



Rangiora High School



Whakautea
RESPECT



Tohaina
CONTRIBUTE



Wawatahia
ASPIRE

Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana
A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the marae

A child who learns values at home and is cherished within their family, will not only behave well amongst the family but also within society and throughout their life.

Newsletter to parents/caregivers/whānau/akonga

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you for your support of our school at this complex time. I write to advise of a decision regarding this year's school prizegivings.

As you know, we continue to act on Ministry of Education advice as we plan for the remainder of the year. Until we reach Alert Level 1, the Ministry has recommended that all schools avoid holding large gatherings where participants and attendees are there for non-education purposes (that is, events that are not focussed on curriculum delivery). School prizegivings fall into this category. Prizegivings are an important aspect of school life, but they are not a curriculum requirement.

Therefore, with regret, I wish to advise that we will not be holding prizegivings in the usual way this year. Instead, we are working towards holding the following events:

- Year 11-12 Prizegiving will be held on **Friday 19 November** in the School Hall (during the school day) with a student-only audience. This is before NCEA exams commence. Buses will be running.
- Year 13 Graduation ceremony will be held on **Friday 3 December** in the evening in the School Hall with Year 13 students only. This will be filmed and we will provide a secure online link to parents/caregivers (only).
- Year 9-10 Prizegiving will be held on **Wednesday 8 December** in the School Hall (during the school day) with a student-only audience.

Please be aware that, as per MoE guidelines, we are recommending that students and staff wear face coverings to these events. We will ensure students are seated in a socially distanced way and will have windows open to ensure cross-ventilation.

I know this decision on prizegivings will disappoint many. We are doing our best to give our leaving students the best experience at the end of what has been a tough couple of years for them. As always, supporting all students' health and wellbeing remains central to our decision-making.

Ngā mihi,

Karen Stewart
Principal / Tumuaki