

Rangitoto College Term 4 Newsletter 2025

28 November 2025

Important Community Information	Date
Year 13 Leavers' Function	2 December
Year 12 IB Students' Last Day	3 December
Years 9 and 10 Junior Prizegiving	5 December
Final Day of Term 4, Students Dismissed at 1pm	5 December

Principal's Update

The Rangitoto College School Board met for the final time for 2025, with the strategic plan, budget and property plans all in place for 2026, and with the recruitment process for the new Principal at the long-listing stage. The Board discussed the Minister of Education's announcement that the requirement for school boards to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi would be removed. The Board has made extensive progress towards improving a wide range of outcomes for Māori students in the past seven years through a programme of resourcing additional kaiako, co-curricular support opportunities and a formal partnership with mana whenua, Te Kawerau ā Maki. The next three years of our strategy see this support extended as we look to further improve the school's knowledge of mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori with associated positive outcomes for Rangitoto Māori students and whānau.

NCEA/Scholarship and IB Exams 2026 Results Release

The end of the external exams are fast approaching. Attendance rates to exams have been very pleasing and we look forward to celebrating our students' successes early next year. IB exam results are released at 7am on 17th December, with NCEA results available from 14th January via [student learner logins on the NZQA website](#). Scholarship results are released early to mid February, with the top award-winners' names on the NZQA website from 13th February.

Scholarship and Top Scholars Prize-Giving 2026

On February 19th, we will be hosting our evening prize-giving for all of our successful Scholarship exam recipients, as well as our top 25 Year 11 Diploma, NCEA Level 2 and IB 40+ students. Invitations for parents and students will go out early in Term 1.

Term 4 Student Reports

Staff are in the process of updating student reports based on recent results. Assessment data, subject dispositions and teacher comments for students will be updated for many year groups and finalised by the end of Term 4.

Building Work

The new Library/Technology Building project starts on 8 December with site clearing, groundworks and foundation piling occurring through the holiday period. The two classrooms that are currently within the project footprint will be relocated to sit alongside the prefab buildings located below the Science Block. The building site will be completely fenced off and works will not be visible to students. We have worked with the Ministry of Education and the contractors (C3 Ltd) to ensure that there is a comprehensive operating plan in place to ensure the safety of students and staff. The scooter and bicycle parking has been relocated from alongside the Rangitoto Centre to within the Hockey Turf enclosure to improve access to the building site. A gateman will be situated in a shed placed by the Rangitoto Centre to control deliveries and to walk trucks through to the site. Students will be provided with safety messaging in the first assemblies of next year.

International Baccalaureate Top Scholars Event

We are absolutely thrilled to announce a landmark collaboration across NZ IB Schools to celebrate our IB Diploma graduates and 'Top Scholars' from 2025. This year, the significance of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in New Zealand is being recognised in a major way: the celebration event will be held at Parliament. This is a tremendous step forward for the IB programme nationally and highlights the importance of this world-class qualification. To achieve the prestigious title of an IB Top Scholar, a student must score 40 points or more out of the possible maximum of 45 in their Diploma, a truly remarkable academic feat achieved by about 6% of IB students worldwide. At Rangitoto College, we are incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work shown by our students, and we are anticipating a number of our 2025 graduates will reach this pinnacle level of academic excellence, earning the title of Top Scholar. We are excited about this recognition and look forward to celebrating their outstanding achievements at this special event, marking a significant milestone for the future of the IB in New Zealand.

Finance Information 2026

Donations (Tax Credits can be claimed)

- Parent Donation: one child \$450, second child \$300. Total of \$750 per family with two or more children.
- Sports, Performing Arts & Environment Donation: \$50 each.

Stationery and Course-Related Costs

From December 2025 to February 2026 stationery, course-related costs, student ID cards, and donations can be paid via Office Max MySchool: <https://www.myschool.co.nz/rangitoto>. From late February 2026, the parent portal will reflect your payments made through Office Max MySchool.

Access to the parent portal is on the Rangitoto College website www.rangitoto.school.nz, using your username and password.

Additional Payment Options

- All major banks have the Rangitoto College ASB Bank Account as a preferred payee (Reference: Student Name, Student ID Number / Family Code & Description)
- Finance Office Window (open term-time only)
- Payment Plan – regular payments can be arranged, please email: accounts@rangitoto.school.nz

Sports, Music & Extra-Curricular Costs

- These should **not** be paid to the coach, manager or teacher.
- All payments should be made via the parent portal, bank account or at the Finance Office window.

Tuck Shop – purchases are paid directly to the tuck shop staff.

Uniform Shop – purchases are paid for at the uniform shop.

Secondhand Uniforms – purchases are paid for at the second-hand uniform shop (run by the PTA)

Buses

Buses will run at normal times on the last day of school, Friday 5th December. Due to having to pick up intermediate students, they are unable to come to the College for our early finish. Students are advised to make alternative arrangements to get home.

Uniform Shop

A reminder that hired blazers need to be returned to the school 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/>

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. Proceeds from the shop are used by the PTA to help support the College. We also sell uniforms on your behalf. All uniforms must be clean and in good, unaltered condition ready for sale.

We are also looking for more volunteers to assist in the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop. Please email: uniformshop.rangitotocollege@gmail.com for more information.

Panorama Publication

Thank you to those students who have already collected their allocated copy of this year's Panorama. We have been made aware of a couple of mistakes, and these will be corrected in the online version. We apologise for any distress caused.

Mauri ora,

Patrick Gale
Principal
Rangitoto College