



4 July 2022

Kia ora koutou,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and managing to adjust okay to the colder temperatures. After much rain in Nelson during June, we are beginning to see more winter sun, which is great.

### Academics

Our boys have spent this term consolidating a large portion of their academic learning for the year, and balancing homework in the evenings with numerous sporting / activities. Each house has a supervisor responsible for a cohort of boys, supporting them in prep in the evenings. If your son(s) has senior external assessments, then he should have the beginnings of a plan for what to be organising these holidays towards the practice exams next term and then ultimately, the November exams.

### Sport/Activities

Winter sport is now fully underway – football, badminton, basketball, hockey, rugby, and mountain biking are now dominating weekdays and weekends in boarding.

In the school's interhouse competition, boarding continues to do well. Boarders' participation in the cross country earlier this term again demonstrated great commitment from our boys to represent boarding positively. We are currently coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the rankings. House singing and haka are two of the bigger house events still to come and we usually do well in both of those events.

In addition to organised school sport, and daily access to the gym, turf and weights room, boarding has organised winter swims, mid-winter Xmas dinner, movies, and Flip Out. Unfortunately, our planned Rabbit Island beach day in June had to be cancelled due to the weather.

## Health/Hygiene

These last few weeks have also seen the onset of winter colds and flu, as well as COVID still hitting us. We thank all parents who have so willingly collected their son(s) when they are unwell.

Our boarding facilities continue to have plenty of hand sanitizer and hand washing facilities available to the boys – in the dining room and boarding houses. And plenty of signs reminding the boys about regular handwashing.

Unfortunately, we can no longer purchase Panadol. This is a supply issue. We ask that you send your son(s) back in T3 with his own supply of Panadol. We will name this and keep it with our medical supplies to be given to your son as he needs it.

## Boarding Wellbeing Check-In

Last month we asked our boarders to complete a wellbeing survey so we could ascertain how the boys were doing and whether there were any patterns of concern for us to be aware of and if possible, address. The summarised results are below. We will follow up on responses to questions 9 & 10 in particular. It was good to confirm that overall, the boys are settled and happy and managing well in another unsettled year for all of us.

### **POSITIVE RESPONSES**

- 1. Boarding is a positive experience for me in my boarding house 95%**
- 2. Boarding is a positive experience for most boys in my boarding house 95%**
- 3. I feel safe in my boarding house 93%**
- 4. Boarding staff know me 95%**
- 5. Boarding staff care about me 95%**
- 6. Staff are approachable if I have a problem 89%**
- 7. Boarding staff support me in learning at school 87%**
- 8. Boarding routines support me in learning at school 81%**
- 9. Boarding staff support me in pursuing interests and activities 76%**
- 10. Boarding routines support me in pursuing interests and activities 76%**
- 11. The Boarding environment supports me in my friendships with other boys 84%**
- 12. I make a point of personally involving myself and contributing positively to our boarding community 86%**

## Staffing

At the end this term, we farewell Johnnie Fraser from his position as Barnicoat supervisor. Johnnie has spent the past 18 years working in boarding. He and wife Vikki have been key members of the Barnicoat team and we wish them all the very best as they transition out of boarding and into becoming day teachers at the school.

Michael Hayes joins us as a new Barnicoat supervisor. Michael and his wife Nicky have been involved in boarding across NZ and Nicky is currently an Assistant Principal at Nelson College for Girls. They have two young children.

### Coming Up

Next term parent /teacher interviews will be online as they were earlier in the year. More information will come out about this closer to the time. This, combined with the COVID and flu still impacting, will mean that we won't hold the usual winter boarding concert this year.

<b>Term 3</b>	
24 July	Boarders welcome back - 2pm onwards
18 August	Course Selection Evening
19 August	Teacher only Day
27 August	Course Selection Choices 2023 Due
29 - 2 September	Winter Sports' Tournament Week
29 - 2 September	Senior Practice Exams (tbc)
24 September	Nelson College Year 12/13 Ball
30 September	End of Term 3

### End of Term Reminder

A reminder that boys need to leave the house by 5pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July at the end of this week, and they are welcome back for Term 3 from 2pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. We ask that you do not arrange to drop boys off before 2pm, as staff and houses are not ready.

### Finally

We hope you have a good fortnight with your son(s).

Ngā mihi,



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Director of Boarding