

## Friday 26 July 2024

### Rangitoto College Term 3 Newsletter 2024

#### Upcoming Community Dates

Important Community Information	Date
A Choral Confection: Auditorium 7pm	Monday 5 August
Study Skills Evening	Tuesday 13 August
Pasifika Whanau Evening	Wednesday 14 August
Dance Showcase: Bruce Mason Centre 7pm	Thursday 15 August
Teacher Only Day: <b>School Closed</b>	Friday 16 August
Y10 & Y11 Pathways Evening: Auditorium 4pm	Tuesday 27 August
Y13 Ball: Ellerslie Event Centre	Friday 30 August
Sports Tournament Week	Monday 2 September - Friday 6 September
Rangi Day: <b>School Closed</b>	Friday 6 September

#### Principal Update

Seventy new international students have joined the College this week from a variety of countries around the globe. We pass a huge thank you to all families who have welcomed them in as homestays, this part of the experience is key to the success of our programme and we are grateful for the wonderful kiwi hospitality they experience. If any families are keen to host an international student next year, please contact our Accommodation team on [accommodation@rangiworl.co.nz](mailto:accommodation@rangiworl.co.nz), it is a great way for host families to share language and culture while forging lifelong connections. With Open Week taking place in the past few days, we have welcomed our prospective 2025 new students and their families into Rangitoto College. It has been wonderful to see the positive interaction between our students and those exploring their education options for next year and we are excited to see the next generation of Rangitoto students embracing the wide range of opportunities that we offer.

#### Cyber attack update

We very much appreciate the support that we received from the community after the cyber attack on the college at the end of last term with the requirement to change passwords well received. We acknowledge that our communication around the delay between changing a password and it becoming active, could have been better. The parent portal will continue to remain locked for any user who has not changed their password. We would encourage those who have not changed their password to do so as soon as possible, so that you can take advantage of the reporting (attendance, academic reports etc.) that the portal offers.

We can now confirm that all remediation efforts are complete, and all College data has been restored. We would like to extend our thanks to our IT team who have worked immensely hard on this, and we acknowledge their efforts to achieve a complete recovery. Beyond the restoration of our data our efforts investigating the full scope of the incident remain ongoing. We will provide a further update should this process reveal any interference with data held on our systems.

#### Rangitoto College Study Skills Evening

On Tuesday 13th August in the Rangitoto College Auditorium at 6pm, we will be holding a free evening for students and parents to develop effective study skills. All year levels are welcome but this evening will be of particular use to students facing their first year of formal exams or looking to improve on their approach to study.

This Study Skills Evening will introduce various research-based study strategies like the Leitner technique, dual coding, Pomodoro and Cornell note-taking. It will provide hands-on advice for students from a range of teachers with subject-specific examples. You will be provided with material to take home that summarises the techniques.

This evening aims to set students up with skills for lifelong positive study habits.

Please register at the following link if you wish to attend: <https://forms.gle/i1oX56DQ3ZvRwUh6A>

For further information please contact Georgia Van de Water on [georgia.vandewater@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:georgia.vandewater@rangitoto.school.nz)

### Reminder - Senior and Junior Exams

Year 12 and 13 students will have school entrance exams this term, from the 12th - 20th of September. There are no entrance exams for Year 11 Diploma students.

Year 11 students will sit Diploma exams in November, from the 11th - 22nd. These fall within the NZQA examination window which will see Year 12 and 13 students sitting their final exams from the 5th - 29th November.

Junior exams run from 14-15th November.

### Reminder - Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite digital exams

Once again, students will have the opportunity to pick up their 20-credit NCEA and Diploma, literacy and numeracy co-requisite standards. All Year 10 students, as well as any Year 11-13 students who are yet to pick up one or more of the standards (reading/writing/numeracy), will have a testing opportunity on 19-20 September. Further details will be provided closer to the time.

### Rangi 1970s and 1980s Reunion



### Calling past students and staff of Rangitoto College from the 1970s and 1980s!

Join us on Thursday 22 August at 6pm at The Merchant Pub in Albany (**you must register to attend**).

**FREE ENTRY** with first drink and nibbles provided.

There will be a cash bar available thereafter.

\*Please email [communityrelations@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:communityrelations@rangitoto.school.nz) to register your attendance.

Please help us spread the word and invite your fellow peers and teachers to join us.

We hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

Patrick Gale  
Principal