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NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

BOARDING PROSPECTUS



# WELCOME NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

Boarding has been at the heart of Nelson College since we began in 1856. Today it's a vibrant part of our school with young men from across our region, country and around the globe.

As a specialist in boys' education, we provide the structure, opportunities and pastoral care to see your son succeed at school and beyond.

Through boarding, your son will access a range of academic and co-curricular programmes at the premiere school in the beautiful Te Taihū or 'Top of the South'.

Our programmes are designed for young men. They will excite your son about life, challenging him to discover and pursue his dreams.

We create a safe, challenging environment that will see your son grow and succeed as a learner and young man. Today. Tomorrow.

We look forward to you and your son joining our boarding community at Nelson College.



## LIFE IN BOARDING TO MĀTOU WHARE

▶ We provide a safe and supportive home environment for your son, giving him a positive foundation for success at Nelson College.

Each student is assigned to one of our two houses, Rutherford and Barnicoat, where they study, sleep and socialise. Junior students sleep in shared (partitioned) dormitories and progress to separate, shared rooms as they move into their senior years.

All boarders dine at our onsite dining room run by our own staff, catering specifically to the needs of our rangatahi.

All students do regular weekday study. This is overseen by our live-in supervisors, most of whom are teachers at the college.

When they're not studying, playing sport or music, our students have access to the college's facilities. Our hostels are situated on the Nelson College campus where they can access two gymnasiums, a pool, a weights room, playing fields, the turf and music suites.

Our hostels were recently refurbished and now provide a first-class boarding facility.

### RUTHERFORD HOUSE

Built in 1931, Rutherford House is named after one of Nelson College's most famous Old Boys, Nobel Laureate, Earnest Rutherford.

### BARNICOAT HOUSE

Also built in 1931, Barnicoat House is located 'up the hill' behind the College at the foot of the Grampian hill range. It's named after one of the founding Governors of Nelson College, the Hon J Barnicoat. It boasts world-class domitory facilities with extensive views over Nelson and Tasman Bay.

Whichever house you son resides in, he'll be part of our wider supportive boarding community that we work hard to foster through routines, pastoral care and social activities.



## WELLBEING ORANGA

▶ Your son's safety, wellbeing and development are foundational in boarding.

We emphasise strong communication between home and boarding staff. This begins before your son arrives and lasts beyond his final departure.

You join a close-knit family when your son comes to board at Nelson College. Our boarding staff stay in touch constantly with whānau, formally and informally to support you and your son. This occurs through social media (e.g. Facebook), regular newsletters, and phone calls or emails to keep you close to your son and his education at Nelson College.

Boarding parents are always welcome to visit, and are involved in boarding weekends, as well as house dinners, barbeques, working bees and parent-teacher meetings.

Rangatahi (young men) are assigned to one of our two houses. This is discussed with whānau before arrival, especially if there's an historic connection to a house.

Each house is led by a housemaster who has overall responsibility for its operation and students' wellbeing. They stay in regular contact with whānau.

Supporting them, each house has a number of supervisors who assist the rangatahi academically, with co-curricular involvement, and their general wellbeing.

Living in Nelson means we can safely give our rangatahi relative freedom to pursue their interests, e.g. mountain biking, within clear boundaries. Boarding staff are required to always know the whereabouts of all boarders for their safety.

## ACTIVITIES MĀTĀTOA

▶ Our boarders enjoy a safe and busy lifestyle that gives them access to many academic, co-curricular and social opportunities.

Boarding staff organise weekly and annual activities to keep our rangatahi busy. This includes mountain biking, trips to Rabbit Island, ski trips, paint ball, and much more. We believe keeping our rangatahi busy grows their mental and physical wellbeing, as well as enhancing the close community of Nelson College boarding.

Nelson College boasts an extraordinary co-curricular programme rarely seen in other state schools. We have 25 basketball teams, 10 rugby teams, and over 300 mountain bikers. Our rangatahi play underwater hockey, football, swimming, badminton, touch rugby, cricket, volleyball, and many other codes.

We have boys playing in rock bands for Rockquest. We have a combined Concert Band and Jazz Band with Nelson College for Girls, and also run combined school productions and Kapa Haka with them.

We'll actively encourage your son to get involved in life beyond the classroom, supporting him to be healthy, to grow lifelong friendships, and to foster the unique sense of belonging that we're proud of at Nelson College

For many rangatahi, co-curricular involvement is social. For others, they are on high-performance pathways. Boarding supports this through immediate access to college and regional programmes, tuition, coaching and facilities. Our boarding staff work closely with whānau to facilitate students at every level.

We also want to nurture the future leaders amidst our young men. We provide leadership opportunities in each house, as well as supporting them in wider day school leadership opportunities.



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