

# Rangiora High School

*Te Kura Tuarua o Rangiora*

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**YEAR 8 NEWSLETTER**

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### Tēnā Koutou Katoa

The beginning of 2018 is nearly upon us and, believe it or not, in around six weeks your child will be heading off to Year 9 at Rangiora High School. We look forward to welcoming them into our school, and the next stage of their journey.

The Year 8 Orientation Day was a great success, with many students having fears allayed and nerves calmed by their visit to next year's learning hubs, gym spaces, canteen and grounds. We acknowledge that after 8 years of knowing a place, its people and systems so well, that changing all this can be cause for a level of anxiety- we hope students left this day feeling a bit more comfortable about what 2018 will look like for them.

All students have been placed into Houses, with requests and preferences catered to if at all possible. Academic and Pastoral information, including comments from the teacher interviews have all been collated into one document per House, which has been shared with the Dean and Head of each House. Year 9 teaching teams have met for two full days of planning and they are really looking forward to working with their new students.

As you will be aware, this year saw a change in the way we deliver our teaching and learning programmes in Year 9. The last few weeks has seen a lot of academic testing occur across curriculum areas and we are starting to get the data that allows us to track the progress for each student through the year. Preliminary results are looking very good, with identified groups of students having made significant gains, and the cohort as a whole either at or above the progress made in previous years. This is clear evidence of the new approach not only working, but working well. Data will continue to be collected, and presented in future newsletters.





We also changed the way we support our gifted and talented learners this year, and feedback from those students has been similarly positive, which means we will run the same programme in 2018, for both Year 9 and 10 students. Around week 4 of Term 1, identified students, and parents, will be invited into the programme, which is run by Ms. Dawn Haward.

Finally, a key part of our curriculum delivery relies on students having an electronic device to work on. This has allowed staff and students more choice around tasks, better tracking of achievement, more effective differentiation of tasks and more efficient collation of student work. Recommended specifications of this device are on our website, and while we acknowledge the cost of these devices, the Bring Your Own Device programme provides a key support of student learning. Over the summer break there will be many retail stores offering great deals on devices and it is a good chance to make the investment more cost effective. In terms of which device to choose, feedback from staff suggests that a medium priced Chromebook, with a protective case, is one of the better options.





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## Lunch on the Lawn





## YEAR 9 BOYLE RIVER CAMP 2018

In February of 2018 all Year 9 students will have the opportunity to go on school camp. Camps are run at the Boyle River Camp, which is situated at the start of the Lewis pass – about 40minutes by bus past the Hanmer Springs turnoff.

Six camps will run in total, over weeks 3, 4 and 5 of Term 1 2018. Students will go with their Learning Hub, this is a great way for students to make friendship groups and form lifelong bonds with other students in their form class. Some of the hubs form teachers and core teachers will also attend, a perfect way for students to get to know their new teachers in a relaxed and fun environment.

Six Year 13 peer support leaders also attend each camp. These students have all been on camp as year 9 students, so they make an invaluable addition to the team.

Students will travel together by bus to the Boyle River. Mini vans also attend camp and stay as emergency vehicles.

When students get to camp they will be placed into six groups of 10 to 12 students, each group will have a Boyle River Instructor with them for the next two days. As well as this a Rangiora High School teacher and a year 13 student will be with them. Students will take part in a number of activities, which are designed to challenge them. It is important to note that the Boyle River staff are very experienced with the activities and are aware that each student will have different ability levels. No student would be challenged if the instructors felt it would not be in their best interests. Health and Safety is paramount at all times in the minds of Boyle River Staff and Rangiora High School Staff.

Students will sleep one night in the Boyle Lodge and weather permitting one night they will camp out. Cooking their own dinner with a bonfire and sing along to finish off (again, conditions permitting).

We are hoping to keep the costs under \$200 again for each student to attend camp in 2018. You are able to set up an automatic payment to pay off this camp fee, this year if you wish. This can be done by contacting Val Tones (Executive Officer) on 03 311 8888. Full payment is expected to be made before your son/daughter attends camp. Please contact me on [mgr@rangiorahigh.school.nz](mailto:mgr@rangiorahigh.school.nz) if you feel this payment is going to be an issue.

