



4 February 2022

Tēnā koutou e te whānau whānui o Rangitoto,

Life at Rangitoto College is back in full swing with our full contingent of students being back on site for the first time since August last year. Our 680 Year 9 students are adapting well to college life, quickly picking up the routines and expectations we have in order to promote an exceptional school culture. This year we are delighted to welcome 36 new teaching and support staff to Rangitoto and look forward to the knowledge, skills, and commitment they will bring to our community.

## NCEA Results

Rangitoto academic results from 2021 have been outstanding. Our students' commitment to their studies in spite of the disruption caused by lockdown, has led to excellent outcomes being achieved. Record results were achieved in many areas, with all Levels achieving outstanding pass rates. Importantly, high proportions of students were awarded Excellence endorsements. Our University Entrance rate is the highest for the past 5 years. Even without the Covid NCEA adjustments to qualification requirements, we are very pleased with these results. Congratulations to our students for the results below.

	NCEA Pass Rate	Excellence Endorsement
Level 1	96%	51%
Level 2	97%	48%
Level 3	96%	45%
University Entrance	93%	

Scholarship results from 2022 will be available on the 10th of February. We hope to celebrate further success with you at this point.

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Results

Our (IB) results were phenomenal in 2021, with five students achieving a score of IB40+, which is recognised as a 'Top Scholar'. Following the external exams in October, Ethan Lu gained a perfect IB45, a first for Rangitoto. This places Ethan in the top 1% of the world; an outstanding achievement. Four other students gained IB40+, top 10% of the world: Mason Liu IB43, Kelly Poon IB42, Samuel Wong IB41 and Andrei Guerb Navarro IB40. The world average was IB33 and Rangitoto can proudly say that our 2021 average was IB37. 100% of students passed the Diploma, with five students awarded the sought-after Bilingual Diploma. It was pleasing to see a number of students' Extended Essays (EE) and Theory of Knowledge Essays (TOK) being awarded A grades, indicating our ongoing success in developing this world-renowned qualification.

## **Covid-19**

A reminder if students are sick, they should stay at home. If they have cold or flu symptoms, they should get tested and remain isolated until a negative Covid-19 result is obtained.

Under the Covid-19 Protection Framework, red setting, we have a range of protocols in place. These include:

- Face coverings must be worn indoors and on school transport. We are also asking all students and staff to wear masks outdoors to help prevent potential spread.
- No non-essential visitors are allowed on site.
- Public health measures should be followed, including basic hygiene - including good hand hygiene, cough, and sneeze etiquette, and avoiding touching your face - and regularly cleaning and disinfecting surfaces.

## **Co-curricular activities** *(all sport, performing arts and clubs).*

The Ministry of Education has determined that non curriculum related events have become classified as gatherings under the Covid Protection Framework. In order to run these activities, we will be asking to sight student vaccine passports when group numbers exceed 25. Some activities are now required to take place outside (e.g., Choir, Dance, Kapa Haka) and we are working through the implications for hosting spectators when sports get into full swing. We thank you for your patience and understanding while we develop models that will enable as many students as possible to be involved in the co-curricular life of the school.

## **Student drop off / pick up**

Ongoing concerns exist with the number of students being dropped and picked up inside the school gates at the East Coast Road entrance between 8am-9am and 3pm-4pm. Please be reminded that this is not allowed in order to prevent traffic movement when student numbers are high. Rangitoto College School Board is developing plans for our top car park to prevent access between these times and the College is in discussion with Auckland Transport to develop traffic management strategies for East Coast Road that will increase the safety for our students. If relevant, you are encouraged to arrange a suitable pick-up point at an area of low congestion with your child.

## **PPTA Paid Union Meeting**

The PPTA have advised that they will be holding a paid union meeting on the afternoon of Friday 23rd of February. Years 10-13 will finish lessons for the day at 12:55 following Period 3. Year 9 will remain in classes until 3:20. Buses will run to their normal timetable meaning Y10-13 students may need to organise alternative transport arrangements.

I would like to thank all of our Rangitoto families for your support of the College as we adapt to the ever-changing environment around us. I wish you and your whānau an enjoyable weekend and Waitangi Day.

Best wishes



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