

Rangitoto College - Community Newsletter

Important Community Information	Date
Spanish Week	24 - 28 August
Pathways Evening for Years 10 and 11	25 August, 4.30pm in the auditorium
Big Sing Finale (Christchurch)	26 - 30 August
Dance NZ Made, Auckland Regionals	27 August
Dance NZ Made, Solos/Duos/Trios	28 August
Year 13 Ball	28 August
Chinese Language Week	31 August - 4 September
Winter Tournament Week	31 August - 4 September
Transition Meetings	2 September
Teacher-Only Day	3 September
Rangitoto Day, School Closed	4 September
Entrance Exams (Year 12 & 13 NCEA)	9 September - 18 September
CAA Testing Year 10 to 13	17 September - 18 September

Principal's Update

Kia ora koutou,

All the best to our sports teams over the next few weeks as they bring the winter season to an end with finals and various regional and national competitions for Winter Tournament Week. This weekend we have our boys premier Basketball tonight at home in their semi final against Northcote College (6pm) and the girls premier basketball are away at St Kentigerns at 6pm. Tomorrow, the premier netball team take on Carmel College in the final at 11am. Hopefully we will see you on the sideline supporting our teams. I want to wrap up the season with a massive thank you to all who have been involved in providing sporting opportunities for our students. The passion and expertise that our coaches and managers bring to each code inspires our students to be active, build friendships and stay involved in sport. It makes a significant difference to how they experience school and the skills that they learn along the way. On behalf of our students, thank you.

IB Review

We received the final IB review recently. This is a [fantastic report](#) which does a great job of capturing our school, the value of the dual pathway for our students, and the gains we have made since the last review. It is a longer review to read than the ERO report and I suspect that many of you would be tempted to push it through Gemini for the executive summary. I have saved you the hassle and the angst over the environmental impact and created this AI-generated [executive summary](#).

Common Assessment Activity (CAA) - 17 & 18 September

Information regarding the upcoming Literacy & Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAA) has been emailed to all Year 10 students and their families. Thank you for reviewing these details and beginning the process by setting up your NZQA login. Additional updates containing further specifics about the assessments will be distributed over the coming weeks. For Year 11–13 students who still need to complete their CAA requirements, an email will be sent shortly detailing our targeted support package and resources to assist with your preparation.

KBB Music Competition

Hundreds of musicians in eight of our co-curricular music ensembles took part in the KBB Music Festival across three days during Week 4, with 13 students also participating in the Honours Programme at the end of the week. Big Band received the highest scoring Gold Award and were selected in the Top 4 Big Bands for the Gala Performance, as well as winning Best Performance of an "Other" Styles Work. Chamber Orchestra won Best Performance of a New Zealand Work and a Silver Award. Silver Awards also went to Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band, Wind Orchestra, and Jazz Orchestra, with String Orchestra and Jazz Band collecting Bronze Awards.



Ministry of Education Healthy School Lunches Programme

This programme already exists for qualifying schools, however, we also know that people in our community could really do with the same level of support. As a result, Rangitoto College joined the Ministry of Education to pilot a programme for a free in-school Healthy School Lunches Programme, which is catered in-house. This is designed to deliver nutritious, appealing lunches to students whose economic circumstances mean it is difficult to buy or bring a nutritious lunch from home.

It is important to note a few things here:

- Students in the pilot will remain **anonymous**. This will be protected through a private and secure online ordering system with collection from our tuckshop, in the same way that all students collect online orders.
- This is a self-selecting pilot and not everyone reads every newsletter. Please help us to share this offer with others who may benefit from the meals. We really want to support people in our community with this opportunity.
- The pilot begins on 31 August and will run through until the end of the year. To confidentially register, email lunch@rangitoto.school.nz and provide the name of your child and their school ID number.
- The pilot will be used to guide budget decisions and future support. To help get it right across the country, we will ask for feedback on student experiences with the pilot programme. This will be discrete and anonymised feedback.

NCEA Revision & Exam Prep Programme

Our programme aims to help students become better prepared and improve their performance levels for their end-of-year NCEA exams. Open to students from all schools, these classes are run by registered, experienced teachers during the school holidays for Level 2 & Level 3 Maths, English, and Science. Limited spaces are available, so [book today](#).

