



# Rangitoto College

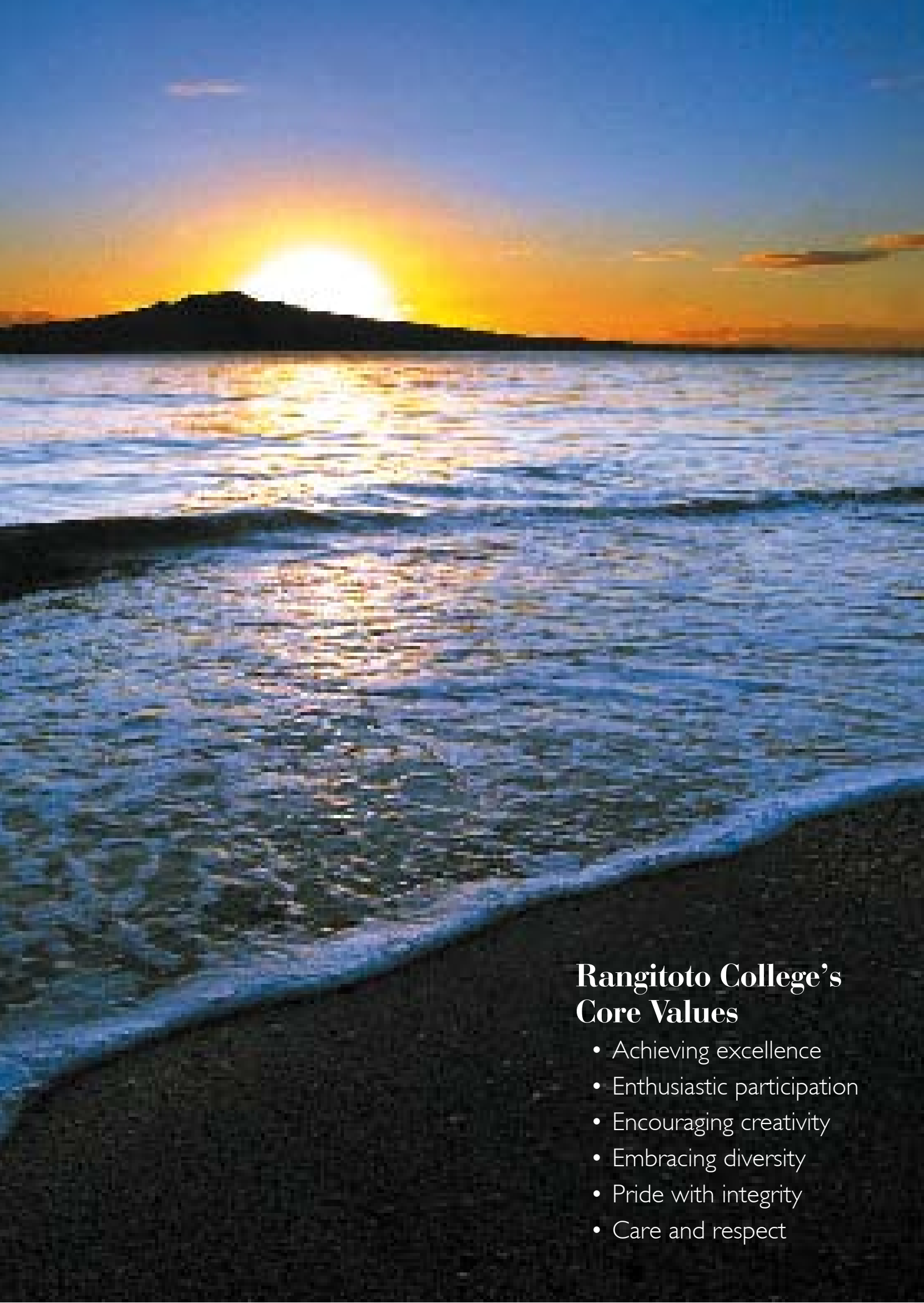


PROSPECTUS



**Your dream...  
our commitment**

A WORLD CLASS EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE



## **Rangitoto College's Core Values**

- Achieving excellence
- Enthusiastic participation
- Encouraging creativity
- Embracing diversity
- Pride with integrity
- Care and respect



# Welcome

The Vision of the school is that:  
Every student of Rangitoto College will maximise their potential  
through the provision by the school of a world class education.

