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Message from the Headmaster

Tena koutou katoa,

It is with pride that I provide you with a brief report on Nelson College's 163rd year, and my 14th and final year as Headmaster.

2019 has been a positive year for the school in many respects.

Focus and energy has continued to be invested in teaching and learning. Our students have performed well above the national averages in all areas of academic attainment including NCEA, Trade Qualifications, Scholarship and Cambridge Examinations; and to support this achievement, our teaching staff continues to challenge and improve their educational skills through professional learning and collaborative mentoring.

This year, Nelson College students continued to make their mark nationally and internationally, in both curricular and co-curricular pursuits. An impressive list of Board of Trustees' medallion recipients demonstrates the hard work, focus and determination by each and every one of these boys; as well as the support and encouragement from those around them.

A highlight of our co-curricular year was the achievements of our 1st XV. Not only were they victorious on the field, but they were an example to the rest of the school of a team with exemplary standards for discipline, comradery and support; as well as respect for each other and their opponents.

In boarding, extensive five-year refurbishments in both Barnicoat and Rutherford were completed and 2019 heralded the re-opening of Rutherford to students. Both houses are now fully operational with domestic and international students. Fell House remains a vital and vibrant part of the school, available for hire age all year round. We are undertaking a gradual modernisation plan over the next few years, funded by the hospitality and hireage income areas.

I am very proud of this school and regard my time here as the highlight of my career. Throughout my vocation in the education sector, I have known well the responsibility of teaching. The task of being entrusted with the care, education and development of our youth has become increasingly important. As Headmaster, I have operated under the servant-leader model with two essential and core tasks: to develop and support a positive school climate and culture; and to appoint creative, passionate and caring staff for all the roles within the college.

Although I am leaving Nelson College, I will continue to watch with interest and pride. My hope for the immediate future is that the invaluable work already started on the Primary Trades Academy / Lamb Environmental Centre will continue. The aim is that the proven successes of the Gibbons Trades' Centre will be complemented by a Primary Trades' Facility - covering vegetable, pip and stone-fruit production, viticulture, forestry and apiculture.

In closing, I must mention how important our very active Old Boys' Association is and acknowledge our appreciation of your ongoing contributions and support.

In particular –

- Matakitaki Lodge upgrades and equipment funded by the Christchurch OBA branch and Owen Bequest.
- Te Ara Poutama's carved façade which is nearing completion and has been supported by the Trust Foundation and the Chapman Bequest Interest Fund.
- John & Sir Geoffrey Palmer and the contribution from the Palmer Fund, which supports the teaching staff's Professional Development Programme, and in particular, the Rongohia Te Hau initiative in 2018 and the GROWTH coaching teaching staff workshop in 2019.
- Tom Sturges Fund supporting families with financial hardship, enabling their sons to fully participate in the college's programmes.
- David Robertson, Paul Sturrock as President, and the Nelson Executive for all the support and work around the Scriptorium museum and College events.
- Alan Turley for his research and work in producing another fine book showcasing the rich history of the College.
- Rob McKegney and John McCaul for their work with the Trust Foundation and their support for me personally and professionally.

Finally, I wish you all the best for the festive season, and a safe and prosperous 2020.

Warmest regards and a fond farewell,

Nga mihi nui,

Gary O'Shea MEd (Admin)
Headmaster



J G McKay Scholarship

Nelson College Old Boys' Association President Paul Sturrock presents 2019 Head Boy Matthew Mayer with the J G McKay Award at the 2019 AGM. The Scholarship was first awarded in 1960, in memory of Mr J G McKay, who was a master at Nelson College from 1906 to 1944. In gratitude for his services to the College and for the deep impress for good which he left on the boys who passed through it in his time, the Old Boys' subscribed a considerable sum of money with which to endow a Scholarship to his honoured memory.

It is their hope that succeeding generations of Nelson College boys will respect and cultivate the qualities of manliness, industry and integrity which his life so richly exemplified.

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Dear Fellow Old Boys

Thank-you for taking time to read another copy of “The Bulletin”.

We email this read to every Old Boy on our database. If you know an Old Boy who has not received our email, then please get them to contact us so we can update their details.

We have some glossy copies available at the college and through some local Old Boys. If you would like a printed copy, please contact us.

The Bulletin has always been a reliable means for Nelson College Old Boys to keep updated and learn more history, successes from our school and hear about fellow Old Boys around the globe.

Previous “Bulletins” are available on the college website. You can also “like” us on Facebook to hear from us on a more regular basis.

Retirement of Headmaster

This year sees the retirement of our Headmaster Gary O'Shea after 13 years as HM. Gary has been a strong supporter of Old Boys and I can honestly say it has been a pleasure having Gary attend our committee meetings and thank him for keeping us well informed with college matters from both a student perspective and from school management projects and outlook.

Gary has a strong belief that good Old Boys support makes a positive difference for students and school success. I often feel we let our school down as a group of “old blokes”, because, we don't really make the simple support or regular commitment ourselves that could easily make a difference to the future of many young men following behind us.

Thank you Gary, for your help and support with the Nelson College Old Boys' Association, we will endeavour to improve our link as you have encouraged.

2019 Success for College

2019 has been another successful year for college events and sports teams. Personally, I have not attended as many sporting or cultural events this year as I would have liked, however our win at Quadrangular Rugby in Wellington was particularly memorable for me as it would have been for us all wet and cold on the side-line in Wellington this year.

Can I say a big thanks to all those Old Boys who make the effort to support our college students at many events sporting and cultural on a regular basis.

Tours of the College and Scriptorium

If you are interested in a tour of the college or just want to stop in when visiting Nelson, please feel free to contact us via the school office.

Thanks to David Robertson (1956-61) for his ongoing voluntary work in our Scriptorium including archival work and showing Old Boys and family our school and history.

The Script continues to be maintained and updated and is worthy of a visit.

If any Old Boy is able to volunteer some time to help with the Script, database or general communication with Old Boys, we will welcome your input, call Lucy at college 03 5483099 ext 825. Email lj@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Reunions

We are always keen to hear from old boys interested in getting some sort of a reunion going. Please contact us for help.

