

Rangitoto College - Community Newsletter

Important Community Information	Date
ANZAC Day, School Closed	27 April
International Baccalaureate Exams	27 - 30 April
Parenting Place, Staying Connected Presentation	29 April
Parent Teacher Interviews (refer to this week's email)	7 May

Principal's Update

Tena koutou ki te whanau o Te Kareti o Rangitoto

Dear parents and caregivers of Rangitoto College,

It is a privilege to be returning home and joining the school community as Principal of Rangitoto College. This school provided me with an excellent start as a student and then later as I began my teaching career. Since then, leadership opportunities in education have taken me to Wanaka, Hong Kong and, most recently, Cambridge. I am looking forward to bringing that experience back home and contributing to the outstanding learning environment that Rangitoto College provides its students.

The welcome that was extended to me on Monday through a formal powhiri was a special occasion. It was wonderful to be able to share this moment with family and colleagues from Cambridge re-connecting with colleagues and even teachers from my time at Rangitoto College. During the ceremony I thanked the staff on behalf of the alumni of the college and the school community. The passion and hard work of staff over many years have shaped the high quality academic, arts, sports and cultural opportunities that we offer today. I know that I am not alone in pointing back to the positive influence that Rangitoto College had on me and I look forward to continuing this provision for the youth of our community.

This week, students have gone out of their way to introduce themselves, making me feel very welcome on my return to Rangitoto College. I look forward to meeting more members of our community on the sidelines or in the performance halls over the coming months.

Improving Safety at the Rosedale Road - Graham Collins Drive Intersection, Windsor Park

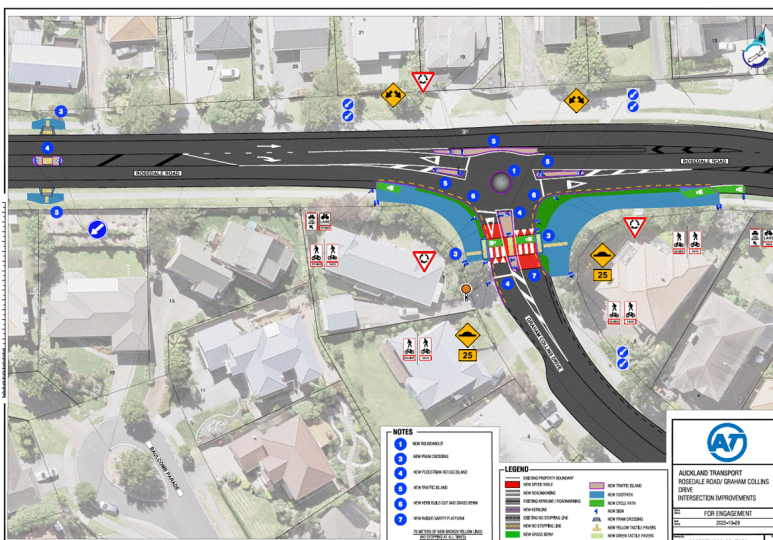
As part of Auckland Transport's Road Safety Programme, they're planning to install a new mountable roundabout and crossing at the Rosedale Road - Graham Collins Drive intersection to make it safer for everyone. Graham Collins Drive is a busy street that pedestrians frequently use to reach Rangitoto College. By upgrading this intersection, they are making this area safer, and more accessible for people travelling through.

Changes being made in second half of 2026:

Build a new mountable roundabout with traffic islands on Rosedale at the intersection of Graham Collins Drive to improve safety.

Install a new paired crossing on a raised table on Graham Collins Drive which will give priority to people walking and cycling when crossing the road.

Install a new shared path with new kerb build out and grass berm along the southern side of Rosedale Road near the intersection to provide cycle connectivity at the intersection.



Install new refuge islands with pram crossings on the western side of Rosedale Road (outside 29 Rosedale Road) to improve safety for people on foot.

Install a new raised safety platform to ensure smooth descent for vehicles from the raised crossing.

Paint no stopping at all times (broken yellow lines) on Graham Collins Drive and Rosedale Road to ensure visibility near the crossing.

Parenting Place, Staying Connected Presentation

As part of our commitment to support the Rangitoto College parent community, we are delighted to introduce the second of our three parent presentations for 2026.

Sheridan Eketone from Parenting Place will present - Staying Connected in the Teen Years. The presentation will focus on maintaining and enhancing communication and connection with your teen. Grow your understanding of your teen's inner world and their developing emotions, and learn strategies to create an environment where your teen can be challenged, championed and thrive. The presentation looks at the impacts of social pressure, anxiety and technology and offers insights into what motivates teens and helps them feel secure. It is intended for parents to gain valuable expertise on supporting their teen's well-being and understanding their need for love, encouragement and acceptance. Tickets to the event are free and can be secured through [this link](#). Ticketing allows us to manage numbers within the auditorium and are limited to our capacity.

Date - Wednesday 29th April

Time - 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Where - Rangitoto College Auditorium, entry next to reception

International Department

Rangitoto College is pleased to announce that the college has recently been named the winner of the 2026 StudyTravel Secondary School Award, Australian & New Zealand School category. The StudyTravel Secondary School Awards is a partner-voted celebration of performance by educators, agents, associations and service providers in the growing secondary school study abroad sector.