The focus of Rangitoto College is on meeting the needs of every individual student. To do this we provide the largest range of subject and course options of any school in New Zealand. We want every student to have a course of study that meets their enthusiasms, career aspirations and ability level.

We believe that a student's potential is not limited to academic study and so the diversity of the curriculum is matched by the huge array of sporting and cultural activities. We want every student taking part in meaningful activities of their choice that will develop their personal and social skills.

The school has set out a list of **Core Values** (listed opposite) that form the basis of everything we do. To meet our vision statement we have a set of key **Goals**. They are:

**1. Academic Excellence** Through the highest quality teaching, all students at Rangitoto College will achieve their full academic potential, resulting in the College being rated as one of the top five schools nationally at all academic achievement levels.

**2. Co-Curricular Excellence** Rangitoto College will actively support students in performing to their highest ability in sports, arts and cultural activities

to reach a national and international level of performance.

**3. Staff** Rangitoto College will attract and retain high quality teaching and non teaching staff across all teaching disciplines and administrative duties, who will embrace and promote the vision, values and strategic goals of the school.

**4. Community Relationships** Rangitoto College will communicate and engage effectively in a timely manner with parents, caregivers and all stakeholders.

**5. Culture** Rangitoto College will provide a safe, caring and inclusive community which will promote the pursuit of excellence, respect for others, and develop a high esteem for all.

**6. Participation** All Rangitoto College students will take part in a co-curricular activity that will celebrate participation and College identity.

**7. Globalisation** Rangitoto College will establish opportunities for students and staff to collaborate, share and compete with renowned schools and organisations throughout the world as a means of growing the cultural understanding of the school community and critiquing our performance internationally.

**8. International Students** Rangitoto College will provide a world-class educational experience for a wide diversity of international students of high calibre.

**9. Resourcing** Rangitoto College will achieve financial independence through prudent management to meet the growth, development and strategic goals of the school.

**10. Facilities and Infrastructure** Rangitoto College will provide optimal facilities and infrastructure to enable the college to be fully resourced to meet its stated goals.

Our Vision, Core Values and Goals keep us all focused on ensuring that we provide the very best learning environment for each student. We want to ensure that for each student their time at Rangitoto College is a life-defining world class educational experience.

David Hodge, PRINCIPAL





# learning

The essence of learning at Rangitoto College balances the demands of both commanding content and mastering the skills of learning. Students are encouraged to choose subjects that they are passionate about, as well as those in which they feel their future lies. This fosters the joy of learning.

The College curriculum focuses on a set of Key Competencies that supports students in developing the skills to make them life long learners. The College specifically emphasises the importance of students developing Thinking skills that will enable them to form goals, take responsibility for their own learning and ultimately lead them into the world beyond school.

In 2012 students at all levels were encouraged to bring their own IT devices to support their learning. Programmes of work have been modified to take advantage of the opportunities that this provides.



*“I dream of making a difference...”*

## JAMIE LAINSON

“Throughout the course of my life I wish to make as large a difference as I possibly can in the world, specifically in medicine. Thanks to the huge number of opportunities available at Rangitoto College I have come to realise that my dream is achievable, just like those of many others. I, for one, have found that the teaching staff and classroom environments have stretched my thinking, encouraged a broadening of my understanding

of all my subjects so that I am ready to take the next step in life. I honestly do not feel that I could be better prepared in any way for University, where I plan on following my passion for Science, by completing a Bachelor’s Degree in Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) at Auckland University. “My aim is to become a paediatrician and help children in the lower socio-economic regions of the country.”

# Our Curriculum

The curriculum at Rangitoto College is extensive and academic, enabling students to formulate their own unique learning opportunities, to expand their visions and to define their personal ambitions.

Our core junior programme includes English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, one of four Languages (Maori, French, Japanese or Spanish), Health, Music and Physical Education. A diverse range of additional options is offered for one term to give students three further choices from Art, Dance, Drama, Economics, Electronics, Fabric and Food Technology, Design and Visual Communication, Materials Technology and Performance Music. In Year 10, students can begin to explore specialised subjects to meet their individual interests and strengths.

