

Rangitoto College Term 3 Newsletter 2025

5 September 2025

Important Community Information	Date
IB Information Evening	17 September
Library Week	15 - 19 September

Principal Update

The past couple of weeks have been a hive of activity with students performing on the stage and sports surfaces around New Zealand. It has been a pleasure to witness the exceptional performances of Rangitoto students in such a broad array of activities. My congratulations go to those who achieved great results at a national level and my thanks to all coaches, managers and supporters for your commitment to the success of these groups.

With the 2025-2027 Board elections underway, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the current Board members who have given so much of their time and expertise to represent our community in guiding Rangitoto forward. We have been able to experience a period of significant growth, both in outcomes and scale, with the Board instrumental in enabling the school to enact our vision for 'Great Opportunities, Great Students'. Particular thanks go to Presiding Member, Maggie Winterstein, for her leadership, trust, and collaborative approach at the Board table. I urge all parents who are yet to vote to please cast their vote for the incoming Board by responding to the email from 'Election Pilot Mission Control' (please check your junk mail if you can't find this in your inbox), your vote is extremely important in guiding the next three years at the College.

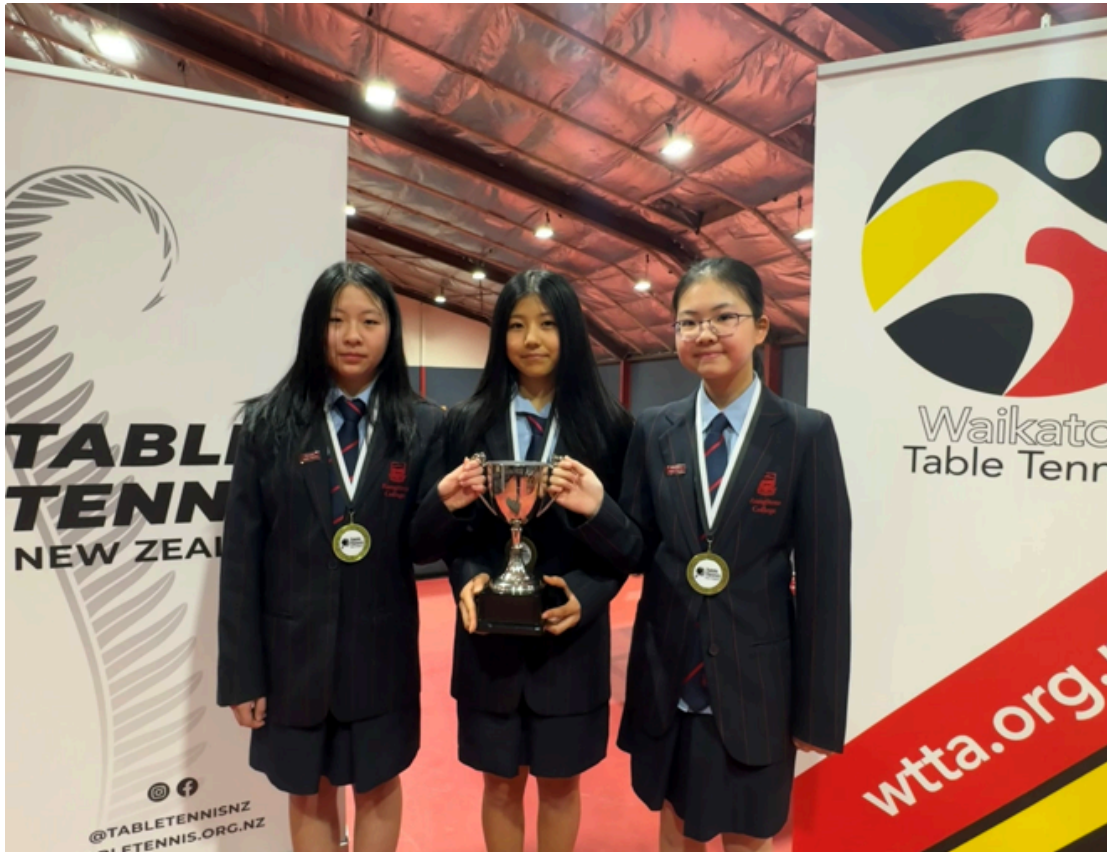
Winter Tournament Week

Rangitoto College celebrated a remarkable Winter Tournament Week with outstanding results across the board. Our athletes delivered a series of top performances, bringing home a fantastic collection of titles and medals.

