



Principal's Message

As we come to the close of another busy and rewarding year at Mangere College, I want to take a moment to acknowledge our students, staff, families, and wider community for the tremendous support and commitment you've shown throughout 2025. This year has been full of growth, achievement, and memorable moments that reflect the heart of our school.

Our annual prizegiving events were a true celebration of excellence. It was wonderful to see so many students recognised for their academic success, leadership, service, culture, and resilience. The pride on the faces of whānau and staff reminded us why we do this mahi. Congratulations once again to all our award recipients, you embody the values of Mangere College, and we are incredibly proud of you.

Wider Living Week was another highlight, offering students the opportunity to learn beyond the classroom and engage in rich experiences that build confidence, teamwork, and curiosity. Whether students were exploring the outdoors, participating in creative workshops, or contributing to community projects, the week was filled with new challenges and plenty of smiles. A big thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly to organise and supervise these activities.

This year's School Ball and Year 13 Leaver's Dinner was a standout event, an evening of elegance, celebration, and joy. Our students looking stunning and represented the school with pride. It was a night to remember, and one that truly showcased the positive spirit and unity of our senior learners. Thank you to the Ball Committee and staff volunteers who worked behind the scenes to create such a magical event.

The success of our Junior Volleyball girls team (5th in their Division at the North Island Championships) and our Junior Debating teams (placing 1st and 2nd in their respective sections) this term, once again highlights the immense talent we have in our student body. I thank all of our staff and parents who have supported our co-curricular and extra-curricular programmes this term.

As we wrap up the year, I want to acknowledge the dedication of our teachers and support staff, the encouragement of our families, and the hard work of our students. Together, we have continued to uphold our values, strengthen our culture, and strive for excellence. To our departing staff, we thank you for your service and wish you well on the next chapter.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful year in 2026.

Ngā manaakitanga, Geraint Tagaloo
Principal – Māngere College



Whitecliffe Fashion Show: Inspiring the Next Generation of Creatives

Students attended the Whitecliffe College Graduation Fashion Show which was held on Friday, 28 November.

The visit to Whitecliffe's end-of-year showcase was nothing short of inspiring. Our students were immersed in a world of innovative design, exceptional craftsmanship, and the energy of a professional fashion event at scale. "It was an amazing experience for our students to see the calibre of work and the professional event of this size, which inspired and ignited their imagination for the potential futures they may step into."

The experience has sparked new ideas and excitement within our cohort, perhaps even the beginnings of our very own Māngere College Fashion Show in 2026.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Kavi Sewdayal, Michaela Hilder, Fay Amaral, Laetitia Thompson, and the entire Whitecliffe College team. Their support and connection have opened doors for our students and are helping us build a meaningful partnership. We are already looking forward to planning a visit to the Whitecliffe Manukau campus in 2026.

A huge mihi and heartfelt acknowledgment to Miss Hopman from Performing Arts, whose support made this trip possible. We would not have been able to undertake this experience without her dedication and mahi.



The school office will be closed to the public on Friday, 12 December.

The office will reopen for enrolments from 19–23 January 2026, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

University of Auckland for Future Me 2025

On Tuesday 18th November we had the opportunity of taking 8 students to the University of Auckland for Future Me 2025, an event designed to inspire and support our young ākonga as they begin to think about their future pathways.

The students started their day in mixed groups with others from different schools, which helped them step out of their comfort zones and build confidence. They were welcomed and supported by UOA student ambassadors who guided them throughout the morning and made sure they felt settled. Each group took part in hands-on workshops that explored areas such as science, arts, health and engineering. Students had the chance to try new activities, ask questions and hear real experiences from university students and staff, giving them a clearer picture of what studying in these fields might look like.

Through this amazing opportunity our students left with a smile and made many friends. Not only that but they've left with the knowledge of wanting to pursue UE and go to university. This was an awesome way for our students to interact with others, understand university and also prepare them for year 11 and what's to come.

Experiences like this help our students imagine their future and take the first steps towards achieving their goals. We can't wait to see where their journeys take them next.



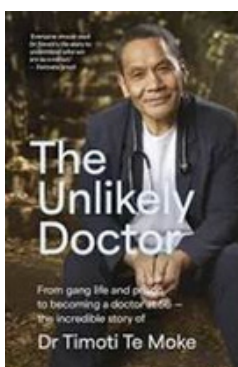
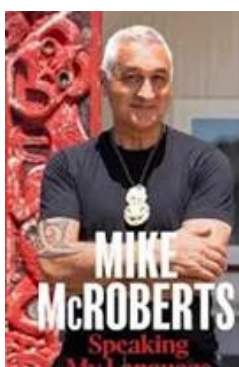
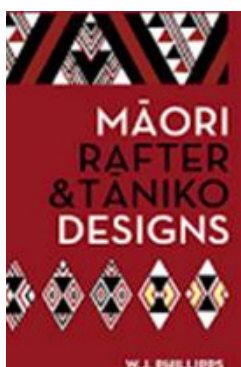
Update from the Library Desk

Term four was a busy time for students and staff preparing for the final exams. Our library was busy providing devices to students. We had to recall our library books for stocktake.

Our librarians secret Santa and presentation of certificates to all librarian's was the highlight for us. Stocktake was carried out. Our student librarians assisted with the shelves wipe down and clearing of furniture for the year end.

The highlight for the library was the many cultural day lunch time activities that happened in the library. We had a "make-over" in the foyer area. It looks amazing. Our students have started using the lockers too.

We have purchased many books to assist our students with their various topics and also to read for pleasure. Do come in to get your summer/holiday reading books.



