



Rangi Ruru
Girls' School

Year 9 English Programme of Learning 2025

**Ko te reo te tuakiri, ko te reo tōku ahurei, ko te reo te ora.
Language is my identity, language is my uniqueness, language is life.**

Year 9 English



Welcome to Year 9 English at Rangi Ruru Girls' School.

Our 2024 programme will be rich with opportunities to explore all areas of the English language and to gain valuable literacy skills. Our goal is to inspire a love of English, to challenge and empower you, to equip you with critical analysis skills, and most importantly, to have fun. You will encounter stories from Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond our shores. You will be able to see your progress through formative feedback from your teacher and summative assessment tasks you complete during the year.

In your English class, your Rangi Ruru values and Rangi Graduate dispositions will shine through:

Whakaute Respect – showing respect to your teachers and other class members and listening respectfully.

Aroha – helping other students, being kind to everyone, and sharing your enthusiasm for your favourite stories.

Rikarika Endeavour – making an effort, doing your best, self-managing yourself and your device.

Ngaana Enthusiasm – being positive, on time, curious, and open-minded to new ideas and activities.

Manaakitanga - Generosity of Spirit - helping out your teacher and helping others.

Tika Integrity – completing work in class and for homework, being honest about your understanding, showing resilience when you meet challenges and always presenting your own words.



What will I begin to understand in English this year?

Sharing stories is a source of joy and nourishment.	Ko pohewa, ko auaha ngā ara ki ao hou. Creativity and imagination transport us to new worlds.
Language and literature give us insights into ourselves and others.	Mā te reo, ka mōhio; mā te reo ka mārama; mā te reo ka ora. Through language comes knowledge; through language comes insight; through language comes wellbeing.
The stories of Aotearoa New Zealand are unique taonga tuku iho (cultural heirlooms).	Kia mau ki tō ūkaipō. Don't forget your roots
Literature, language, and texts are powerful.	Ko te manu e kai i te miro nōna te ngahere; ko te manu e kai i te mātauranga nōna te ao. We are empowered through knowledge and understanding.



What will I be learning this year?

Literacy: You will complete four PAT assessments. They will focus on reading comprehension, grammar, listening, and spelling. To personalise your learning, we need to assess your literacy skills at the beginning of Term 1 and check your progress during the year. To help strengthen your reading comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary we will be using **Reading Plus**. Additional vocabulary and spelling support will also be provided.

Reading: To encourage your reading, you will need a real paper book in class for your Independent Reading Project (IPR) sessions and will visit the Gibson Centre library fortnightly. You will be expected to read as part of your Home Learning. We would like you to read a wide range of genres.

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Term One	Language (Close Reading)
Term Two	Response to Text <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paragraphs x2 in different contexts with an introduction to introduction/ conclusions
Term Three	Writing (Anthology of writing) Visual Language
Term Four	Speaking (Ted Talk, Dramatic Monologue, Demonstration, Speech)

ICAS: You will have the opportunity to take part in the ICAS exams in reading or writing.

The following items will be Gold Sheeted to your account: online PAT testing and a Reading Plus subscription.

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