In the senior years, the College timetabling expertise accommodates the widest possible combination of study choices, offering fifty-nine subjects at Year 12 and an unparalleled twenty six Scholarship subjects in Year 13.

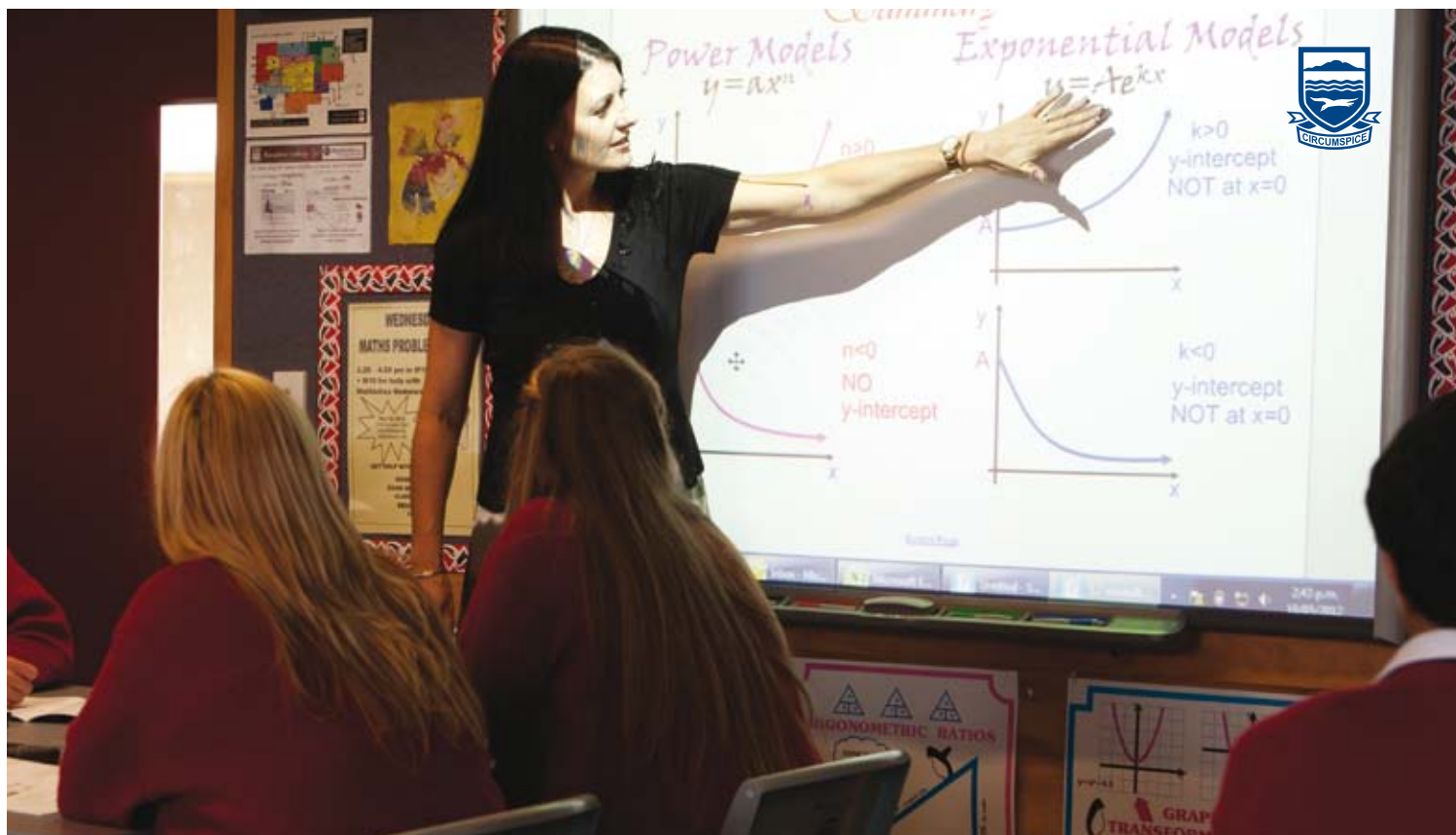
All students are challenged to fulfil their diverse and individual ambitions. Extensive data, collected from contributing schools and extended by further testing,

is used to identify and track the academic well-being of individual students. It is our aim to develop, through good teaching practice, the literacy of all our students, enhancing their ability to use and understand those language forms required

for successful communication in society.

