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NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE SINCE 1856

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WELCOME NAU MAI, HAERE MAI



College is an exciting stage of life for young men as they prepare for their future and make friends for life.

For 166 years Nelson College has educated the young men of Nelson for their future.

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

We care for boys' mental and physical wellbeing, providing a safe space for them to be young men of all orientations, beliefs and interests.

I look forward to working together to find your son's passion and to start his legacy at Nelson College.

Richard Dykes
Headmaster

He wā hīkaka ko te Kareti mā ngā tamatāne i a rātou e whakarite ana i tā rātou ao anamata, e whai hoa ana mō ake tonu atu.

Kua 165 ngā tau Te Kura Tamatāne o Whakatū e whakaako ana i ngā taitamatāne mō te āpōpō.

He kura motuhake i ngā āhuatanga mātauranga a ngā tama. Ka whakaū ki ngā āheinga, ki ngā manaakitanga kia tutuki i ngā āhuatanga e hiahiatia ana.

Ka atawhaitia ngā tama e mātou. Ō rātou hauora ā hinengaro, ā tinana hoki. He wā hi āhuru mā te tini ngerongerō ahakoa te hōkaka, te whakapono, te aronga rānei.

Ka ngākau whitawhita ahau ki te mahitahi ki a koutou ke te whai huarahi, whai oranga mā ā koutou tama, ā, kia timata tōna whakarereanga iho ki to mātou kura.

Richard Dykes
Tumuaki

DISCOVER CHALLENGE EXTEND SUPPORT

Young men want to explore.

They want learning to be fun and challenging; a place where they can question and test new ideas, as well as acquire the skills and knowledge they'll need to succeed in the next chapter of their education and life beyond college.

At Nelson College our curriculum and teaching is designed with boys in mind. We want our students to be excited about life, knowing that it's often challenging, and to discover and pursue their dreams.

School should be somewhere that provides the space and support for young men to learn and find their passion.

A place to be encouraged and extended to succeed in learning.



ACADEMIC MĀTAURANGA



Our Deans, subject teachers and support staff all work together to ensure that our rangatahi are fully prepared for learning, and for success in NCEA and NZ Scholarship in their senior years at Nelson College.

We offer a wide range of academic and vocational courses that prepare students for tertiary study, apprenticeships, and other opportunities beyond college.

In the junior school, students take a range of optional subjects (e.g. technology, arts, music, languages) alongside their core subjects. Our focus is on building students' key competencies such as literacy, self-management, and critical thinking, to build a foundation for further learning.

In the senior school, students choose progressively more options as they start to specialise ahead of graduating to tertiary study and apprenticeships.

Our Gibbons Trade Academy is the best secondary school trades centre in the top of the south. It is a specialist facility for young men looking to enter the trades, especially in building and motor engineering. Students from this programme progress directly into apprenticeships or tertiary courses in the trades.

All students receive regular careers advice, starting in year 9 and increasing in their senior years. Our careers staff help students and their whānau to select subjects at school, apply for external courses and scholarships or find jobs in the workforce.

A WORLD-CLASS PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS OF ALL ABILITIES



SPORT HĀKINAKINA

Nelson College offers a world-class sports experience from social to high performance programmes that prepare our young men to compete on the national and international stage.



We want every student to participate in a team activity on the field, court or stage. This builds a sense of belonging, and is a place for our rangatahi to learn values such as loyalty and self-discipline, develop their physical and mental wellbeing ... and to have fun.

That's why we invest in running multiple teams across a wide range of sports. Mountain biking, rowing, underwater hockey, rugby, and athletics are some of the 35+ codes on offer at Nelson College.

At Nelson College our first focus is on participation and engaging all students at a social level. Our school enjoys one of the highest co-curricular participation rates in New Zealand.

We also provide high-performance programmes that focus on all-round player development and specific skillsets to create pathways for students who want to compete at the highest level they choose.

Many of our high performance athletes go on to play for Tasman and New Zealand, and in professional teams across multiple codes. To support this, students may select extra sports options where they will receive specialist training in their code.

Most importantly, sport is a vehicle for our ākongā to learn and practice values. We want our young men to learn and demonstrate character.

ARTS / LEADERSHIP NGĀ TOI / MANA WHAKATIPU

Nelson College students participate in a wide range of cultural and leadership activities at school. Involvement in the arts and leadership underpin a culture of creativity and service.

▶ ARTS AND CULTURE

The college's arts and culture programme provides opportunities for our students to develop their musical and artistic skills in a range of performance environments.

Students in all year levels perform in our concert band, ensemble groups, drama groups, debating and other groups — enjoying success in various performances and competitions.

Many of our groups combine with Nelson College for Girls to broaden the opportunities for involvement. The two colleges regularly stage a school production that becomes a highlight of the school year and is embraced by the local community.

We're proud of our Māori and Pasifika heritage and encourage all students to learn more about their own culture. Nelson College has its own haka which all students learn and perform in the annual school haka competition. The college has a strong Kapa Haka, combined with Nelson College for Girls, which performs in local events and competitions.

We also celebrate the wider ethnic diversity of Whakatū/Nelson, such as students from Myanmar, Bhutan, Nepal, and Colombia. This is best seen on our annual Diversity Day when students celebrate their culture and whakapapa, and the wider community is invited into the college to join our celebrations.

