



22 August 2022

Kia ora koutou,

We hope all our wider boarding whānau are okay following last weekend's weather bomb. As an isolated event as well as sitting within the context of everything else we are all experiencing, it's continued to make for a busy and stressful year.

Our boarders remain upbeat and positive. Whilst many of them were unable to return home for the weekend, they have been safe and well fed. The 'dry' we couldn't always deliver on. Movies and pancakes, as well as mud sliding, were a theme this weekend in the houses.

As we know, this week school begins with online learning. The boarders will follow the same timetable as the day students for this – with brunch being at 10am each day during the first break.

Many of our boarders are keen to help with the Nelson clean-up effort. We think this is great but will make sure first that this is well organised and done safely for the boys. We are also mindful that the seniors have their practice exams next week and so this will also factor into any decisions made around boarders helping with the city's clean-up.

Next week's practice exams are a good opportunity for students to check their knowledge and skills before the actual NCEA external exams in November and to see where they have gaps to fix. In prep time we will now be ensuring that boys are working through revision programmes for these exams.

Circumstances permitting, boys are welcome to go home next week after they have completed their last exam, and those senior boys with no exams are encouraged to be home for the week, as compulsory supervised study will be operating in the boarding houses each day. Please organise this through your son's housemaster.

Winter colds and flu have really taken hold these past few weeks, with COVID continuing to make its presence felt. Once again, we thank all parents who have so willingly collected their son(s) when they are unwell.

Events Coming Up

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| Term 3 | |
| 29 - 2 September | Winter Sports' Tournament Week |
| 29 – 2 September | Senior Practice Exams |
| 24 September | Nelson College Year 12/13 Ball |
| 30 September | End of Term 3 |

Most of our international students have now been with us consistently for nearly 3 years. Whilst international travel is now able to happen, the logistics and costs have meant that many of our boys have still not been able to return to their home countries yet. If you are able to offer an international student a homestay experience during the next holidays, please contact me. It would be greatly appreciated. Boarding will be closed during the October holidays – from 5pm on Friday 30th September to 2pm Sunday 16th October.

Finally, with spring just around the corner now, we wish you all the best and thank you again for your continued support of Nelson College Boarding.

Ngā mihi,



Samme Hippolite
Director of Boarding