

NELSON COLLEGE



Boarding Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou,

Spring has arrived and with it our final set of term time holidays for this year. All boys have an opportunity to rest, relax and catch up with whānau. A reminder that boarding is closed from 5pm, Friday 30th September until 2pm Sunday 16th October.

Academics/...and beyond

Although modified, our recent school practice exams were an opportunity for senior boys to gauge their progress with external assessment preparation, and these holidays now provide valuable time for boys to organise study notes, as well as organise and begin revision programmes going into the final school term. As we head into the last stages of the year, if you have concerns around your son(s) academic performance, then please contact your son's housemaster OR year level dean. Any concerns about pathways beyond school can be directed to our tertiary/careers' advisor.

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Year 13 Dean – Michelle Anderson – md@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Tertiary/Careers Advisor – Vikki Heays – vh@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Medical

Please remember to let the school immediately if there are any changes to your son's health and especially if there are new issues that have developed. Please also always inform us if your son begins taking (new) regular medication. It is important that we always have accurate and up-to-date information on your son(s). Please contact your son's housemaster in the first instance here.

Sports/Activities

Winter sports are now coming to an end for the year. As always, many of our boarders have been involved in playing team sports or pursuing individual sporting activities.

In addition, our boarders continue to do well in our school's Interhouse Sports Competition. We are currently sitting in 2nd place with just the sevens and haka events to occur.

This year, our interhouse competition has included the following –

- Cricket
- Chess
- Touch Rugby
- Hockey
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Spelling Bee
- Basketball
- Debating
- Football
- Haka
- Sevens Rugby

Coming Up

Lots of events are coming up next term as part of our yearly wrap up and farewell to our Year 13 boys and other leavers.

Senior Prize Giving is on Wednesday 2nd November and after this time, both houses will be running daily study programmes for senior boys who have exams. If your son has big gaps between exams, he is encouraged to go home at these times if feasible. All boys are expected to depart boarding the day after their last exam. Any requests for arrangements outside of these parameters need to be emailed to me by Senior Prize Giving please.

Term 4 is an emotional time for all Year 13 boys, and again, we ask parents to take some time these holidays to remind their sons about finishing their time at Nelson College well and with dignity. Our expectations around sign outs, use of/travel in vehicles, alcohol etc remain as they have all year, and are designed to keep all our boys safe.

Below is a summary of Term Four events:

Term 4	
17 October	Term 4 begins
20 – 21 October	Annual Boarding Sports Trip
22 – 24 October	Labour Weekend
26 October	Old Man's Supper
28 October	Barnicoat House Dinner
29 October	Rutherford House Dinner
1 November	Graduation Dinner
2 November	Leavers' Function
2 November	Senior Prize Giving
7 – 30 November	NCEA exams
25 November	Year 8 testing & sleep over
8 December	Junior Prize Giving

Dining Room/ Kitchen Fire Update

Our makeshift kitchen has been operating down at Rutherford for the past few weeks. We have a mobile kitchen unit set up outside the boarding house and all boys are eating their meals in/just outside Rutherford. The new arrangements are working well. Breakfasts and dinners are staggered and on fine days, the boys are taking away a lunch.

The kitchen/dining room building is now being stripped out in preparation for the rebuild.

Finally, thank you for all your support this term and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hippolite', written in a cursive style.

Samme Hippolite
Director of Boarding