Rangitoto College chooses only the best qualified specialist teachers available, from both New Zealand and overseas. The creative talent of the staff is constantly extended





through an innovative professional development programme using the best of local and international expertise.

Rangitoto College is in the forefront of development in the teaching of Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) programmes. We have two GATE co-ordinators who liaise with students and parents to make sure that individual needs are met. The most able students are catered for through extension and enrichment programmes and accelerated study. All subjects offer a range of options to meet the needs of individual students. A dedicated Learning

Support Department caters for those students who need extra assistance to reach their potential. Each child has an individualised programme of support to ensure that their needs are met.

### National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)

Rangitoto College is committed to the full implementation of NCEA and believes that the qualification provides rigorous and valid information about student achievement. The philosophies that underpin NCEA include a focus

on high achievement which, supported with world-class teaching practice, ensures that students achieve to their highest academic potential.

NCEA is internationally recognised and Rangitoto College's top scholars have gained entry and excelled in such world-renowned universities such as New York (Abu Dhabi), Harvard, Duke, Princeton, Oxford and Cambridge.

## MEGHAN KENNEY

"During my years at Rangitoto College, I have changed my mind about my future on many occasions. I am fortunate that the College has given me the freedom to do so by allowing me to explore all my options, having let me take subjects that were very academic, yet also offering the opportunity to take more creative subjects. Attending Rangitoto College has provided me with many opportunities and has presented me with chances to exercise

my leadership abilities, leading groups such as Amnesty International and the Multi-Cultural group. The College has endowed me with excellent skills that give me the luxury to follow my dreams of studying Chemical or Biomedical Engineering in a University overseas. I plan to apply to New York University in Abu Dhabi and hope to do my post-graduate studies in one of the top Universities in the United Kingdom on a scholarship."

*"I dream of first class honours..."*







# performing

Performing at Rangitoto College is an integral part of college life. It encompasses everything from taking a support role in a class performance to singing with your choir in a National Competition at the Auckland Town Hall.

Performance encourages students to take risks and interact appropriately with a variety of audiences. It requires creativity, discipline and dedication – precisely the skills which support all learning.



*“I dream of playing  
with the best...”*

## EUPHEMIA LI

“A world without music is unimaginable: void of all the beauty and atmosphere that music brings to our lives. Whether we notice it at all, it surrounds us as a gift that we take for granted. At Rangitoto College, the range of groups and performance opportunities, such as, the Fundamentals, Chamber Music and Concert Band. These have helped me to realise my passion for music, supporting me in my role as the Section Leader of the

New Zealand Secondary Student's Choir which will represent New Zealand in South Africa. Academically, I have had plentiful opportunities to pursue my interests in both the arts and sciences. I plan to attend the University of Auckland, and audition for the New Zealand Youth Choir to continue exploring both my academic and musical interests. In the future I hope that I am able to pass down the positive impact that music has had on my life to others.”

# Performing Arts

Rangitoto College has a well-deserved reputation for igniting students' ambitions through its diverse Performing Arts programme. Full-scale musical productions are a hallmark of the college year, as are the talented smaller ensembles and individual performances in both contemporary and classical music competitions.

Groups as varied as rock bands and choirs, orchestras and barbershop groups,

theatre-sport teams and big bands have regularly been national and regional finalists in their fields. These disciplines give all students the chance to develop their skills and enable gifted musicians, actors and dancers the chance to shine on the national stage. Further highlights during the year include a Dance Showcase, a Senior Shakespeare Production and a Cultural week, celebrating the diverse nationalities within the College.

Our superb facilities include a fully equipped auditorium, theaterette, computer suite and specialist music rooms, with a team of eight full-time staff, five ancillary staff and thirty eight itinerant tutors providing inspirational tuition to hundreds of aspiring performers.

The broad curriculum prepares students for all aspects of Performing Arts at tertiary level and for future employment in the industry.