Students

Our students have had some wonderful successes for 2019. Congratulations to all Prize winners, Sports teams and those proud of their achievements in 2019. We look forward to seeing you become part of the Nelson College Old Boys' Association and look forward to meeting with you at NCOB events in the future.

Best Regards for all NCOB family and friends

Paul Sturrock (1980–84)

President NCOBA



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NCOBA Executive 2019

President: Paul Sturrock (1980-84)	Executive: Paul Bromell (1981-86)	Edward Kelling (1958-62)
Treasurer: Brett Mochan (1972-75)	Campbell Ching (1969-73)	Rob McKegney (1966-70)
Headmaster: Gary O'Shea	Kieran Cleary (staff)	David Robertson (1956-61)
	Iain Graham (1969-73)	Chris Harvey (1965-69)

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Cover Image:
Headmaster Gary O'Shea ahead
of his retirement in January
2020. Read more on page 4-5.

Reflections on a Headmaster

Gary O'Shea - 2006-2020

Nelson College Old Boys share their thoughts...

Gary O'Shea took on the position of Headmaster of Nelson College in 2006 with great vision and goals to grow the College, and "lead it to another level of excellence". In the last 14 years, O'Shea has certainly achieved great things. Under his leadership the College's historic boarding houses Barnicoat and Rutherford have undergone major renovations, ensuring the future of boarding. The Gibbons Trade Centre was opened in 2013, opening up a realm of trades-based opportunities for boys. The Whare Te Ara Poutama was opened in 2011 and hosts te reo classes, performing arts, kapa haka, manu korero and much more.



Gary O'Shea when he took over the helm in 2006

"Gary O'Shea is a true patriot of Nelson College and the Nelson College Old Boys Association. He has created a truly remarkable ambience in the school which carries the message that every boy matters. His respect for the role that the Old Boys play in the college life has been reciprocated in the form of their strong ongoing support for the school. Personally, I feel very sad that Gary has decided to retire. But I know that he goes with the affection, gratitude and goodwill of everybody associated with the school."

David Horton, NCOB (1950-54)

"It has been an honour and a privilege to have worked with Gary as President of the Nelson College Old Boys' Association. His work as Headmaster has taken Nelson College to the top of the educational standard. His work with the "cornerstone values", the Trade Centre, the Whare and communication with the Old Boys' Association in Nelson, New Zealand and around the world has been outstanding. Thank you Gary."

Rob McKegney, NCOBA Past President (1966-70)

"We have had many interactions with Gary while he was Headmaster of Nelson College. Gary has been very good at enhancing the current environment, developing the school for future as well preserving the relationships with the Old Boys of the school. We have seen the school prosper under his leadership. We have seen the pride and tradition of the school being enhanced, seen Gary take on ambitious projects such as the Trade Centre, boarding house upgrades and Wharenuī to further the schools offerings, enabled through his leadership capabilities of vision, resilience and dedication."

Roger Gibbons, NCOB (1961-65)

"Gary has always been extremely supportive, he's the best headmaster in the last 40 odd years. His speeches are great, but they always go over, only because us Old Boys won't let him sit down! We admire the passion he's had for the College and the boys, and we will be sad to see him go."

Richard Poff, NCOBA Canterbury Branch (1971-75)



Gary O'Shea in 2019 with his student leaders.

"Gary has been a tower of strength for the College and Old Boys Assoc., he has always been receptive to, and above all available for a chat and to meet visitors and in particular, visiting Old Boys' of the College. He will be sorely missed, and we will miss him greatly."

David Robertson, NCOBA Volunteer Archivist (1956-61)

"As an Old Boy of the College and Chair of the Board for the past seven years I can not speak highly enough about the calibre of Gary's leadership of the College. Under his leadership we completely renovated the boarding houses to provide us with leading edge facilities for the boys to ensure that boarding remained a viable component of Nelson College. His vision saw the development of the Whare and the Gibbons Trade Centre, both of which have kept hundreds of boys engaged at school into the senior years when it would be so easy to lose them also from an educational excellence perspective the College has received consecutive 4 - 5 year ERO reports due in a large part. Gary will be sorely missed but his future focused vision for engagement for the young men of Nelson College will not be forgotten."

Dennis Christian, NC BOT Chair & NCOB (1974-77)

"Gary O'Shea's legacy is the excellent health he leaves Nelson College with, as he departs. The focus he has brought to improving standards of expectation, and building the capability to deliver those high standards is one he should be immensely proud of. Leadership is about getting stakeholders to believe and support the vision of excellence that is set. Gary has done a great job of involving the college community to deliver results that matter for all of us in the region."

John Palmer, NCOB (1960-64)

"Nelson College has a long tradition of academic excellence. Gary O'Shea has nurtured and further developed that tradition. His attention to staff professional nurturing is a clear indication of his determination in that respect. At the same time the overall development of the boys, their sporting and cultural activities and leadership training have all flourished. I salute Gary for his excellent contribution. Nothing is more important for the future than education. Floreat Nelsonia."

Sir Geoffrey Palmer QC, NCOB (1955-59)

"Gary's resolute and determined execution of his vision for achieving the potential for Nelson College, and his success in doing so, are lasting memories of his superb tenure. We Auckland Old Boys have been most grateful Gary enthusiastically shared his time, energy and his focus on where he was driving the College, even under that passionate questioning well known of Old Boys. Projects he has driven, many through successful partnerships with others, have secured a strong platform for Nelson College for many decades to come. Thank you Gary."

Stephen Titter, NCOBA Auckland Branch (1970-74)

"On behalf of the Wellington Branch of the NCOBA I would like to thank Gary for his contribution to the management and development of our Alma Mater during his long career at the school but particularly during his tenure as Headmaster. We have always appreciated him taking the time to attend our functions to keep us informed of the plans and development of the school. We believe the school's continued success in so many areas is in no small part due to Gary's forward planning and strong desire to maintain Nelson College's commitment to its values, heritage, and boarding. We have always felt a part of that journey through Gary's communication. We wish him well in his well deserved retirement."

