



Rangitoto College

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Rangitoto College, New Zealand's largest secondary school, is well-known nationally and internationally for providing a world-class educational experience.

The Prosperity Index survey of 142 countries rated the New Zealand education system number one in the world, due to the high quality of teachers, the range of subjects taught and the balance of academic and practical teaching. Teachers challenge students to get involved in classes, ask questions and learn from their mistakes.

As New Zealand's largest school, Rangitoto College can offer an incredibly wide selection of subjects, sports, music and arts to students. Whether students have long-term academic goals or want a short overseas experience, attending Rangitoto College helps them perfect their English, experience a different way of life and prepare for success in the global economy.





Studying at Rangitoto College

New Zealand secondary school students can choose many of their own subjects. Rangitoto College has extremely strong Maths and Science departments and our students often win national prizes for these subjects. In addition to the usual academic subjects, Rangitoto College offers subjects such as Computing, Music, Economics, Graphics, Art, Sociology,

Tourism, Dance, Drama, Fashion & Design, Construction, Engineering, Business Studies, Digital Technology, Computer Programming, Legal Studies, and Food & Nutrition. We teach Japanese, French, Spanish, Maori and Mandarin Chinese as languages and have ESOL classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for students who need extra English support.

Sports, Music and Cultural Activities

Rangitoto College endeavors to develop students academically, socially, physically and emotionally. Our international students are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular activities, as this is one of the best ways to gain confidence, make friends with local students, learn English, and have an authentic New Zealand experience.

Rangitoto College offers over 40 different sports, including rugby, football, baseball, basketball, fencing, judo, karate, golf, skiing, snowboarding, surfing, sailing and many more. Our students have the opportunity to join bands, jazz combos, orchestra, choirs and chamber music groups, and private tuition can be arranged for most musical instruments. The school offers many dance and theatre groups and there is also a wide range of activities such as art competitions, cultural diversity week and kapahaka (Maori performing arts).

Rangitoto College has developed specific programmes for international students such as the Rugby Programme. More information can be found at www.rangitoto.school.nz/international.



“I have had a wonderful experience playing piano as part of the Senior Big Band and the Senior I Jazz combo at Rangitoto College. The school music department is equipped with excellent facilities and practice rooms and the music department teachers and staff are very friendly and helpful.”

Tanakrit from Thailand



Facilities

Rangitoto College has some of the best facilities in the Southern Hemisphere including modern classrooms, a library and information centre featuring senior study and reading rooms, computer access for all students, an auditorium, an Olympic standard all weather hockey turf, three gymnasiums and a weights room, an all-weather athletics track, five sports fields,

a purpose built Science block with laboratories for physics chemistry, biology and electronics, an English block featuring television and film studios and drama rooms, a music block with practice and performance space, a dance studio with sprung floor, and a large modern swimming pool and sports institute on the school boundary.





Pre University Academic Programme and NCEA

Rangitoto has a strong academic track record and is the largest provider of students to the University of Auckland. Many of our graduates go on to other internationally acclaimed universities such as Cambridge, Oxford or Princeton. Last year an international student was named Rangitoto College Dux (top academic student). He is now studying on a scholarship at an American university and says that the support and learning he gained at Rangitoto College have helped him immensely.

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is well-recognised worldwide and can be gained in the last two years of secondary school. NCEA is an extremely flexible qualification and it consists of both internal assessments and external assessments to cater for different learning styles. Students sitting NCEA do not have the stress of preparing for one end of year examination that will decide their fate; they are assessed throughout the year with assignments, practical assessments, presentations, examinations and project work.



New Zealand Experience Programme and Term 4 Programme

Many students can only come to New Zealand for a short time (three – six months) and return to their country to finish high school. Students on a short term programme often choose less academic subjects such as Dance, Woodwork and Physical Education. Rangitoto offers an excellent Photography course which is specifically designed to be completed in six months so that international students can join the programme.

Short term students aim to get to know a different culture and education system, make new friends and travel around New Zealand. Rangitoto College works with a number of excellent tour companies that run supervised trips around New Zealand in the school holidays and at weekends and we are happy to help students book these tours.

Students who only study at Rangitoto College in Terms 3 and 4 may choose not to participate in NCEA exams and are offered a special Term 4 Programme of study and activities around Auckland.



“My experience here at Rangitoto College was fantastic. It gave me the opportunity to do things I could not have done at school in Germany. In Engineering I was taught to produce my own working steam engine and I discovered and fell in love with the sport of rugby.”

Sophie from Germany





New Zealand Homestay Families

Our Accommodation Co-ordinator carefully interviews and chooses suitable host families who live nearby, sometimes within walking distance to the school, local shops and beautiful beaches. Host families treat students like their own children, supporting and caring for them while they are in New Zealand. Students frequently stay in touch with their host family for the rest of their lives.

Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) is provided by homestay families. New Zealanders typically eat British food, however, most people like eating a wide variety of food. Many rural areas of New Zealand are dedicated to farming so we have access to good quality meat and fresh fruit and vegetables. There is an excellent selection of cafes and restaurants in Auckland and you can try cuisine from many places, including Italy, India, France, China, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, Turkey and America.

Living on the North Shore of Auckland

Rangitoto College is located on the beautiful, safe North Shore of Auckland. Being New Zealand's largest city, you can find many interesting shops, theatres and cafés as well as large open spaces. Auckland has a unique location which makes it possible to drive from the east coast (the Pacific Ocean) to the west coast (the Tasman Sea) in about an hour. The east coast beaches near the school have white sand and small waves, making them perfect for kayaking, kite surfing, windsurfing, sailing and stand up paddle boarding. The west coast beaches have black sand and large waves, which make them excellent for surfing.



“I know when I go home to Brazil I will miss being so close to the beach. My host family only lives ten minutes' walk from the beach and I go there almost every day. I've had an amazing time in New Zealand and even had the chance to try bungy jumping during my trip to the South Island. It was awesome! You have to do it! I think this is one of the best exchanges you can do in the whole world.”

Rafael from Brazil

Support for International Students

Rangitoto College has been hosting international students for over 15 years and we have developed excellent systems to help students adapt to life in a new country. A dedicated team of eight non-teaching staff, two academic deans and a deputy principal takes care of our international students. We meet students regularly to check they are doing well academically and personally and do everything we can to help them have a fantastic New Zealand experience. The New Zealand Government also strongly supports international education and has developed a Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students which sets out many rules that schools must follow.



“Sending our daughter to New Zealand was the best thing we could have done. Regina loved the warmth and affection with which she was treated this year and truly felt part of the family. Thank you New Zealand and Rangitoto College for opening your arms to our daughter!”

Marcela from Mexico about her daughter's experience in New Zealand



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