Students will need to take a good sleeping bag with them and well as good sturdy footwear. It is good if layers of clothes can be worn, as weather can change quickly from hot to cold in this area. In addition a rainproof jacket would be very useful!! Old clothes are better to take, especially with some activities like the infamous mud run. The Boyle River has a wide range of gear that can be borrowed, again please contact [mgr@rangiorahigh.school.nz](mailto:mgr@rangiorahigh.school.nz) and this can be arranged for you.

Students will get a lot more information about camp as the time draws nearer. In addition to this we will ask you as parents and caregivers to fill in detailed medical and dietary requirements along with consent for you student to attend camp. If your student is not going to attend camp, then they will come to school as normal and will spend their time in a separate learning hub.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively have a read of the Boyle River website. <http://www.boyle.org.nz/>

Kind Regards

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# YEAR 9 BOYLE RIVER CAMP 2018

## Year 9 camp write up By Shayla and Diaz

### RULTHERFORD HOUSE

A feeling of nervous excitement was growing in us as the day went on. The legendary mud run was the upcoming activity. The mud run is a really fun activity, and we recommend doing it.



Splloosh! That's the sound of your classmates jumping in puddles, soaking you all over! We were in the same tent on camp and honestly it brought us together so much. The informal banter of everyone getting to know one another was amusing to listen to and one of the funniest memories from the whole camp experience. My Favourite camp activities were definitely the Mud Run and the night walk, the night walk was really funny and we all made so many good memories that night.

Overall we loved the camp and agree with its focus of helping us get to know one another. It was such an amazing experience and we made so many new friends and had so many laughs - even if it was raining and cold like it was for us. We recommend going on camp so much because honestly it is a wonderful experience and we would definitely go back in a heartbeat.





## From Strategic Leadership team

Picture below are member of the Strategic Leadership Team. From Left is Brian Hays (Deputy Principal - Enriched Environment), Chris Quigley (Deputy Principal - Student Success, Achievement and Resourcing), Karen Stewart - Principal, Alison Cleary (Deputy Principal - Dynamic Curriculum), Scott Wright (Innovative Learning) and absent is Julia Malcolm (Deputy Principal - Student Engagement).



## Head Students 2018

Rangiora High School is pleased to announce our five Head Students for 2018. They are from left to right in the photo below) Brianna James, Tom Lindsay, Ben Spark, Holly Maxwell and Quintin Jane.





# 2018 Start-up Information

## **Saturday 20 January - PTA's SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**

- The PTA will hold a second-hand uniform sale on Saturday 20 January from 9.30am to 11.30am at 115 East Belt. Please note, cash sales only.

## **Monday 22 January - SCHOOL OFFICE RE-OPENS**

- The school office will re-open today. You can telephone the school office on 03 3118888.

## **Thursday 25 January - (no buses) NEW STUDENTS' ENROLMENT**

- Enrolment of Year 9-13 students who were not able to pre-enrol occurs at 9.00am.
- Heads of House, Deans of House, Heads of Faculty and Curriculum Leaders will be available to assist with course selection and placement.
- To speed up the process, Year 9-13 students who have not pre-enrolled are asked to obtain an enrolment package from the school office PRIOR to this day.
- Please bring proof of address and birth certificate to school today.
- Year 9-11 students new to our school must also bring their school reports.

## **Friday 26 January - TEACHER ONLY DAY**

School closed today. No students attend. No buses operate.

## **Monday 29 January - TEACHER ONLY DAY**

- School closed today. No students attend. No buses operate.

## **Tuesday 30 January - (buses run as normal) YEAR 9 ORIENTATION DAY**

- New students, including Year 9 students, attend from 8.40am today.
- Buses will run at normal times from today onwards.
- Please check the website for more information on school buses, routes and times.
- Year 9 bus students should assemble at the usual school bus stop near their home (or stand on the side of the road and flag down the bus). Your Rangiora High School uniform is your "ticket" to board the bus. Your driver will welcome you and advise you of the location of the normal bus stop. Parents and caregivers are welcome to telephone our bus company, Torlesse Travel Limited, on 03 3135453 for specific pick-up locations and times.
- 2.20pm : Year 9 Assembly in the Hall . Year 9 local (non-bus) students released at 2.40pm.
- 2.40pm : Year 9 Bus Students' Assembly in the Hall.
- 3.15pm : Bus students go home on the buses.