# Cultural Activities

Rangitoto College features a vast repertoire of cultural and creative opportunities which actively engages students in expanding their social and personal awareness. Enthusiastic staff facilitate the development of diverse skills and awareness through groups to troupes celebrating international dance and music. Social responsibility is fostered through organisations such as S.A.D.D. (Students Against Driving Drunk), active participation in Amnesty International, and school-wide support of the 40-hour famine.

Both mental and emotional growth is nurtured with the competitive demands of chess, debating, future problem solving and other challenges including clubs as varied as science-fiction, tramping and the Planet People (for the environment). Students have every opportunity to formulate and explore their preferences, discovering new interests and capabilities they may never before have recognised in themselves.



A world class educational experience

## REBECCA SMITH

"I live and breath theatre. It is the one place I can step into another world, into someone else's shoes - even just for a moment. Nothing excites me more than the buzz I experience standing on stage in front of an audience. Whether I am acting, singing or playing violin, the thrill I get from entertaining is second to none. I hope to pursue drama at university and I believe my time at Rangitoto College will hold me in good stead for the audition

process. My dream is to one day act on a world stage, in New York or London. I am so grateful for the confidence and amazing memories drama has given me, and I want to pass this on to future generations. Rangitoto College has played a huge role in nurturing my development as a performer, allowing me to express my creativity in a multitude of different performances."

*"I dream of performing on the world stage..."*





# competing

All students are encouraged to be involved in competition at Rangitoto College, at a level that is appropriately challenging, stimulating and exhilarating for the individual. It encompasses everything from involvement in a social team through to representing your country at the highest level of International competition.

Sport encourages students to work as part of a team, and develops leadership. It requires commitment, persistence and resilience – important life skills.



*“I dream of competing with the best...”*

## ELLA FOTU

“In the past I have been involved in New Zealand netball, basketball and touch. This year I have made the decision that my main focus will be basketball as I have been selected for the New Zealand U17 3 on 3 team and National team. I have seen the opportunities basketball has created for my brother and hope to be able to travel more and gain a scholarship in America. My main aim is to represent my country at the Olympic games.”

# Sport

Students at Rangitoto College are encouraged to participate in sport throughout their time at the College. With an extensive range of sports on offer and with a focus on long-term healthy lifestyle choices, we push students to unlock their potential and expand their talents.

Rangitoto College provides over forty different sports. These include traditional team sports such as basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, volleyball and waterpolo, as well as a wide range of individual disciplines including athletics, swimming and tennis. Dedicated sports staff enrich the students' sporting opportunities with their expertise and enthusiasm, plus the committed support of volunteer coaches including parents and ex-students.

The proud sporting history of the College features numerous students who have become national champions, and have triumphed for New Zealand at the highest levels as world champions.

Rangitoto College acknowledges the importance of students leading active lives and has set two strategic goals: to



encourage the widest participation and foster elite performance. At Rangitoto College we aim to lift participation rates of students to be involved in at least one organised sport.

Our Athlete Performance Academy (APA) currently includes badminton,



basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, triathlon and volleyball. There are over one hundred and fifty world-stage performers participating in the programme. This outstanding programme offers a high calibre of outside professional coaching and includes sports-specific lectures and extensive information on fitness, nutrition, sports psychology, goal setting, time management, and injury prevention. Senior APA students can enjoy (at reduced cost) the benefits

of membership of the well-appointed Millennium Institute of Sport and Health pool and gymnasium complex.

Our sporting facilities are among the very best in New Zealand and include an Olympic-standard water-based hockey turf, three gymnasiums (including full sized basketball and netball courts), indoor cricket nets, weights/fitness centre and bowling machine and the nearby athletic track at the Millennium Institute.

Students have access to the Institute's indoor 50-metre swimming pool, health and fitness centre and their specialised medical facilities. The College also has an on-site full-time physiotherapist, free to all students and staff.

» For a full detailed list of sports, please see the inside back cover of this prospectus.

## TYLER VAO

"In future years to come I hope to continue playing Waterpolo at the highest level. This starts in December this year at the U18 Junior World Champs in Perth. I hope to captain the NZ team to a solid placing and perform well against some of the best teams in the world.