Scott Fuller, NCOBA Wellington Branch (1971-75)

"Gary O'Shea's leadership, dedication, hard work and vision has spearheaded Nelson College into the 21st Century, leaving the institution as vital, relevant and vibrant as ever. I look forward with great anticipation to what comes next for Nelson College."

Ronnie Peters, NCOB (1978-82)

"On behalf of Nelson College old boys I offer my warmest thanks to HM Gary O'Shea for his strong support of our Old Boys network, his excellent attendance at our meetings and his friendly patience. Our school has had some great projects instigated and completed that would not have been achieved without his skills and commitment."

Paul Sturrock, NCOBA President (1980-84)

College News

Board of Trustees Medallion Recipients

Congratulations to the following boys who were national title holders or New Zealand representatives:

NZ Swimming Team	Joshua Amyes	Underwater Hockey	Ben Odey
Underwater Hockey	Archie Anderson	NZSS MTB U15 Enduro 1st, Overall 1st	Hamish Powell
U16 Double Sculls	Matt Baker	Sailing NZ Interdoms	Hamish Praat
NZSS MTB U20 Enduro 1st, Overall 1st	Todd Ballance	NZ Cadets Skills Champion	Lochie Quigley
International Bagpipe Competition	Johan Banks	NZ Cadets NZ Team	Lochie Quigley
Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra Composition	Sidney Barron	National B Grade Brass Band Champions	Charle Rainey
Represent NZ at the International FPS Comp 2019	Adam Barton	U16 Coxed Quad Sculls	Ollie Ransom
NZ U16 Brazilian Ju Jitsu Champion	Caleb Brash	U16 Double Sculls	Ollie Ransom
Represent NZ at the International FPS Comp 2019	Samuel Brookes	Underwater Hockey	Oliver Reilly
NZ Barbarian Rugby Team	Taya Brown	NZ U19 Cricket Team	Finn Restieaux
Underwater Hockey	Tom Carrington	12th Man NZ Black Caps team Vs England	Finn Restieaux
NZ U16 Football Team	Billy Check	Represent NZ International FPS Comp 2019	Fergus Richards
NZ Youth Men's Volleyball Dev Team (U17)	Matthew Christian	NZ Cadets Skills Champion	Jack Savage
Young Enterprise Scheme Entrepreneurs	James Clifford	NZ Business Challenge	Logan Schokking
NZ U19 Volleyball Team	Harry Coltman	Sailing NZ Interdoms	Logan Schokking
NZ U19 Football Team	Josh Creswell	NZSS Rugby Team	Anton Segner
International Bagpipe Competition	Brodie Devon	Underwater Hockey	James Stevenson
Sailing NZ Interdoms	Tim Douglas	Represent NZ International FPS Comp 2019	Oliver Taylor
NZ U20 Ultimate Frisbee Team	Harry Edwards	Sailing NZ Interdoms	Tilo Thevenard
NZ Junior Sailing Interdoms Team	Jack Franklin	Underwater Hockey	Tristan Vadura-Lane
Sailing NZ Interdoms	Peter Gamble	NZ Cadets Skills Champion	Luke Walker
NZ Junior Baseball Team	Cooper Grant	NZ Cadets NZ Team	Luke Walker
U16 Double Sculls	Flynn Hennessy	NZ U19 Mixed Touch Team	Connor Wilkins
NZ UCI Junior Track Cycling Team	Keegan Hornblow	NZ U16 Mixed Touch Team	Justin Yokoyama
NZ Cadets Skills Champion	Sajal Kumar		
NZ U19 Volleyball Team	Zach Langbridge		
NZ U19 Track Cycling Team	Kaio Lart		
NZ record in F200m	Kaio Lart		
National title/Gold in individual sprint	Kaio Lart		
National title/Gold in 500m TT	Kaio Lart		
NZ Under 21 Croquet	Michael Lauer		
NZ Junior Baseball Team	Reegan Lawton		
Underwater Hockey	Joe Leach		
U16 Coxed Quad Sculls	Sam Lenton		
U16 Double Sculls	Sam Lenton		
NZ U15 Softball Team	Matt Lowe		
NZ Quarter Horse Team	Reece Mahuika		
NZ Junior Optimist Sailing Team	Noah Malpot		
NZ U17 Volleyball Team	Nat Mann		
National Youth Band	Josh Mansbridge		
National Secondary Schools Brass Band	Josh Mansbridge		
National B Grade Brass Band Champions	Josh Mansbridge		
Underwater Hockey	Kees Mant		
Underwater Hockey	Conor McKean		
NZ Junior Mens Development Team (U19)	Joshua Mead		
NZ Youth Windfoil Champion	Burty Meffan		
NZ U16 Football Team	Luca Molnar		
NZ Junior Baseball Team	Ewan Mullett		
Underwater Hockey	Jaimen Muncaster		
U16 Double Sculls	Tom Murray		

Dux 2019



Luke Garside was announced Dux at the End of Year Senior Prizegiving held on Tuesday November 5, 2019. Luke also received several other prizes in mathematics and physics, and a Network Tasman Award - Science, Electronics, Business.

Head Boy 2020



Liam Brennan was named Head Boy for 2020 at the 2019 Senior Prize Giving. He was also awarded the Yr 12 Drama Prize.

Young baseballer represents New Zealand



Connor Wilkins is taking after his father and received his 1st XV cap this season in a game against St Thomas of Canterbury School in July. Pictured here with his father Heath Wilkins (1985-87), who was in the Nelson College 1st XV in 1987.

Prep student **James Matthews** represented New Zealand in the Cal Ripken U13 World Baseball Series in Missouri, USA. His baseball journey started at the Nelson Heat Club Open Day, and has grown from there. He says hitting is his biggest strength. James was one of only two South Islanders to make the squad.



Josh Mansbridge was selected to play in the National Secondary Schools' Brass Band this year, and was also part of the winning Nelson City Brass band at the NZ Brass Band Competition in B Grade.



