

Rangitoto College - Community Newsletter

Important Community Information	Date
Concertos and Cookies	21 June
Smokefree Rockquest Solo/Duo Auckland Finals	21 June
Whānau Hui	24 June
Auckland Jazz and Blues Competition	25 - 26 June
NZCT Chamber Music Competition	27 June
Special Assemblies	29 June - 3 July
Junior Drama Company Production: Renfield of the Flies & Spiders	29 June
Choreography by Candlelight	30 June
Senior Treble Voices	2 July
Last Day of Term 2	3 July

Principal's Update

As I near the end of my first term at Rangitoto College, I have been blown away by just how many opportunities are on offer for our students. I want to thank the staff and student leaders who contribute so much across the year, creating a vibrant campus where there truly is something for everyone. This builds a sense of belonging and connection for students providing space to follow their passions, explore new areas of interest and build lasting friendships through shared experiences. If your child is not yet involved, I encourage you to take inspiration from the range of opportunities on offer at Rangitoto College and look for ways to get involved in the incredible range of clubs and activities for sports, arts and culture that are offered here.

I also want to remind our community that we offer support for families who may not be able to afford payment for clubs and activities. Participation matters and we don't want your financial situation to become a barrier, so please reach out to our finance team at accounts@rangitoto.school.nz if you need assistance.

On that, and to highlight the importance of getting involved, the student leaders have just finalised a collectors limited edition supporters' kit. This year it is a baseball top with only 10 in production for 2026. We will be auctioning these items next term with all funds raised going directly to increasing the participation in our incredible range of activities in sports, arts and culture. So keep an eye out for more information and help us to keep students involved in the great opportunities we offer our students at Rangitoto College.



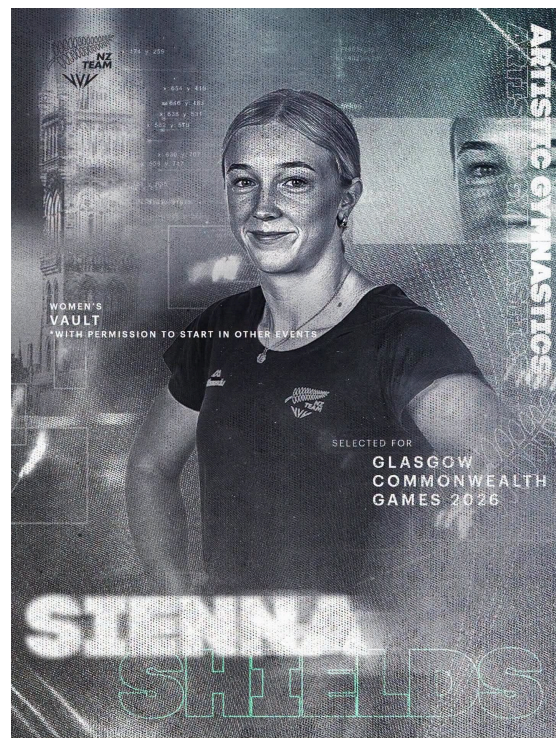
Sport

We are absolutely thrilled and immensely proud to announce that Year 13 student, Sienna Shields, has been officially selected to represent New Zealand in Artistic Gymnastics at the upcoming 2026 Commonwealth Games!

To be chosen for the national team while still balancing the demands of her final year of high school is nothing short of extraordinary. It is a testament to her world-class talent, unwavering discipline, and the countless hours of sacrifice she has dedicated to her sport.

A massive congratulations to Kyson Norton on his selection to the New Zealand U18 Men's Beach Volleyball team! Kyson is off to The Hague, Netherlands, to represent NZ at the U18 World Championships. What an incredible opportunity. We are so proud of you, Kyson—best of luck on the world stage!

Also, to Natalie Campbell, who has been selected for the New Zealand U18 Women's Beach Volleyball team! Natalie will be traveling to California to compete at Huntington Beach, finishing up at the BVCA National Championships in Hermosa Beach.



Dance

Rangitoto College Dance Company achieved remarkable success at the National Dance Challenge (NDC) held from June 11th to 14th, competing in a field of 133 school teams and over 2,000 performers. Every single Rangitoto group entry achieved a Platinum Gold score of over 90 points.

The Senior Open Troupe performance led the school's results, winning 1st place in the Variety section, Overall Winner of the School Section, and Overall Secondary School Winner. The performance earned the group a nomination for the NYPA Nationals and an invitation to the Sunday Finals Gala, where they placed 5th overall against some of New Zealand's top dance studios with a Double Platinum Gold score, an incredible feat for a high school group.

Eric Taylor, Hayley Stirling, Clair Sun, and Izzy Katipa won the Student Choreographer Award for the Hip Hop Mega Crew.

Earning 2nd-place finishes were our Lyrical Troupe, Theatre Troupe, and Hip Hop Mega Crew. Achieving 3rd-place finishes were our Jazz Troupe and Contemporary Troupe, alongside a 5th-place finish for our Junior Troupe.



Our students also claimed five of the ten individual standout awards across the four-day competition. Vanessa Le and Tiffany Zheng received 100% summer school scholarships to Village Nation Australia and Patrick School of Arts, respectively. Melody Weng received the ADP Scholarship, Audrey Ng took home an Individual Standout Award, and Mia Rajaratnam won the Village Full-Time Week Experience for standout individual performer. We congratulate all our dancers on their hard work and for representing Rangitoto College with pride.

Year 12 Ball: Safe Travel

We are looking forward to the Year 12 ball tonight. For parents of students attending, please be aware of this [video](#), created by our Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD) team. This video has been presented to all Year 12 students and we encourage you to view and discuss it with your child if they are attending the ball. The video is also available on our social platforms.

Use of Bikes and Scooters

The school has increased provision for student parking of bikes and scooters within the grounds. Students have been reminded that there is to be no riding of bikes and scooters on school grounds for safety reasons. They must walk their bike or scooter from the gate to the parking area before and after school. We continue to require students to wear helmets to school if riding bikes and scooters. We would ask parents to reiterate these messages to your child as non-compliance of these expectations will require a school response.

Safe Driving Around Our School

Each week we receive communication from the community about unsafe practice on the roads surrounding Rangitoto College. We continue to work with Auckland Transport (AT) on solutions to improve the situation. However, it is ultimately their responsibility to ensure safe and legal driving happens on roads around the school, so please contact them directly if you have concerns. They recently ran an [ad campaign](#) to address common problems that occur across roads in Auckland.

We do want to take this opportunity to ask our community to be considerate of our neighbours, particularly when picking up and dropping off children, as this often occurs at the busiest time and safety is our primary concern at these times.

Kia pai oo raa whakataa,
Have a good weekend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Thornton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Thornton
Principal