2026 Term Dates

Term 1: 29 January – 2 April (29 January is first day for Yr 9 students only)

Term 2: 20 April – 3 July

Term 3: 20 July – 25 September

Term 4: 12 October – 11 December

Southside Project Debating Competition

Our debating team took part in the Southside Project Debating Competition hosted by De La Salle College. Students from across South Auckland came together to compete, connect, and build their confidence as young leaders. Our teams were supported by our debating coach and Head Girl, Manuia, who guided them throughout the competition. It was a great opportunity for our taura to strengthen their thinking, teamwork and debating skills.

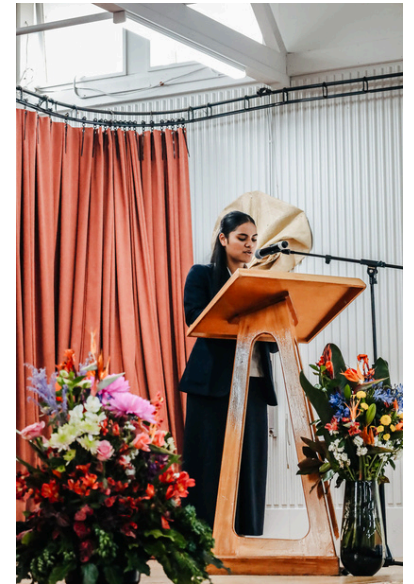
We're proud to share that Tevita and Azalea won the Grand Final trophy. This is a huge achievement, especially in their first year of debating and against senior teams. In the Novice grade, Primrose, Leonie and Asiah came second. Throughout the competition, our taura represented Mangere College with pride, humour, and confidence.

Ngā mihi to the Southside Project and De La Salle College for hosting, and to sponsors Buzzly and Auckland Council for supporting rangatahi in South Auckland. A big thank you also to our coach, Head Girl Manuia, and staff members Ms Doughty, Ms Woods, Ms Pasese, and Mr Anamani for their tautoko. Thanks as well to our whānau who came along to support our teams at the Grand Finals. We look forward to seeing more amazing debates in 2026.

"This debate competition have us the freedom to express our opinion ideas and our style of speaking. This huge opportunity allowed us to be more comfortable when speaking in front a huge amount of people" - Tevita .



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Senior Ball Pictures



Wider Living Week Photos



Mangere College School Song - We Will Rise

We Will Rise was written as a song of dedication to MC life & students – celebrating The MC Way, and the strength, resilience & heart of our MC students. Song was written by Emily Heeney in 2020. Kava Bowl Media recorded and produced the song.

Verse 1: We are a family Together as one, we're MC Spreading love, showing unity Overcoming the adversity

Pre-Chorus: Respect and responsibility MC pride and humility It's not a fantasy, we can rise above and leave a legacy...

Chorus: And we will rise (strong minds, strong hearts) And we will rise (we all play a part) And we will rise, we'll never stop, Climb that mountain 'til we reach the top Seek the heights, seek the heights Seek the heights, seek the heights

Verse 2: It don't matter what people say
We have it inside, we can pave the way
Rise to the challenge every day
I know we can make it, we'll be okay

Pre-Chorus 2: Respect and responsibility
MC pride and humility
It's not a fantasy, we can rise above and leave a legacy...

Chorus 2: And we will rise (strong minds, strong hearts)
And we will rise (we all play a part)
And we will rise, we'll never stop,
Climb that mountain 'til we reach the top
Seek the heights, seek the heights
Seek the heights, seek the heights

Bridge: I know it's hard, the struggles that you face
You feel like giving up, but don't let those talents go to waste
Just stand up tall, you've got the strength within
Keep pushing on, you're gonna win
Sing it with me now
And we will rise, rise And we will rise We will rise Rise

Chorus 3: And we will rise (strong minds, strong hearts) And we will rise (we all play a part) And we will rise, we'll never stop, Climb that mountain 'til we reach the top Seek the heights, seek the heights Seek the heights, seek the heights

Outro Bridge: I know it's hard, the struggles that you face You feel like giving up, but don't let those talents go to waste Just stand up tall, you've got the strength within Keep pushing on, you're gonna win

School Medley

Henry Fesulua'i formed the Mangere College School Medley in 2019 for our students to sing in formal occasions. It represents the diversity of our students with Maori, Samoan, Tongan and Cook Islands songs and hymns and we end in our school haka to honour our indigenous people of NZ.

Maori – he honore

He honore he kororia
Maungarongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e
Ki nga tangata katoa
Ake ake amine
Te atua te piringa
Toku oranga

'Eiki ko e 'ofa 'a'au

'Eiki ko e- 'ofa- 'a'au
Koe moana loloto
Pea ngalo- hifo- ki ai
'Eku ngaahi angahia...
Pea kuo (x2)
'Ufi'ufi (x2)
'Eku kovi (x2)
Kotoape (x2)
'Eku kovi kotoape

Faafetai i le atua

Faa-fe-tai i-le a-tua
Le -na ta-tou tu-pu ai (x2)
Ina ua na alo-fa fua
Ia te'i ta-tou u-ma nei
Ia pe-pese, ia pe-pese (x2)
A-le-luia fa'a-fe-tai (x2)

Te Āro'a o te atua

Ā-ro-'a mai te atua ia-ku
I te a-u mea ta-ku e kite nei
Te 'anuanua kua 'iti mai ki ro-to ia-ku
A-ro-'a mai te atua ia-ku

WISHING YOU A PEACEFUL, JOYFUL, AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!%