Keegan Hornblow (Yr 13) has taken his track cycling to new levels this year. He received a number of awards, but his highest accolade being the Tasman Secondary School Overall Highest Performing Athlete in the region. He also received a Board of Trustees Medallion as a member of the NZ UCI Junior Track Cycling Team.

Ron Kelly recognised



Deputy Principal Ron Kelly received the Nelson City Council Eelco Boswijk Civic Award for Leadership in 2019. Mr Kelly always goes above and beyond his job as Deputy Principal. His sense of community is demonstrated by his willingness to be involved in a huge variety of both school and community events – often out of hours. We salute you, Mr Kelly!

Stellar season for 1st XV

The team has had an incredible season, winning the 93rd Quadrangular Tournament in Wellington, with the final against Wanganui Collegiate 13-7. They then went on to win the University of Canterbury Championship with a home game against Christchurch Boys' High School, winning 35-31. A week later, the team travelled to Dunedin to play in the New Zealand Secondary Schools South Island Championship in Dunedin against Otago Boys' High School, and took this title out too, winning 28-26. This meant they played in the NZ Barbarian 1st XV Championships, where they came out the fourth top school in the country! This is the first time they have attended this competition since 2007.

Teacher visits Stalag Luft III



Staff member, and honorary member on the Old Boys' Executive Committee Kieran Cleary has taken a year out of the class room, and been on a round the world adventure in 2019, overlanding from Singapore to Yorkshire in a 1982 ex NZ Army Land Rover series III stage one 109" V8. One of his stops along the way was a visit to the prisoner-of-war camp Stalag Luft III in Poland, where old boy Leonard Trent VC, DFC (1928-34) was held. He was part of the 'Great Escape' in January 1944, and was the 79th prisoner to escape via the 'Tunnel Harry'. He was caught just as he emerged from the tunnel. Of the prisoners who escaped, 50 were executed by the Gestapo, but Trent was lucky enough to survive.

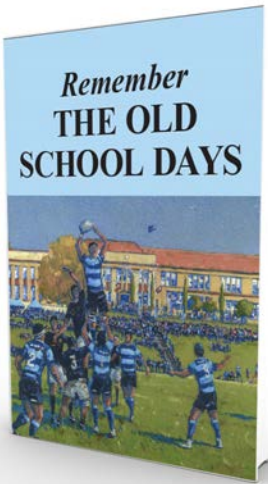
HOT OFF THE PRESS: Remember the Old School Days

We have a brand new book about the history of Nelson College, published by Nelson College and Nelson College Old Boys' Association. 'Remember the Old School Days' is written by historian Alan Turley, and is jam-packed with anecdotes, recollections and photos. It's a great book to peruse at leisure, and an essential addition to every old boy's library. Available for \$20, plus postage.

Three ways to buy!

- 1. Online at <https://shop.nelsoncollege.school.nz>
- 2. At Nelson College Finance Office during school hours
- 3. By contacting the Nelson College Old Boys' Association at lj@nelsoncollege.school.nz, or phone 03 5483099 ext 825.

Please note, orders will be processed during term time only.



Author Alan Turley presents Headmaster Gary O'Shea with the first copy off the printing press.

NCOBA Branch Functions

Thai Branch

The Nelson College Old Boys' Thai Branch is growing from strength to strength after formation in 2018. Deputy Headmaster Tim Tucker and Director of International, Chris Hart visited Bangkok in October this year, and met up with an enthusiastic bunch of Old Boys based there, who were happy to hear news of the College, and share their stories and memories.



Deputy Headmaster Tim Tucker (left) and Director of International Chris Hart pictured with Thai Old Boys in Bangkok.

Christchurch & Auckland Branches

The Annual General Meetings for both Christchurch and Auckland NCOBA Branches have recently been held in November, followed by a dinner and a luncheon respectively. These were well attended. Headmaster Gary O'Shea attended both of these functions, sharing news of the College, and his memories and highlights during his time as Headmaster.



Nelson Branch

The Nelson branch has been busy in 2019 with the Executive Committee holding regular monthly meetings throughout the year, with the AGM held in April. The executive committee invites anyone interested in joining to please come along to the next annual general meeting in 2020.

Several members attended the 93rd Quadrangular Tournament in Wellington in July, to support the 1st XV, where the team won convincingly. This was a great social occasion meeting up with Old Boys from around the North Island who also attended. There was a NCOB function, as well as a joint function hosted by Wellington College for all four colleges, for supporters, old boys and families.

Nelson College Old Boys soaking up the atmosphere at the 93rd Quad Tournament in Wellington this year, and enjoying the joint function hosted by Wellington College.



Purchase a Named Plaque at Nelson College

Nelson College Old Boys' Association is offering any Old Boys the chance to purchase a named plaque to go along side the existing bricks display outside the Scriptorium.

These will be a printed plaque, but will be in keeping with the brick format already in place in the area.



The plaque will include your name and years attended at Nelson College
Cost to you: \$100 per named plaque

To order please contact: Lucy Jackson. E: lj@nelsoncollege.school.nz | P: 03 548 3099 ext 825

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL!

Contact us to update your email and postal address in our database, so you can receive the latest news and information.



Dr John Hinchcliff (1953-58) visited the College this year. In his retirement, he is still working on several research projects. As Vice Chancellor of the Auckland University of Technology, he was responsible for turning the first polytechnic in New Zealand into a university. While at Nelson College John was Head Prefect in 1958, and a Prefect in 1957.



Gordon Collins (1954-58) revisited Nelson College for the first time since leaving school.



Members of the Class of 1989 gathered for a joint reunion, with the fellow class mates from Nelson College for Girls, and even some of their past teachers. Old Boys and Girls came from all over the country to attend. Their weekend included a tour of both Colleges. Thank you to the main organiser of this event, **Tom Belton (1983-89)**.