*NOTE: Parents and caregivers of Year 9 students are warmly invited to the Year 9 "Open House" after school on Thursday 8 February to meet your child's teachers and network with other parents.*



# The Uniform Shop

Rangiora High School Uniform Shop is operated and managed by UNIFORM GROUP. Opening hours may be subject to change. Please note that all garments needing to be exchanged will need proof of purchase and to be in original packaging, view the Exchanges and Returns page for more information.

Here is the link: <http://rhs.uniformgroup.co.nz/>

The shop is located at 115 East Belt, Rangiora (next door to the school).

Saturday 9 Dec - the last day the shop is open in 2017.

2018 TERM 1

OPEN HOURS | Term 1, 2018

DAY	DATE	OPENING HOURS
Monday - Friday	22, 23, 24, 25, 26 Jan 2018	9.00am - 3.30pm
Saturday	27 Jan 2018	CLOSED
Monday - Friday	29, 30, 31 Jan, 1, 2 Feb 2018	8.00am - 12.30pm
Saturday	3 Feb 2018	CLOSED
Monday	5 Feb 2018	8.00am - 10.00am
Tuesday	6 Feb 2018	CLOSED
Wednesday	7 Feb 2018	1.20pm - 2.20pm
Thursday	8 Feb 2018	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday	9 Feb 2018	CLOSED





## Student Services

### Uniform

The Rangiora High School website has a detailed outline of the RHS uniform.

A few bits of uniform news. We have just signed off on a new cap which will be available soon. It is black with the school's monogram embroidered on it. The new cap is black, UV resistant and looks smart.

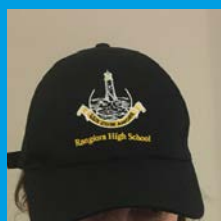
Girls' trousers in all sizes are now available from the Uniform Shop. These can be worn by any year level.

A reminder about SOCKS. They are plain black. We are trying to maintain a standard of tidiness in the uniform and sticking to the uniform code is our best way of keeping to the high standard which most students reach every day.

Please feel free to contact me by phone 033118888 or email [wlv@rangiorahigh.school.nz](mailto:wlv@rangiorahigh.school.nz) if I can help you with hardship issues around uniform. We have lots of ways to help.

Vanessa Wilkins

**Acting Deputy Principal  
Student Engagement**



### Our Houses



### The Pastoral Team

Each of the six Houses is headed by a pastoral team comprising of a Head of House and Dean of House. The pastoral teams are here to support you with any matter relating to your child's progress and are always very keen to work together with parents and caregivers for positive outcomes. If you would like to make contact with your child's pastoral team, for an appointment or for any general queries, please note their contact details as below:

For all email contact with your pastoral team, please note that their cypher should be attached to our High School email address. For example: [slk@rangiorahigh.school.nz](mailto:slk@rangiorahigh.school.nz)

#### Hillary House

Head of House - Kerry Sullivan (SLK) ext: 2101

Dean of House - Emma Gibson (GBE) ext: 2100

#### Lydiard House

Head of House - Ian Johnson (JNI) ext: 2103

Dean of House - Jonathan Cowey (CWJ) ext: 2102

#### Mansfield House

Head of House - Robyn McGrath (MGR) ext: 2104

Acting Dean of House - Anna Commons (CMA) ext: 2105

#### Ngata House

Head of House - Vanessa Wilkins (WLV) ext: 2107

Dean of House - Tim Berg (BRT) ext: 2106

#### Rutherford House

Head of House - Jonny Sim (SMJ) ext: 2108

Dean of House - Gillian Koster (KSG) ext: 2109

#### Sheppard House

Head of House - Keith Anderson (ADK) ext: 2111

Dean of House - Paula Howard (HWP) ext: 2110

