13 November 2026

Rangitoto College - Community Newsletter

Important Community Information	Date
Junior Sports Tournament Week	16 - 20 November
Year 11 Diploma Exams	10 - 24 November
NZQA Exams	10 November - 4 December
Golf Day Fundraiser, Pupuke Golf Club	20 December
Year 11 Exam Review - students back in classes	25 - 27 November
Year 11 Course Consultation follow up, Rangi Centre	27 November, 12.55pm

Principal's Update

Kia ora koutou, last week we concluded our celebrations season in style with the Year 12 and Year 13 Prizegiving ceremonies. These evenings were a wonderful finale to the year for our senior students acknowledging the dedication and success of our students across their academic, vocational, sporting, performing arts, and cultural pursuits. These evenings are a wonderful moment for staff, whānau and the wider community as we recognise the development of students over their time at Rangitoto College, take pride in their success and look forward with excitement about the opportunities that are open to them. We have included a few photos further down in the newsletter capturing moments from Year 13 Prizegiving, as well as our Technology and Gateway/Pathways to Employment Awards. Thank you once again to the parents, caregivers, staff, and community sponsors whose ongoing support makes these opportunities possible for our young people.

With our senior prizegivings complete, the focus across the college has firmly shifted to the culmination of the academic year. Our campus is currently a hive of activity as thousands of students undertake their NCEA, Scholarship, IB and Year 11 Diploma examinations, alongside our Year 9 and 10 students completing their junior exams. I want to particularly acknowledge the resilience shown by our Year 12 cohort during the recent digital platform disruptions in the Level 2 English examination and the way they managed the transition to paper-based assessments. We have received many comments from staff and invigilators praising students for their adaptability and can-do response to the situation. NZQA are very aware of the additional pressure this caused many candidates and are working hard to ensure that students are not disadvantaged by the disruption. My sincere thanks go to our external exam team, school staff and community members who worked frantically behind the scenes to ensure every student had a fair opportunity to perform at their best.

As we enter the final stretch of Term 4, I want to wish students the very best with their performance in assessments and examinations as they finish the year strongly. I encourage them to perform at their best through a combination of high-quality study, and a routine of healthy sleep and exercise habits. And finally, today, I would like to wish our volleyball and waterpolo teams all the best as they compete against other schools in the Junior Tournament Week.

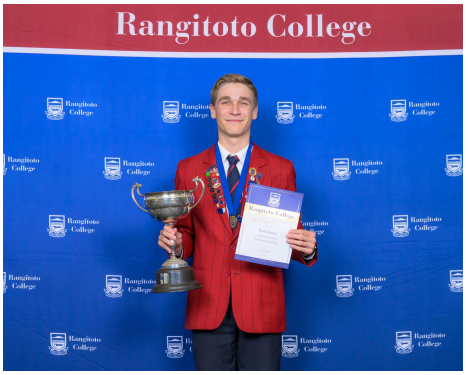
Junior Summit and Year 11 Diploma: approval for out-of-school activities

Applications for recognition of out-of-school service, leadership, and activities must be submitted by Friday 20 November at 4 pm. Please note that these forms must be completed by the student, using their school email address. The application forms can be found on our website: Junior Summit Diploma and Year 11 Diploma. The applications will be processed after this date, in time for profiles to be updated for prizegiving.

Year 13 Prizegiving



The Allan Peachy Cup for Leadership / Summa Cum Laude



The Frank Tucker Cup for Service



NCEA Dux



IB Dux / The Sir John Allum Cup for General Excellence



The Patrick Gale Summit Cup for Outstanding Contribution / Summa Cum Laude



The Knightsbridge Community Cup / Summa Cum Laude

Gateway and Pathways to Employment Awards

Specialised subjects are offered to selected Year 12 and 13 students, and provide real-life skills to prepare them for the future. The programmes combine in-class learning with external industry-related courses and a work experience placement.









Technology Awards



Outstanding Student in Construction Award



Outstanding Student in Hospitality Award



Outstanding Student in Engineering Award



The David Edmonds Industry Excellence Awards

NCEA, Scholarship, Diploma and Junior Exams

The college is currently a hive of activity as students undertake their NCEA and Scholarship examinations this November, with 3,480 students participating across 16,075 individual external Level 2 and 3 exam entries, plus 1,516 Scholarship entries. Additionally, 800 students are completing over 4,000 entries for the Year 11 Diploma examinations, not to mention all Year 9 and 10 students completing junior exams.

Our campus hosts the country's largest single digital exam session for a single subject with the Level 2 digital English examination. When recent digital platform disruptions occurred, 750 students sitting the Level 2 exam demonstrated remarkable resilience by seamlessly transitioning to paper-based assessments. Our team printed and distributed well over 1,000 exam papers across campus, and the vast majority of students persevered, made full use of the extended time, and stayed until the conclusion of their session to deliver their best work.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed to supporting our students during the exam session. We have a wonderful external exam team, who in collaboration with school staff, provided support to the student cohort. We recognise that disruptions can be particularly challenging for students who rely on additional support. This assistance is crucial in providing everyone an equal opportunity to succeed. We extend our sincere gratitude to the staff and community members who generously dedicate their time to facilitate these extra resources, especially for students requiring special assessment conditions.

Looking ahead, Year 11 Diploma results will be released by 25 November, followed by three days of exam review starting that same day. NCEA results are expected in mid-January, while Scholarship exam results will be available in early February.

Finance Information 2027

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 2026 to February 2027 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 2027, 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)

2nd Hand Uniform Summer Sales

December 2026 (11:30am - 2pm) - Sun 6, Wed 9, Fri 11
January 2027 (11:30am - 2pm) - Wed 13 , Fri 15, Sun 17, Fri 22
Late Opening (5 - 7pm) - Tues 19 January 2027

Do you have Rangitoto school uniforms you no longer need?
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. Email uniformshop.rangitotocollege@gmail.com for more information.

Kind regards,



Greg Thornton
Principal