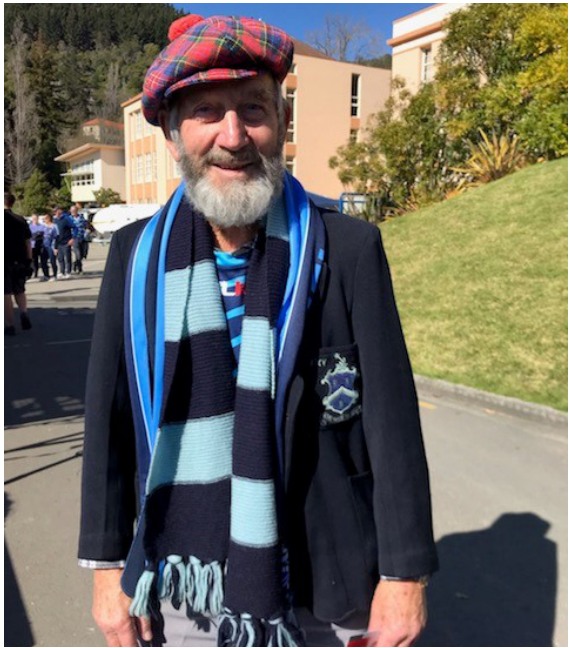
Artist Tony Leitch (1972-76) remembers his dorm in Rutherford House, on a visit from Australia.



Deputy Headmaster Tim Tucker caught up with some Old Boys while on a recent trip to Germany. He is pictured here with Justus Hofmann (2015-16), and Bryce Twiname (2001-05). Justus is about to complete his hospitality apprenticeship and become a hotel manager, and Bryce is working for Club 1880 in Frankfurt. (The rugby club that current 1st XV Captain Anton Segner hails from).



A special Anzac Service was held in the assembly hall. Representatives pictured here, from left, are; Dennis Christian (1974-77) current BOT Chair; Gary O'Shea, Headmaster; Rob McKegney (1966-70) NCOBA Executive; and Derek Nees, Nelson RSA Representative.



John Harwood (1950-53) still fits his College blazer (just!). He is still an avid supporter of the 1st XV, and was supporting them at their home games this season.



Mason Lund (pictured centre) played with the 1st XV team in Dunedin recently at the South Island Champs where they beat Otago BHS, and two of his best supporters were on the sideline cheering him on. Jacob Goessi (2011-15) was Mason's mentor when he was in Year 9, and then Luke Archer (2013-17) took over this role.



Zion Paul (1995-98) visited all the way from Perth, Australia, to show his son where he spent his college years, and enjoyed seeing the carvings he was involved with around the school.



Brothers Russell and Lindsay Remington (1948-52 & 1954-57) reunite and reminisce on a visit to Nelson College.



Tony House (1954-58) enjoyed a look through the Scriptorium and Museum.

Old Boys Out and About

Alex Farrell-Davey (2008-12) and Allister Meffan (2009-2013) are making a name for themselves in the world of music, releasing their debut album, Henry Street, earlier this year, with considerable acclaim both in New Zealand and overseas. The two, alongside another fellow Old Boy, **Alex Ed Palmer (2008-12)** were in folk-jazz trio New Vinyl, while at school who won the Smokefree Rockquest in 2012.

Rohan O'Neill-Stevens (2014-17) was elected onto the Nelson City Council in the 2019 elections, and is the youngest councillor. His focus is to get more younger people engaging, rejuvenating the city, improving public transport, building the community, and sustainability and environmentalism.

Charles Owen (2003-10) recently graduated with a BA LLB (Hons) from Otago University, and is now a lawyer with The Ministry of Transport in Wellington where he regularly meets with ministers on policy and legislation.

George Drummond (2009-13) is currently completing a PhD at University of Canterbury in Mathematics. He received first class honours in both maths and computer science in 2018, which saw him awarded a full UC Doctoral Scholarship.

Nathen Manuel (2012-14) graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture, and is now undertaking a Master's degree in the subject.

Adventurer **Blake Hornblow (2009-13)** kayaked down the coast of Alaska and British Columbia this year.

Kyle Brunning (1985-89) was recently promoted to Senior Sergeant in the New Zealand Police, and is currently in charge of operations in Golden Bay.

The newest Mayor of the Tasman District is Old Boy **Tim King (1981-82)**. He was elected Mayor in the recent elections, after being Deputy Mayor of the Tasman District for 18 years, and on Council for 21 years.

Eddie Mann (2003-07) reached new heights in his acting career this year, with a role in the blockbuster movie "Rocketman" as one of Elton John's band members. Eddie is currently based in London. While at College Eddie was Head Boy, and in 2007 won the National Shakespeare competition.

Doug Colling (2005-11) is on the stage at London's West End in their latest show, "Dear Evan Hansen". Doug is playing a pivotal role as Connor Murphy in the musical, which is described by the New York Times as "a gorgeous musical for anyone with a beating heart."



Ramsey Gyde (2005–09) is a coffee connoisseur and has invented a new way of brewing it. Ramsey popped in for a visit to the college to tell us about it. As director of Varia Brewing, he has developed a six in one unit that takes the home coffee experience to the next level. The six functions are Filter, Cold Brew, French Press, Moka Pot, Kettle, and Tea Pot, and best of all is easy to clean. Ramsey said this is almost ready to launch world wide.



Ben Gully (2008-12) summited his first mountain in the Himalayas of Eastern Nepal in October. The keen outdoorsman arrived in Nepal and trekked with a group to Everest Base Camp (5364m) over several days. He then walked down to a village called Chukhung before setting off just after midnight to take his first climb assisted by two experienced Sherpas, one who had climbed Mt Everest 14 times. Ben summited Imja Tse, also known as Island Peak (6189m) after four and half hours of climbing.

Congratulations to **Fraser Avery (1993-97)** and his wife Shelley, Bonavaree, together with **Doug Avery (1968-71)** and wife Wendy, winners of the Westpac and Bayleys Marlborough Sheep & Beef Farmer of the Year for 2019. A tremendous speech by Fraser at the awards showing gratitude to his family and staff. He was motivated to enter the competition to help put NZ farming in the lime light for the right reasons.