Good play at the Junior World Champs could open opportunities for me to play and study overseas at universities, although my main focus is obtaining good grades and pursuing a good degree."

*"I dream of playing the perfect game..."*





*“I dream of a richness of life for my daughter...”*

## JILL DARCEY, Alyssa’s mother

I dream of my daughter’s life flourishing with genuine contentedness. For Alyssa to be confident in who she is, cherish life’s opportunities, and develop strength of character to make wise choices, her school needs to enhance what we invest into her at home. The positive and

supportive culture of Rangitoto College does exactly that; it provides diversity, experiences and excellence in education to bring out the best in Alyssa, giving her a solid foundation as she transitions into her successful independent life.

# Global Connections

Students and staff at Rangitoto College are challenged to look around and beyond the familiar and engage with the world at large through visits, service projects and goodwill initiatives. These experiences are life changing and often result in huge personal growth and paradigm shifts for the individual.

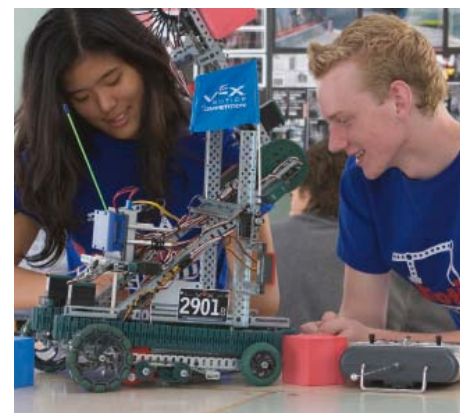
Recent adventures included cultural visit to Europe and South America

to enrich students' understanding of culture, language and society and expand personal boundaries through friendship and understanding. Another group of students attended commemoration ceremonies in both Turkey and New Zealand as part of our 'Tears of Gallipoli' programme which involves students from Istanbul, Australia and Rangitoto College. And yet another group spent time in

several major cities in the USA developing a deeper understanding and appreciation of Art and Art History.

The importance of service is one of our values and we participate in several international service projects. Our annual special aid mission to Cambodia is well established in the college. It allows teachers and students the unique opportunity to learn about the culture, heritage and history of Cambodia. Students also build houses for Cambodian families and deliver funds, which they have raised, to orphanages.

In a new initiative students from our college have been involved in an e-learning collaboration with St Luke's





School in Connecticut. This has been a joint fund raising project which will culminate in students and teachers from both schools travelling together into the jungle in Oaxaca, Mexico, to work with impoverished Mayan Indians.

Further developments are being planned for service work in Northern Thailand, India, New Orleans and the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in Dakota.

Individual students can also request to spend time overseas and we have placed individual students for various lengths of time in Belgium, Chile, Germany, Japan, Paraguay and the USA.

The college regularly welcomes visitors from all over the world and these visits are often consolidated into lasting relationships.

Global awareness and social conscience is further nurtured through students' active participation in Amnesty International, child sponsorship, environmental projects and a commitment to Fair Trade.

Rangitoto College students are global citizens and have a strong awareness of and commitment to their global responsibilities.

## International Students

Every year international students add cultural diversity to the character of Rangitoto College, discovering new horizons and defining their own tomorrows. Local students mix with fee-paying internationals from countries as diverse as Brazil, China, Colombia,

Germany, Italy, Korea, Russia, Spain and Thailand. Some come for short summer programmes; some stay for six or twelve-month transition or 'Gap' experiences, and still others stay on long-term to graduate.



# Student Support

“Comprehensive guidance and support systems help students enjoy a sense of belonging and... a safe emotional environment that fosters learning and the development of responsible and well-balanced young people”

*New Zealand Government Education Review Office Report*

Rangitoto College knows the importance of providing every student with the support they need to engage in successful learning. Our students flourish in the caring, safe environment of a wide range of services and resources to ensure that they make the most of their time at the college – both academically and personally.

From the very first day, we make the transition of beginning Year 9 students into the college smooth and welcoming with our trained Year 13 peer support leaders playing a vital roll. They befriend and motivate Year 9 students establishing lively and lasting relationships.

