

Rangitoto College Term 4 Newsletter 2025

11 November 2025

Important Community Information	Date
IB Exams	3 - 14 November
Year 11 Diploma Exams	4 - 18 November
Year 11 Exam Review - students back in classes	19 - 21 November
Years 12 & 13 NCEA and Scholarship Exams	4 - 28 November
Year 9 & 10 Exams	13 - 14 November
Year 13 IB End of Year Celebration	17 November
All students: Library and textbooks to be returned this week	17 - 21 November
Junior Sports Tournament Week	17 - 21 November
Years 9, 10 & 11 Profile Data due for Prizegiving	19 November
Golf Day Fundraiser	21 November
School Closed: Teacher-Only Day (MOE-directed curriculum refresh)	24 November

Principal's Update

With three year groups on exams currently, the school is well underway with plans for 2026. Our Year 9 next year cohort continues to exceed all Ministry predictions, with 726 students enrolled. We are working with our MOE property advisors to try and ensure we have additional classrooms brought onto the school ahead of the enabling works for the permanent 10 new roll-growth classrooms that we have been granted.

Please be reminded that students should ensure their Diploma profile data is up to date. Deans (out-of-school activities) and Teachers in Charge (in-school activities) are the first points of contact if approved activities are missing from Profiles. Your son/daughter can check this in their FACTS (Parent Portal / PC School) online data.

NCEA & Diploma Exams

39,180 individual exam entries shared across 2,760 students are occurring at the college for students involved in the NCEA & Scholarship exams in November. When we add in the Year 11 Diploma examinations, totalling 4150 entries across 900 students, the college is certainly a busy place at the moment.

3747 of the NCEA exams are digital this year, with Level 2 English having the largest number of digital exam entries in the country. It's great to see students arriving early, being well prepared and staying to the end of their exam session in order to give their very best.

Many students receive additional support for their exams. This support is vital to ensure they have the best possible chance to be successful. We'd like to thank those staff and members of the community who give up time to provide the additional resourcing. If you'd like to be involved in supporting our students with additional learning needs, please get in touch with Shirley Closey, the Head of the Learning Support Department, at shirley.closey@rangitoto.school.nz.

NCEA and Scholarship exam results will be available mid-January and early February respectively, while students in the Year 11 Diploma should have results back by 19th November. Year 11s will be back in college across three days beginning 19th November, for exam review.

Academic and Online Integrity

Recently, the college has observed increased instances where a small number of students have not met our expectations regarding integrity, primarily academic honesty and online conduct.

Assessments are an opportunity for students to measure their knowledge against specific standards. Taking any form of action to cheat during assessments is treated very seriously by the college. We expect students to complete all assessments based solely on the knowledge gained from their lessons.

The breach of academic integrity has also been evident across online communications and search engines. Sharing answers is also treated as a breach of assessment integrity, as is using online forums inappropriately through an assessment process. We have and will continue to take disciplinary action with students who are involved in these behaviours.

The long-term value of honesty and integrity far outweighs any short-term result. This message continues to be communicated to our students at the college and we would ask you to reiterate this at home.

International Baccalaureate

We are incredibly proud of our Year 13 IB students who are currently writing their final examinations. Their dedication, resilience, and hard work throughout this challenging programme has been truly inspiring, and we wish them every success as they complete their IB journey, await their results and start their tertiary studies at global universities. We have also been profoundly impressed by the progress of the Year 12 cohort this year. They have already demonstrated a strong commitment to academically challenging themselves while being actively involved in the wider life of the school through CAS. It has been gratifying to witness the engagement and growth across both year levels. We are thrilled to be a dual-pathway school and deeply value the International Baccalaureate as an essential, vibrant and growing part of the college.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA held its annual AGM on the 6th November. As a result of the resignation of our Chairperson Raymond Liu, the newly elected Chairperson is Sandra Steinberg, with Calla Cheng as Vice Chairperson, Christine Johnston as Secretary, and Jaco Breytenbach as Treasurer.

The PTA and the college wish to publicly thank Raymond for four years of service, two of these years as leader at the helm of the PTA. Raymond's calm and considered approach along with his accounting and legal knowledge was greatly appreciated by the PTA committee over these years.



The second-hand uniform shop has gone from strength to strength over the last year under the management of Jodie Reynolds. Money raised from the sale of uniforms is used by the Rangitoto College PTA to help improve the school.

The 15 new picnic tables that students are using at break times are the most recent purchase funded from the sale of second-hand uniforms.

PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Summer Sales

December 2025 (11:30am - 2pm) - Sun 7, Wed 10, Fri 12

January 2026 (11:30am - 2pm) - Wed 14, Fri 16, Sun 18, Fri 23

Late Opening (5 - 7pm) : Thurs 22 January 2026

Consider donating your uniforms to the Rangitoto College PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Shop. We are also looking for more volunteers to assist in the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop. Email uniformshop.rangitotocollege@gmail.com for more information.

Uniform Shop

A reminder that hired blazers need to be returned before the end of the school year. If you are planning on visiting the Uniform Shop over the summer holidays, please book an appointment here <https://www.rangitoto.school.nz/uniformshop/>

Mauri ora,

Patrick Gale
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