Alex McNabb (1943–48) DSc, FRSNZ visited Nelson College again in February 2019 and met with Headmaster Gary O'Shea, while he was here attending the International Mathematics Conference as a guest speaker. Alex is considered one of New Zealand's best in the field of continuum mechanics and has been crucially involved in the theory of hydrothermal systems as they appear in New Zealand and he, assisted by his colleagues at Applied Mathematics Division (D.S.I.R.), have made important contributions to our understanding of these phenomena. The same is true of his work for New Zealand Steel on the smelting of iron sand. Alex was also a competitive gymnast, taking out school and national titles as well as at Cambridge. Alex is now retired and living in Auckland.

Good Sports

Basketball

Max Darling (2013-16) has spent a year in Croatia playing basketball, and has now been named in the Junior Tall Blacks, and competed in the World Basketball Championships earlier this year. New Zealand Breakers and Tall Blacks Forward **Finn Delany (2009-13)** played his first NBA Summer League season with the Dallas Mavericks.

On Wheels

Downhill skateboarder **Dan Waterhouse (2011-15)** represented the country at the 2019 World Roller Games in Barcelona.

Cyclist **Finn Fisher-Black (2015-17)** who earlier this year set a world record in the under-19 3000m individual pursuit, has taken his first pedal stroke towards the World Tour by signing a two-year contract with the newly-established academy of Jumbo-Visma, based in the Netherlands. He is the current Oceania champion for his age group in both road and track.

Cricket

Peter Younghusband (2005-07) is taking his cricketing career to the next level, swapping the Wellington Firebirds for a summer at Cambridge Cricket Club.

Jarrold McKay (2014-18) has made it to international level, playing in the New Zealand U22 indoors team against Australia earlier this year.

Thomas Zorab (2014-18) scoring 100 for NZ U19 against Bangladesh!

Josh Clarkson (2012-14) played as part of an invitational team against England in two 20/20 fixtures.

Rowing

Brook Robertson (2005-11) represented New Zealand at the 2019 World Rowing Championships where he placed 6th in the final, and 3rd in the final at the 2019 World Rowing Cup III.

Football

Tasman United Football Mens Premiership grade has a number of Old Boys playing in it this season; **Matt Tod-Smith (2012-16)**, **Ricky Muir (2014-18)**, **La Bu Pan (2012-16)** and **Max Winterton (2011-15)**.

Adam Hillis (2015-17) has made it into the U17 Football World Cup squad and played in Brazil in October this year.

Bodybuilding

Bodybuilder **Matthias Henare (2007-11)** has recently won the Mr New Zealand title at the NZIFBB Pro/Am Bodybuilding Nationals in Auckland recently. He took out the top spot in the 90-100kg category.

Nelson College Old Boys' Rugby Round-up

Nelson College was well represented in the recent Super Rugby tournament as well as the 2019 Mitre 10 Cup in teams around the country.

Our old boys featured as follows;

Crusaders:

Andrew Goodman (Coach)
Mitchell Drummond
Mitchell Hunt
David Havili
Quintin Strange
Leicester Faingaanuku
Ethan Blackadder

Tasman Mako:

Andrew Goodman (Coach)
David Havili (Captain)
Mitchell Hunt
Quintin Strange
Leicester Faingaanuku
Tima Faingaanuku
Ethan Blackadder
Isaac Salmon
Sam Prattlet
Wyatt Crockett

Counties Manukau:

Daniel Hyatt

Sunwolves:

Sam Prattley

Highlanders:

Fletcher Smith

Hurricanes:

Ben May

James Marshall

Otago:

Mitchell Scott

Waikato:

Fletcher Smith

Hawkes Bay:

Ben May

Canterbury

Mitchell Drummond



Ethan Bartle (2009-12) was part of the New Zealand Defence Force rugby team that played in the World Cup in Japan. Ethan is currently a logistics specialist in the RNZAF, and has kept his rugby playing up to scratch since leaving Nelson College where he played for the 1st XV.



Ricky E Silva (2012-16) was recently crowned WKA New Zealand heavyweight champion in Wellington, after defeating Navajo Stirling in the five round, 95kg bout. He won the bout by split decision, two judges awarding all five rounds to Ricky.

It was his fourth title win, after previously claiming the WKAF, ISKA South Island, and NZMF championships. His current record reads an impressive 22 fights, 18 wins and four losses, with six knockout wins.



William Fu-Allen (2015-18) competed in the world gymnastics in Hungary in June 2019.



The Tasman Mako team on a parade through the streets of Nelson after winning the 2019 Mitre 10 Cup season.

2020 THE BIG YEAR OF RUGBY

Celebrating 150 years of rugby and QUAD hosts

Nelson College will celebrate the anniversary of 150 years of rugby in New Zealand during May 2020, and will also host the 94th Quadrangular Tournament. There will be a range of events for Old Boys to help celebrate, including 1st XV Decade Dinner functions during Quad, a joint function with all four Colleges, and a photographic exhibition.

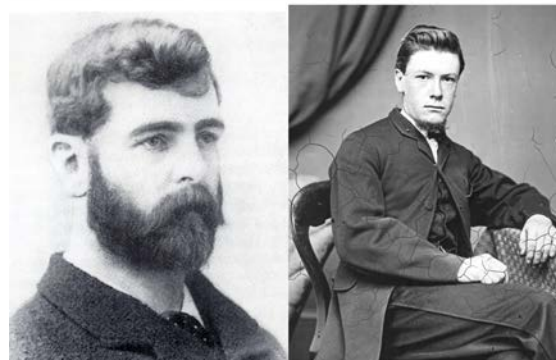
It happened without any great intention or grand designs, but it was to have one of the most marked impacts on the social development of this country. On 14 May 1870, Nelson College, one of only six secondary schools in New Zealand, with a roll of only 60 – and an age spread of 10 – 20 years – played Nelson Town at 18 a side rugby. It remained an uncelebrated event until 1963 when the New Zealand Rugby Union finally ratified it as the first game of rugby in New Zealand – a delay of 93 years.

Next year, 2020, Nelson College and New Zealand Rugby celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first game of rugby played in New Zealand.