Deans at each year level ensure that the needs of students, both individually and collectively, are met. Tutor teachers support and encourage students through daily contact with their tutor groups.

Our highly committed team of counsellors is available throughout the school day to engage with students privately and confidentially. Parents too may work in partnership with guidance staff if they have concerns about their children.

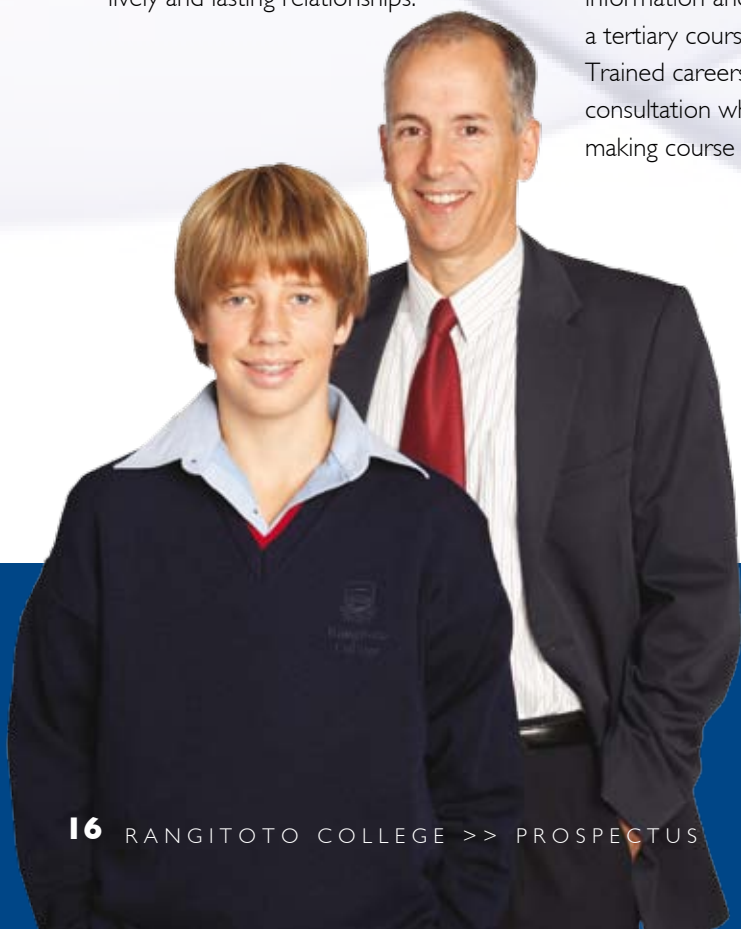
Rangitoto College has a careers education programme aimed at ensuring all students leave school with the information and the skills to choose a tertiary course or find employment. Trained careers staff provide individual consultation when students are making course and career decisions.

For students' physical welfare, the school has a fully equipped Health Centre staffed by registered nurses, as well as a full-time physiotherapy service.

Student leadership training is a significant focus within the school and students are encouraged to contribute to the life of the school and the wider community. Student Representatives lead fellow students in a myriad of activities that make the school a lively and engaging environment of cultural, social and recreational endeavours.



**For a full list of cultural and sporting activities, please see the inside back cover of this prospectus.**



*“I dream that my son exceeds my achievements...”*





# Today's Students Tomorrow's Leaders

The College is internationally regarded as an academic institution with a tradition of excellence. Retention rates are extremely high through to Year 13 and a vast majority of students fulfil their ambitions through tertiary studies leading to professional careers. Not only do Rangitoto College students gain entry to a diversity of universities, but their success rate in their first year of tertiary studies is also outstanding, testimony to the College's ability to provide a

lasting foundation for life-long study.

Our students achieve exceptional results that are recognised worldwide. Previous Duxes have been awarded full scholarships to Cambridge and Princeton Universities. Numerous students gain entry into the universities of their choice all over the world and in all cases achieve consistent success there.

In 2010 there were 62 scholarships; 9 of which were outstanding.

The students who have been awarded Dux have made a significant contribution to the wider life of the College. They have all been involved in sports, cultural and community groups and have been leaders in the College and wider community.

These diverse success stories flow from the enriching educational experience promised and delivered by Rangitoto College.