Our talented Girls Football team demonstrated grit and determination throughout their tournament, culminating in a fantastic victory and winning the Trevor Osten Memorial Trophy. This was also echoed by our Girls Hockey team who were runners up in the Marie Fry Trophy. Whilst our Basketball Girls team delivered a strong performance, finishing 5th in the Northern Zone and successfully qualifying for Nationals.



Our Girls table tennis team emerged as National Champions, a fantastic accomplishment. Then in singles we had success with Yelena Yi securing a Silver medal and Anya Chen earning a Bronze medal, both exceptional Year 10 students.



Our newly formed Wrestling team competed at their first National Tournament and did so successfully being crowned National Secondary Schools Champions, with one gold, one silver and two bronze medals - a very impressive medal haul!

Badminton saw our teams achieve great results. The Boys team secured a Bronze medal in a highly competitive competition. While our Girls team were crowned National Champions! An absolutely phenomenal effort from all our badminton players.



Finally, we extend our best wishes to all our Year 13s who have played their final game for the college. Thank you for your commitment and leadership over the years.

If you have any sports achievements you wish to share with us, please follow the link below. This link will close on the 19th of September for consideration for our Sports Awards, which are on the 16th of October.

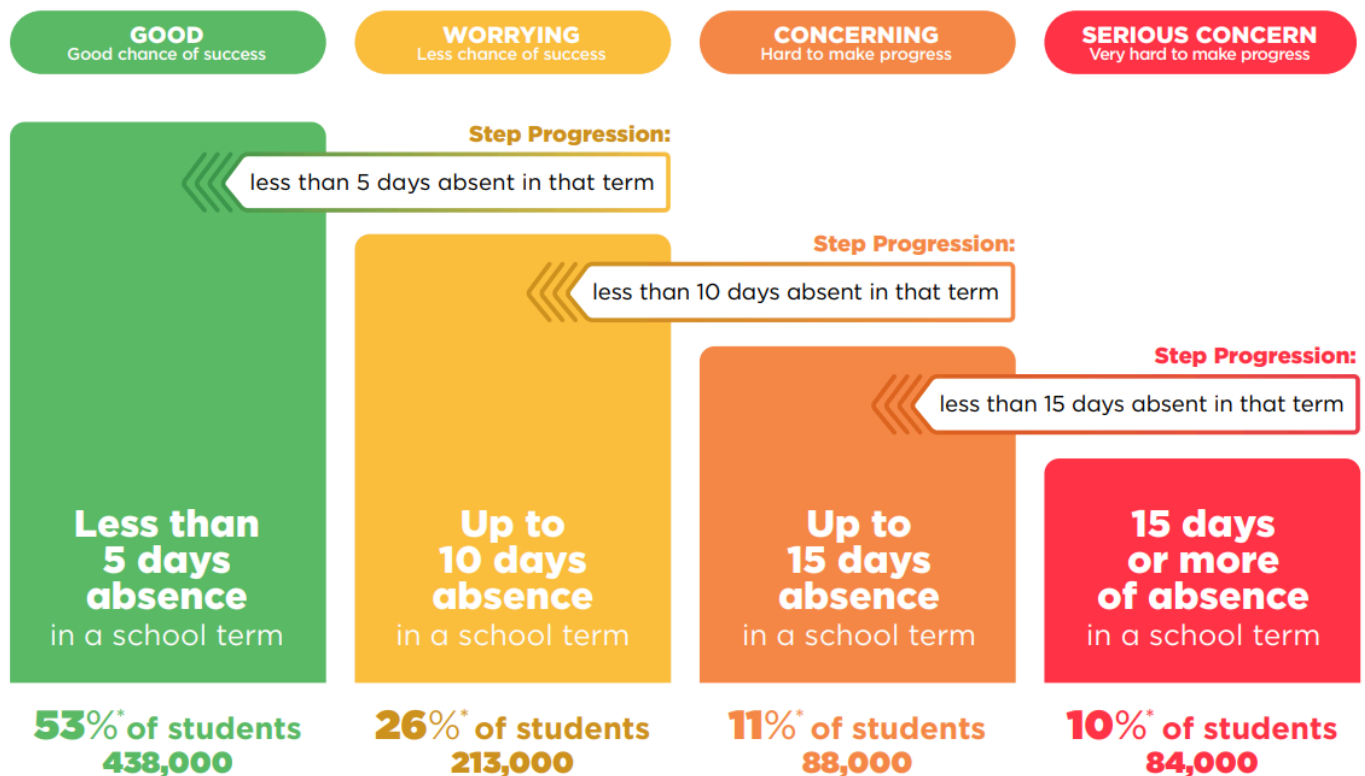
[Student Sport Achievement Form](#)

