very bottom.

Rangitoto College Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD), in collaboration with North Shore Neighbourhood Support (NSNS), is bringing the "Safer Plates" event to the school community!

NZ Police and volunteers will replace your car's standard screws with anti-theft screws. This helps prevent number plate theft and keeps your vehicle safer. It happens a lot more often than you think! So, come along and get your number plate secured!

Date: Saturday 20th September 11AM -1PM

Location: Rangitoto College Bottom Carpark
(21 Graham Collins Drive Entrance).

Here is the [Eventbrite link](#) (Safer Plates: NSNS x RC) to sign up! Everyone is welcome!

FYI: This is a \$4 donation event.

Rangitoto College and NZQA seek Examination Invigilators:

We are seeking examination invigilators to assist with our end-of-year school examinations from **November 4th to 28th**.

We welcome applications from people within easy travelling distance to Rangitoto College who possess the following attributes: Good communicators of the English language, calm under pressure, and able to take direction and feedback. You should also enjoy working with students aged 13-18 and be confident using technology.

These are paid roles, with contracts and onboarding (including police vetting) managed by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. For expressions of interest, please send a brief CV to our Examination Centre Manager:

Robyn King: thekings1@xtra.co.nz

Academic Integrity and AI use at Rangitoto College:

The college has recently developed a policy on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The videos below have been put together as a way to help students understand what academic integrity means. These focus specifically on the use of AI and the expectations around where AI can and cannot be used within aspects of teaching and learning programmes at the college.

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