

# Rangitoto College Term 3 Newsletter 2025

25 July 2025

Important Community Information	Date
Pacifica family night	Wednesday 20 August
Year 11&12 precourse consultation	Monday 21 July to Monday 28 July
Year 10 Literacy & Numeracy (CAA Testing)	Thursday 11 September & Friday 12 September

## Principal Update

Last week brought the exciting news that Rangitoto is set to receive 10 new roll-growth classrooms. This is a significant boost for us, providing much-needed certainty over the next 12 months and, hopefully, allowing us to transition out of the 12 temporary classrooms our rapid roll growth has necessitated. We anticipate these new spaces being ready for use sometime in 2026.

The exceptional demand for places at the College was highlighted during our recent Open Week in Week 1. It was wonderful to see so many families eager to secure a spot at Rangitoto, with a growing number planning moves into our zone. A huge thank you to all the student helpers, parent ambassadors, and staff who made the tours and information sessions such a success.

On another important note, you should have all received an email requesting nominations for the upcoming Board elections. We're seeking individuals with expertise in areas such as law, finance, strategy, property, and other relevant governance skills to help guide the College over the next three years. Your input is vital as we begin our strategic consultation with the community. Please take a few moments to complete the parent survey that will be sent out this week; it's crucial for helping us design a plan that truly reflects our community's vision for an excellent education.

## Year 11 & 12 Pre-course consultation

Our pre-course consultation process for Year 11 & Year 12 students will be taking place during Weeks 2 and 3 of this Term. This is not the official subject choice process, but is an opportunity for your child to engage in conversations about their pathway options with each of their teachers ahead of their final course selections for 2026, early in Term 4.

Students will be provided with clear feedback as to where they are at present, teachers will outline course entry requirements, and there will be an opportunity for teachers to explain the different pathways within their department and help guide students with their pathway decisions. Once your child has been through the pre-course consultation process, they will ask you to sign their sheet. This is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and the feedback they have received from their teachers.

We hope you take advantage of this valuable opportunity to discuss options with your son or daughter so that they make informed decisions about their future. Link to subject pathways [here](#).

## Year 10 Literacy and Numeracy Testing (September)

All year 10 students will be participating in the NCEA **CAAs** - Common Assessment Activities for Literacy and Numeracy, during Week 9, September 11th & 12th of Term 3 this year. The assessment presents a valuable opportunity for your child to achieve the necessary Numeracy and Literacy skills required for their future success and to be able to obtain the Year 11 Rangitoto Diploma, as well as any level of the NCEA Qualification.

Please check that your child has created an NZQA login. [Slide with instructions on how to create NZQA login.](#)

Your child will need their NSN number to create the login, and this can be found on PC school (FACTS), where their student details are displayed. Your child can access past online assessments through NZQA once they have created an account. These resources are valuable in helping them prepare for their assessment. It will be an online assessment, done using their device. Please check your child's device readiness/compatibility [here](#) before the assessment in September.

## Holiday Sporting Success

Many sports teams are entering the important part of their seasons and are leading into their respective tournament week events, so we wish them all the best. We would like to acknowledge the following success across New Zealand and overseas.

In badminton, Amy Wang pulled off an amazing triple crown at the U15 national championships, dominating in girls' singles, girls' doubles, and mixed doubles. Yanxi Liu also brought home the gold, helping the North Harbour team to victory at the NZ Junior team championships and securing national U19 titles in mixed doubles and women's doubles. Not to be outdone, Vincent Xu grabbed gold in the U15 mixed doubles at the NZ junior team champs.

Our artistic swimmers have been making a splash! Phoebe Suo Liu put on an incredible display at the International Opens, finishing 1st in routine and 4th overall, plus nabbing 3rd place in the youth mixed duet. Phoebe and Cynthia Suo Liu also teamed up for a strong 5th place finish in the youth women's duet event.

On the water, Joe Leith steered his way to be the highest placed International Team 29er European Championships, helping his team to an 8th overall nation finish and an impressive 11th overall in the elite Gold Fleet. In karate, Milu Yoon showed incredible skill, winning gold in the 68kg Junior category at the Oceania Championships, and in rugby, Paris Robertson was recognized at the national level, participating in the Next Ferns National Combine – a huge step for her future in the sport!

Finally, our swimmers Monique Wieruszowski, Grayson Coulter, and Ania Maritz represented us brilliantly at the Rossini Cup in Pesaro, Italy, bringing home multiple medals.

If your child is succeeding outside of school sport, we would love to hear about it through the google form below:

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## Rangitoto Rugby Old Boys & Girls Day

We're thrilled to invite all our past Rangitoto Rugby players back to the pitch for a truly special event! Join us to reconnect and support the Rangitoto 1st XV in one of the most anticipated games of the year.

**This isn't just a match; it's a vibrant reunion, a chance to relive the glory days, and an opportunity to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow alumni.**

Whether you were scoring tries last season or decades ago, this is your moment to reconnect with the camaraderie, the fierce tackles, and those unforgettable memories that define Rangitoto rugby.

The day promises exhilarating sportsmanship, laughter, shared stories, and plenty of pre- and post-match refreshments to keep the good times rolling!

Please RSVP by July 30th by completing the form below: <https://forms.gle/FiHqj8ysWiwcR2rn6>



## Rangitoto College Study Skills Evening 2025

We warmly invite students and their parents to attend the annual Rangitoto College Study Skills Evening on Wednesday, 6th August at 6:00pm in the Rangitoto College Auditorium. The goal of this evening is to equip students with effective tools for developing positive, lifelong study habits.

This free event is open to all year levels, but will be especially valuable for students preparing for their first year of formal exams or those wanting to improve their current study approach. The evening will introduce a range of evidence-based study strategies, including the Leitner technique, dual coding, the Pomodoro method, and Cornell note-taking. A variety of subject teachers will share practical, subject-specific advice, and attendees will receive take-home materials summarising the strategies presented.

Register here if you plan to attend: <https://forms.gle/9dYsh6uZYFrksQmC8> For more information, please contact Georgia Van de Water at [georgia.vandewater@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:georgia.vandewater@rangitoto.school.nz)



## Summit Academy Awards Evening

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