Much Ado About Performing Arts

Congratulations to all the singers who represented Rangitoto College with pride in Rotorua and Dunedin at the recent Big Sing competitions. The Fundamentals brought home Silver from the Upper North Island Cadenza, and Serenata brought home Silver from the National Finale. Rangitoto Shakespeare Company presented two excellent performances of Much Ado About Nothing to very appreciative audiences, and our co-curricular Dance troupes came away with a slew of awards the DanceNZMade Regional Teams and Solo/Duo competitions - with many qualifying for the Nationals in a few weeks.

The Importance of Attendance

The government's target is for 80% of students to attend school regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time. The most recently publicised Term 2, 2024 national attendance figures below gives an indication of the concern facing non-attendance in NZ schools.



At Rangitoto College we continue to place a high priority on our students attending school every day they are well enough to, and we continue to resource support in areas to improve student attendance. We do ask parents to be vigilant on their own child's attendance by monitoring the parent portal and communicating with their child's dean if you see any non-attendance you are not aware of.

It is important to consider the long-term effect of absences. Missing one day of school each week adds up quickly, this can be 40 days of the school year, and over a student's 13 years of schooling, that's the equivalent to missing over an entire year of school. The absence creates gaps in a student's education. Given the cumulative nature of learning, missing one lesson means your child may struggle to keep up with the knowledge being taught. This not only affects academic progress and achievement but can also have social and emotional developmental impacts.

Rangitoto College Classics Tour – Greece & Italy 2027

Following the huge success of our **2025 Classics Tour**, Rangitoto College is excited to announce our second overseas **Classics Tour to Greece and Italy in the April holidays of 2027**. This unforgettable learning experience will immerse students in the heart of the ancient world.

Highlights of the tour include exploring the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Vatican City in Rome, a day trip to Florence, pizza-making in Sorrento, guided tours of Pompeii and Capri, and discovering the wonders of Athens, Delphi, Epidaurus, and Mycenae. Students will also enjoy an island-hopping cruise to Hydra, Poros, and Aegina.

Who can apply?

Students must be taking **Classical Studies in Year 12 and Year 13** to be eligible for the tour. Students taking **Art History will be considered** if there are spots available. This trip is **targeted at our current Year 10 and Year 11 students**.

We are thrilled to be offering this incredible opportunity again, and we look forward to another journey into the world of the ancients!

Any questions, more information or information of how to register and pay the deposit, please contact the Curriculum Leader of Classical Studies: madelaine.barrett@rangitoto.school.nz

Study Skills Workshop Year 9 & 10

Our STUDY SKILLS Programme is held at Rangitoto College during the holidays and is open to students from all schools.

These 2.5-hour workshops cover various study methods, including time management, planning, resource organisation, and exam techniques for success.

Designed for Year 9 and 10 students. Cost: \$35. [Click here to book](#)

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Learn How to Study Smarter and Achieve Better Results!

These 2.5-hour workshops help students develop essential skills and strategies for effective study. Learn a variety of techniques to keep study interesting, stay organised, and manage your time better.

Key Details:

- Held at Rangitoto College
- Open to students from all schools
- Taught by experienced teachers
- Cost: \$35


How to Book:
Use the QR code provided or visit the Rangitoto College website and search for "Study Skills".

Note: These workshops are suitable for students in Years 9-13.

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Exam Preparation Classes – Term 3 Holidays & Saturdays


For many years, our NCEA Revision & Exam Preparation programme has helped students feel more confident and well-prepared for their end-of-year exams. Parents consistently tell us how valuable these classes have been in supporting their child's learning and achievement.

[EXAM PREP CLASSES](#) in Maths, English, and Science (Levels 2 & 3) review questions from past exam papers and improve answers to gain the best possible results.

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