Now in their sixth year, these awards were spread across 15 categories covering schools, agents, associations and service providers, and the winners were announced at an exclusive ceremony at the London Marriott Hotel Grosvenor Square on April 12th, during the ST Alphe Secondary Focus, London 2026 conference.

This is the first time a New Zealand school has won this award and we are honoured to be recognised on the global stage at this event. The achievement belongs to our entire community – our dedicated staff, our wonderful host families, our global agents, and our amazing students.

Academic Integrity and AI use at Rangitoto College

The college is continuing to adapt to the changes that evolve within the Artificial Intelligence (AI) space. The videos below were put together as a way to help students and parents 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. The college has a zero tolerance view on breaches of academic integrity within assessments. Instances of academic misconduct are investigated and academic penalties may be applied should any student be found to have committed a breach. Please use the videos below to help support your child with developing their understanding of academic integrity and acceptable use of AI within assessments.

[English Academic Integrity & AI Presentation](#)

[Chinese Academic Integrity & AI Video](#)

[Korean Academic Integrity & AI Video](#)

Year 12 Ball Update

Planning is well underway for the Year 12 ball on Friday, 19th June (Week 9). We expect to issue the first round of tickets to eligible students in Week 3. Although exact costs are still being finalised, we anticipate the ticket price will be at or close to \$150. We refer parents and caregivers to the school email communication of Friday 20th February, in which we detailed eligibility criteria that students need to meet in order to be offered an invitation.

Sport

Summer Tournament Week is always a busy one for Rangitoto College, with numerous teams out representing the school with pride and excellence at both Regional and National tournaments, below is a snap shot of the highlights from that week.

Volleyball

Following their success in the North Harbour Super League, our volleyball teams headed to Palmerston North with high expectations—and they did not disappoint.

- Premier Girls: History was rewritten as the girls brought home the National Title! This marks the 3rd National Title for our girls' programme.
 - Tournament Team: Zaria Ruby, Jezariah Holmes, and Grace Giles.
 - Tournament MVP: A massive congratulations to Molly Cauce.



- Premier Boys: Our boys proved they are among the best in the country, battling through a grueling week to reach the National Final, ultimately claiming a hard-fought Silver Medal.
 - Tournament Team: Kenai Stevenson, Eduardo Bertao, Kai Baatjies-Walker, Kyson Norton, and Riley Bull.

Girls Cricket

Our 1st XI Girls Cricket team is officially headed to Nationals! After claiming the Premier Championship title, the team went unbeaten through the National Qualifiers. Despite weather disruptions, their dominant performance secured their spot on the national stage.

This is the first time in Rangitoto history that a cricket team has qualified for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament. We are immensely proud of their hard mahi!

Wrestling

Our Wrestling Academy continues to go from strength to strength, recently taking home the trophy for Overall Best Secondary School in Auckland.

- Top Athlete: A special shoutout to Dallas Eketone-Te Kanawa, named Auckland's Top Secondary School Wrestler.
- Podium Finishers: Out of 18 athletes competing, our wrestlers secured 8 podium finishes.

3x3 Girls Basketball

Our Girls Basketball programme continues to excel at the highest level, the girls team took out the Auckland title for a second year in a row remaining undefeated during the week. The team then ventured to Wellington for Nationals, after a tough few days of competition they came away 4th place.

Girls Water Polo

It has been a stellar run for our Premier Girls Water Polo team, who displayed incredible grit and team spirit across two major tournaments:

- National Championships: The girls earned Silver in a heart-stopping national final that went all the way to a penalty shootout.
- North Island Div 1: The team also secured Silver at the North Island Championships.
- Special Mentions: Congratulations to Sasha Tindall and Gemma O'Brien, who were named in the Tournament Team for *both* competitions—a truly elite achievement.



Boys Netball

We are delighted to introduce boys netball to the college, with three highly skilled teams already underway, proudly making us the only North Shore school leading the way in this innovative space. Our players are looking forward to an upcoming 'Have a Go Day' at the Auckland Netball Centre, after which a selected boys' team will join our Premier and Junior girls at the Netball North Harbour 'Combined Points' tournament. The wider netball community is thrilled with this wonderful addition to our programme and are looking forward to seeing boys' netball flourish.

With Summer Sport behind us we now turn to the Winter Sport season, which is starting this weekend. If you wish to be a coach, manager or help in some way please contact the Sports Department on sport@rangitoto.school.nz. If your child is doing amazing things outside of school sports, we want to know. Please follow this link [Term 2 Student Achievement Form](#)

Canteen Orders with Kindo

Tuckr canteen orders are now available through the Kindo app. Download the app or create an account at shop.kindo.co.nz, choose from the menu, and your student picks the order up. You can order for one day, or sort the whole week in a few minutes. Every order placed between 27 April and 22 May goes in the draw to win Kindo credits and fuel vouchers. [T&Cs apply](#). Order at mykindo.co.nz

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Greg Thornton', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Greg Thornton
Principal