- Revision Classes: Deep dive into key subject content to solidify learning.
- Exam Prep Classes: Practice past exam papers and learn techniques to maximize marks.

For details and bookings, please visit [the website](#) or email events@rangitoto.school.nz.

Academic Integrity - Assessment at Rangitoto College

As we maintain high standards of academic honesty at Rangitoto College, we want to clearly communicate our testing expectations, active monitoring practices, and the strict academic consequences for breaches during the Literacy & Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAA) and SMART progress assessments.

We actively monitor all digital and physical testing environments. The following actions constitute severe integrity breaches and are strictly tracked by our staff and supervisors:

- **Unauthorised Electronic Devices:** Unauthorised items, including smartwatches and mobile phones, are strictly prohibited in assessment locations. Bringing these items into a testing environment is classified as a breach.
- **Translation Tools and Extensions:** Active use of digital translation tools, Google Chrome translation extensions is strictly prohibited.
- **AI Program Misuse:** Utilising open Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications or switching tabs to AI software on any device during an assessment window is forbidden.
- **Unapproved Software and Multi-Tabbing:** Actively switching screens, opening unauthorised tabs, or maintaining minimised unapproved applications during a digital assessment is tracked by NZQA and treated as an integrity violation.
- **Communication and Resource Sharing:** Repeatedly talking to peers or sharing equipment (such as physical calculators or rulers) during an exam is a direct breach of regulations.

Alongside NZQA, we actively investigate all suspected testing breaches that occur during SMART and CAA assessment. If a student is found to have committed an integrity violation during these assessments, the following actions will be taken:

- A formal incident report is logged with NZQA.
- For confirmed breaches, we will impose an academic misconduct consequence.

Passing the Literacy and Numeracy CAAs is a mandatory corequisite to achieving the Year 11 Rangitoto Diploma, any NCEA Level, and University Entrance. Committing a breach during these assessments, puts these critical qualifications at risk. We kindly ask that parents support this in conversation with their child to ensure the validity and reliability of our assessment outcomes.

Sport

With the end of winter sports season approaching it is important for our sports department to be informed of all the results for all teams and individuals, this information is important as it builds our annual data base we use for our Sports Awards. Information can only be submitted once, so please provide full details of the achievement [here](#).



Eleven of our Year 12 students recently completed the five-session Blues Charitable Trust Leadership Programme. The group focused on developing practical leadership skills, working through real-world scenarios, and thinking ahead to life after high school. It was a great opportunity for these senior students to learn from other successful individuals to prepare themselves for Year 13 and beyond.

Congratulations to Rahaf Almasah, Vicky Fernandez Ormaechea, Krish Jadav, Zoe Magiera, Connor Mees, Rapha Morton, Tyler Patuki, Amelia Russell, Koby Stanaway, Miko Williams, and Kenny Zhang. Thank you to Rob Woodley and the Blues Charitable Trust for their ongoing relationship with Rangitoto College.

Health Centre

Our Health Centre is staffed by four very experienced registered nurses who assess and give recommendations on healthcare management based on NZ practice guidelines to ensure the health and wellbeing of students and staff. This [information](#) is a guide for when it is okay for a child to still be at school and when an unwell child should be at home. This is based on the [Te Whatu Ora](#) guidelines.

Limited-Edition Supporters' Kit

I am pleased to announce the winners of the limited-edition kit (please note some students won multiple times through purchasing separate tickets): Hanae Kidoguchi, Brady Wilson, Richard Thornton, Marcus Gjaltema, Elijah Tac (x2), Estelle Seaman, Jenna (Jisoo) Byun, Arley Marshall (x2).

The funds raised through sales enabled us to provide about \$1000 in support of the following involvement:

- Startup resources for a club
- Performing Arts Workshop fees
- Winter Tournament Week involvement
- Winter sports fees

We will run the application process again later in the year, so keep an eye on the newsletters and daily notices for the application form.

Dental Planet - Term 3 Visit

We continue our partnership with Dental Planet to provide free dental services to our students. Mobile units will be on-site during the last week of this term and through the Term 3 holiday. If your child is not currently receiving regular dental checkups and treatment, we would encourage you to consider this opportunity. You will find an enrolment link [here](#). Dental Planet will provide booking information by email to those students who are already enrolled.

Kind regards,



Greg Thornton
Principal