LEADERSHIP

At Nelson College we want to see our rangatahi grow as leaders in and beyond the school. We want to see them serve others and take responsibility for others' wellbeing.

Whether in formal programmes such as prefects, or more informal settings such as the sports field or stage, we develop students' understanding of leadership and service to others.

The college runs a strong House system with six houses (Boarders, Chaytor, Domett, Kahurangi, Monro, and Robinson) with many informal competitions through the year. These provide opportunities for our young men to learn about their leadership style with the guidance of staff.

In Boarding we also create multiple opportunities for students to grow as leaders, closely overseen and mentored by staff in each hostel.



A CULTURE OF
CREATIVITY

A SAFE PLACE TO MATURE AS A YOUNG MAN



LEARNING SUPPORT AND WELLBEING HAUORA

The college provides outstanding learning support and pastoral care. This underpins students' learning and personal wellbeing, and defines our students' behaviour and relationships between teachers, students and their peers.



LEARNING SUPPORT

The college employs two Learning Support Coordinators and a number of teacher aides to support students with learning differences such as dyslexia and dysgraphia.

These staff work closely with their counterparts at our contributing schools to identify students' needs early and provide them with the programmes and support they will need to succeed at college.

The college runs extra learning support classes in the junior school to assist students who require extra literacy and numeracy support, as well as placing teacher aides into classes to support students in their subjects.

The college runs an extensive ESOL support programme for our international and migrant students. We recognise the language and cultural challenges of learning in a language other than your mother tongue.

We run both immersion classes for students with high needs, as well as providing teacher aide support for students in their regular classes.

WELLBEING

The mental and physical wellbeing of our students is paramount. Students must feel safe and supported to be ready to learn.

The college provides outstanding pastoral care to the young men of Nelson. We run a peer support programme that is especially targeted at supporting our new year 9 students at the start of each year.

We employ two guidance counsellors, social workers, careers counsellors, and five Deans across the year levels to support our young men. The college also works closely with community support agencies to further support our students in and beyond college.

In Boarding, students are closely monitored and supported by the Housemasters and other staff, with regular communication home to parents and whānau.



A VILLAGE FOR EVERYONE



COMMUNITY AND DIVERSITY WHĀNAUNGATANGA

Nelson College offers a welcoming place and genuine sense of belonging. All students, staff and whānau are welcome and celebrated, regardless of ethnicity, orientation, belief, disability or social demographic background.



STUDENT DIVERSITY

Settlement in Te Tau Ihu dates back to the first Māori settlement in the 12th century, and the founding of Nelson City in 1841.

Nelson has changed considerably over the years and with it so has Nelson College. Today we serve students of all backgrounds, orientations, and aspirations.

We celebrate that diversity and work hard to honour it. Events such as the Haka Competition and Diversity Day are important dates in our school calendar, that are highly supported by students and the wider community.

Our junior curriculum is being developed to explicitly include global contexts and the ideas of diversity and inclusion, to ensure all students consider and discuss these ideas.

The school operates a Whānau Group to support our Māori and Pasifika students. These students learn about their culture and support each other under the mentorship of their homeroom teacher.

The school also runs a Queer Straight Alliance group that works with students and staff at Nelson College for Girls to support gay, trans and queer students and their friends.

BOARDING TE KURA NOHO

▶ Boarding is at the heart of Nelson College, with boarders from throughout New Zealand and across the world - including the Pacific, Australia and Asia.

Our hostels are situated on campus where boarders enjoy immediate access to a first-class boarding environment. Boarders live in newly refurbished houses and after hours they enjoy the school facilities of two gymnasiums, a pool, a weights room, playing fields and music suites.

Most boarders stay for at least four years, adding to the close-knit family environment of the houses. Rangatahi enjoy a safe and busy lifestyle which gives them access to structured academic support, widespread opportunities, and the beautiful Nelson region.

We emphasise strong communication between home and boarding staff who ensure the safety and development of your son. These staff also have close links to the day school, strengthening the academic support for all boarders.

Boarding provides an organised week that includes school, sports and outside activities, as well as academic support through our regular tutorials.

Our boarding community organises many weekly and annual activities each year that include trips to the local beaches and rivers, ski field and lakes, as well as city-based recreational facilities.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NGĀ ĀKONGA Ā-AO

▶ Nelson College runs an extensive and highly successful international student programme, with students coming from many countries around the world (e.g. Germany, France, Brazil, China, Korea and Japan) to study with us.

Spaces for students from each country are limited to ensure that we provide a balanced programme.

We believe that it's important that international and local New Zealand students enjoy interacting with a broad range of cultures, helping them to develop as global citizens.

For all international students coming to Nelson College, a minimum level of English is required to fully participate in our courses and have the best chance to excel in NCEA.

During your stay in New Zealand, we provide extensive support. The majority of our students stay in our boarding hostels, with a small number choosing to live with a local "Kiwi" or homestay family.

We also link students with other providers to give them the opportunities to discover more of New Zealand and learn about our incredible country.

Nelson College agrees to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies are available on request from the college or the Ministry.





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