It began in April 1867 when 17 year old Charles John Monro left Nelson College to complete his finishing education in England. Upon his return in January 1870 with four Gilbert rugby balls, he persuaded his old school and the Nelson Football Club – both playing the occasional game of ‘hybrid’ football – to try the ‘Rugby School Game’ which he had played in England. Monro coached both teams and then refereed and participated in the game. It was played at the Botanical Reserve before 200 spectators including ‘a fair sprinkling of ladies and a goodly number of the opposite sex’. Only one of the two local newspapers attended the game. It didn’t rate in terms of importance of local events. The Nelson Club won by 2 goals to nil.

On the years immediately following, College continued to be involved with the Nelson Club in local pick-up games and home-and-away games with teams from Wellington. There was no 1st XV until 1876.

In 1875, Charles Monro, the ‘father of New Zealand rugby’ retired from



JP Firth and Alfred Drew

all rugby to farm the family-owned farm at Bankhouse, at Renwick, near Blenheim. He later became a very successful gentleman farmer with a large holding, Craiglockhart, in the Manawatu – now largely the site of Massey University. A man of extraordinary talent, he was a noted horseman, a fine amateur boxer, and was in demand as a tenor singer of Italian opera arias. One of the first European children born in this country, he seized the moment to become arguably our first great achiever. His legacy continues on, unabated.

During this time several College old boys were active in the Nelson Rugby Club. So Nelson College probably provided most of the players on both sides involved in the first match. Two college old boys who made significant contributions to early pioneer New Zealand rugby were Alfred Drew and JP Firth. At college from

1860-63 and known as the clubmaker, Alfred Drew was club captain of the Nelson Club and established clubs at Wanganui, then New Plymouth, before serving as a referee in Manawatu. A watchmaker by trade he was a noted church organist and choir conductor.

J P Firth (1873-74), dubbed ‘Mr Rugby’, did more to establish secondary school rugby in New Zealand than anyone else. Firstly, at Nelson College as a junior master, then at Christ’s College and finally at Wellington College as Headmaster. He was a leading administrator, referee and New Zealand selector.

There are several events planned to celebrate the 150th Anniversary during the week of May 14th, 2020, including a formal gathering, and a community photographic exhibition.

This will culminate with the 94th Quadrangular Tournament to be played at Nelson College on June 30 -July 2nd, with a series of Old Boys gatherings and catch ups. So be sure to mark this in your calendars, and register for this.

2020 Rugby Celebrations

150 YEARS

May 14, 2020

QUAD

30 June - 2 July 2020

This will be a great chance for Old Boys to get together, with lots planned!

Register your interest now!

Email NCOBA; lj@nelsoncollege.school.nz

For a registration form.

OBITUARIES

The Nelson College Old Boys' Association respectfully acknowledges the passing of the following Old Boys.

To ensure Old Boys are recognised please send any notifications to: oldboys@nelsoncollege.school.nz.

For further information on some, please refer to the Obituary section <http://www.nelsoncollege.school.nz/obituaries> of the Nelson College website.

2018

ATKINSON Harry Hindmarsh (1942-47) passed away on 30 December, aged 89. Harry was a leading New Zealand scientist and delegate of the European Space Agency. A major success was ESA's Giotto spaceprobe encountering Halley's Comet in 1986; Atkinson was present at its launch. In 2006, the International Astronomical Union named (5972) Harryatkinson, a rocky body asteroid about 10 kilometres across, which orbits between Mars and Jupiter.

DONALD Haddon Vivian (1930-32), passed away on 23 April, aged 101 years. Donald, DSO, MC, ED was a New Zealand soldier, businessman and politician of the National Party. He was the oldest living former New Zealand Member of Parliament, and at the time of his death, was the highest-ranking New Zealand army officer of World War II.

HIGGINSON Kevin George (1973-76) passed away on June 11.

HOLDWAY Ross James (1942-44) passed away on 5 January.

HUMPHRIES Leslie Bernard (Les) (1956-58) passed away suddenly on December 22, aged 75 years.

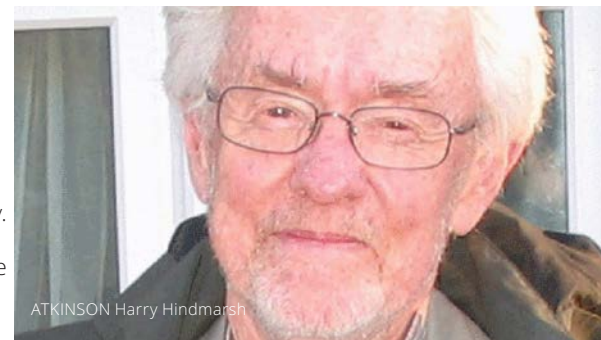
KAWHARU Ross (1945-49) passed away on Sunday April 8.

LEGGAT James Francis Russell (1940-44) passed away on January 16.

MITCHELL Ian Jordan (1943-45) passed away on 5 July, aged 89.

O'CONNOR John Desmond (1941-45) passed away on March 19, aged 90, in Westport.

PATERSON Hugh William (1954-55) passed away on December 12, aged 77.



REVFIER Ingulf Cassin (1950-54) passed away 7 May 2018, aged 81 years.

SILBERY Austin Russell (1937-43) passed away 20 November 2018, aged 93.

SPENCE John Stockan (1946-50) passed away 28 September 2018.

THOMPSON James Joseph Derek (1932-33) passed away 17 December, aged 89.

DOWNEY Bernard Joseph - STAFF (1983-2010) passed away on 21 March 2019, in Nelson. Bernard was a teacher and social activist who influenced a generation of economics students at Nelson College during his tenure. Mr Downey had a unique pedagogy – teach his students three pieces of information at the start of the period, then move on to discussing the environmental, economic, political and social issues of the day. For a square peg in a round hole at Nelson College in the mid-1990's, Mr Downey was the dream teacher, with the pros and cons of the neoliberal economic agenda under his microscope in every lesson. It was Mr Downey who got us thinking about the life issues. What would our tertiary education look like with the introduction of student loans? And 10 years before my first internet connection, he quizzed us on whether we would be using books or something called the ‘web’ after we left school. Later in life, I learned of Bernard’s social activism both in the Nelson College branch and more widely. He took the issue of corporal punishment head-on, refusing to use the cane himself and withdrawing his presence when others saw fit to use it. It was a privilege to have been taught by you, Bernard. *Obituary by Mark Dunstan*

2019

ANDERSON Cameron Alexander Bircotes (2014-2018) passed away suddenly on 2 October, aged 18.

ALLAN Thomas Edward (1996-2000) passed away in Nelson 14 July.

ASKEW Garry Peter (1949-55) passed away 7 August, aged 81, in Nelson. Garry was one of the so-called artsy crafters of the early 50's, and served as the District Arts Advisor for the Education

BRIGHT Robert Thomas (Bob) (1951-52) passed away 17 February in Nelson, aged 81.

CARTER Russell Lindsay (1971-76) passed away 14 September.

CROOKS Terence John (1961-65) passed away in Dunedin, 7 October. While at College Terence was Dux in 1964 and 1965, and a Prefect in 1965.

CURRIE Joseph John (1949-52) passed away in Nelson, 12 May.

DUFFY Michael Phillip (1951-53) passed away 22 July, in Nelson.

FROST Maurice Rex (1943), passed away 21 July in Nelson.

GREENING Basil Derek (1944-45) passed away 31 January, aged 89, in Christchurch.

GRAINGER Timothy Gilbert (Tim) (1969-74) passed away 22 June, in Nelson.

HEINE, Bernard Edmund (1943-47), passed away 3 May, in England.

HORNE Terry Bryce (1966-70) passed away 7 September, in Nelson.

HUGHES Desmond Milton (1954-56) passed away 9 July, in Auckland.

JARRETT Murray Robert (1956-58) passed away 23 March, in Nelson.



JURY Hugh Marshall (1957-61), passed away unexpectedly at home in Masterton 8 October, aged 75.

MORRIS Colin Harry (1959-64) passed away 16 March, in Motueka. While at College Colin was a Prefect in 1964, in the 1st XV and played basketball.

PEACOCK Brian (1958-59) passed away 23 July, aged 75 in Nelson.

PETTMAN Malcome Charles (1945-49) passed away 7 May in Palmerston North after a short illness.

RILEY Ross Nigel (1975-78) passed away unexpectedly 19 February, aged 57.

ROBINSON Craig Alfred John (1974), passed away 29 August, aged 58.

STRICKLAND William (Bill) STAFF (1988-96) passed away on his 71st birthday, 9 January 2019 after a short illness in the Philippines. Bill was a Master at Fell House / Nelson College for many years.

TALBOT Graham Maxwell (Talb) (1949-56) passed away 29 January.

THORNEYCROFT Lewis Michael (2010-15) passed away suddenly 12 March.

WALL Christopher James (1954-59), passed away 23 October.

WASTNEY George (1935-37), NZD3456 (Navy) passed away 30 January, in Blenheim, aged 96 years.

WHITWELL John Charles (1968-71) passed away suddenly 3 February, aged 64, in Nelson.

Fell House

Then and now

By Sarah Wilson



An architectural drawing of Fell House before it was built.

It seems that our school memories can be as much about the buildings as they are about friends, teachers, sports days and exams. As well as the imposing main building, there's the hall, that science lab, the old gym, the Headmaster's office... and, of course, if you were a boarder, your House, and knowing that for those few school years, more time was spent with your fellow boarders than with your own family.

Fell House was opened in 1964, although its fraternity was ready-made, having been at College House (the "Tin Wing") and Fairfield House before moving into its brand new lodgings. Hidden in the trees on the high edge of the campus, Fell was less ostentatious than its older twin brothers, and its mid-twentieth century design made it far more modern.

Fell served well as a boarding house for more than 50 years, with thousands of students coming through its doors, each taking away both collective and individual memories of their years at school.

"Over the last 20 years, boarding has changed dramatically...2019 has been the first year that Fell is available [for hire] all year round."

Over the last twenty years, boarding has changed dramatically. There is less demand for placements from NZ students, and although there is an increasing demand from international students, the overall numbers are not at the dizzying heights of the 1980s. And so the College set about assessing how to best use these three buildings. Numerous options were explored, with the eventual decision to renovate the two heritage buildings, and set Fell House on a different career path.

Although all three Houses have been available for hireage during the holidays, 2019 has been the first year that Fell is available all year around. With only some basic initial renovations done, Fell had some unexpected tenants in February, with the NZ Airforce and NZ Police arriving to help combat the Tasman fires – a welcome facility for them as a serious upgrade on their tents, and room enough to park their vehicles on the top field.

Since then, Fell has hosted sports teams and groups from around the country – from basketball to judo as well as orchestras and St Johns, at a school and community level. As a year-round accommodation, there is nothing to compare in Nelson. Its location means that incoming groups can use the building



The entrance to Fell House today.

without impeding on the day-to-day running of the school. The dormitory style makes it perfect for teams, with the separate wings able to facilitate different hirers at the same time. Depending on the timing of the bookings, there is also access to the school hall (again, a unique venue in Nelson), as well as the gyms, pool and playing fields.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, not only for the accommodation's convenience and comfort, but for the quality (and quantity) of the food in the dining room. A recurring and particularly heart-warming piece of feedback is the enjoyment gained from perusing the old photos on the walls – it gives an immediate history and context for visitors to discover Fell's many residents through the years.

Fell House will always be an important part of Nelson College. Currently, the hireage fees are being reinvested into some cosmetic changes in the way of paint and furnishings – as well as the removal of some of the more colourful graffiti and a much-needed upgrade to the bathrooms – but overall, it's still the same Fell. First and foremost, the building retains its accommodation layout, so that if ever boarding numbers start to swell, Fell can be called upon to take up the mantle of the "little brother" yet again.



The Games Room, displaying just some of Fell House's memorabilia.