

# NELSON COLLEGE

## Boarding Newsletter



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24 November 2022

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you all for supporting us through another year in boarding. Again, it has been busy year of challenges, as well as positive highs.

After an eventful year that included a boarding restructure over summer, closures, COVID and winter flu in high numbers, and a kitchen fire in spring, term four continued to be an exciting and emotional time for boarding.

The term started with the 10th anniversary of our boarders' sports tour of the West Coast. This tour began as a result of one of our boarders Matt Gunter passing away. He lived in Greymouth. To keep the connection strong with his family, and to honour his memory, the tour began a decade ago with a rugby game in Greymouth each October. This has now developed into over 60 boys playing basketball, football and rugby in numerous games down 'the Coast.' The most significant game is the senior rugby game held in Greymouth for the Matthew Gunter Shield. This year, it was Nelson College Boarders turn to bring it home. Nelson College Boarding continues to mourn the loss of Matt and to very much value our enduring relationship with Matt's parents Heather and David.

Old Man' Supper was held the week before seniors left. This is our traditional end of year boarding dinner that involves boys and staff from both houses. The 'old man' refers to the headmaster who originally ran boarding as an additional income stream, as well as to provide for the schooling needs of the wider rural community. He housed the boarders in the main school and at the end of each year, treated them to a 'Christmas-type' dinner out of his own pocket.

Old Man's Supper is now usually held in the dining room, but this year we held it on the grass at the front of Barnicoat House. It's a chance to celebrate finishing another year in boarding, and to acknowledge and farewell our leavers; in particular, our year 13 boys. This dinner finishes with a haka to acknowledge and farewell all leavers.

Our house dinners closely followed Old man's Supper. These dinners were both held at Trailways in town and again, they were a chance to acknowledge key achievements over the year, and to farewell leavers 'in house.' It was great to have so many of our boarding parents attend these dinners.

Alongside these end of year traditions, boarding also managed to pull off an impressive win in the haka competition, which, when added to our results in other events throughout the year, has enabled boarding to win the Neale Cup for the school's Interhouse Competition 2022. We are very proud of the efforts of our year 13 leaders in organising the boys through all events in this competition, and for all boarders in their commitment to representing our community within the wider school context.

### **2022/3 Staffing Changes**

Lucy Burns became Barnicoat House's matron this year with the resignation of Holly Garnett. Lucy was already a cleaner at Barnicoat, and so her transition into the matron role has been smooth and positive.

Johnnie Fraser departed boarding after 18 years as a Barnicoat supervisor. He and wife Vikki made a significant contribution to boarding during their time with us and we truly appreciate all they have given. Both Johnnie and Vikki remain working at Nelson College. Johnnie was replaced in Barnicoat by Michael Hayes. Michael has extensive boarding experience from around New Zealand, and we have very much appreciated how quickly he has involved himself within our community. Michael also works in the day school as a teacher aide.

Tracy McLaren joined Rutherford House as a supervisor this year. Tracy is the Learning Support Coordinator at Hampden Street School and next year she begins as housemaster for Rutherford House. Tracy has made a positive contribution to boarding this year; in particular, she has demonstrated very strong pastoral relationships with the boys. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Andrew Yorkstone also joined boarding in 2022. Andrew is teacher in charge of music at Nelson College, and his support of boarding as an across house supervisor has been appreciated.

Boarding has also appreciated the positive input of old boys Punn Cowarin and Noah Hassan.

Boarding concluded 2022 with farewelling Andrew Yorkstone as a supervisor, Alex Hassan as a housemaster and Samme Hippolite as Director of Boarding. These staff will continue to teach at Nelson College in 2023.

Alex needs to be acknowledged for her unwavering commitment to Rutherford House, as well as a genuine desire to see boarding as an entire community thrive. She has shown much resilience in the three years she has been housemaster of Rutherford. She came into the position with no boarding experience here, and at a time when things were not straightforward; and she very quickly came to grips with the job that needed to be done and how to do it.

I leave boarding after four years in the role. I had one key goal back in December 2018 when I began, and that was to restore boarding's pride and place at Nelson College, by making it a safe, positive, and unified community. I knew the key ingredient to achieving our goal was the people. Everything moving forward had to be anchored in safe and positive relationships. Despite many challenges along the way, boarding is now a thriving community, and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved over the past few years and wish everyone all the very best moving forward.

### **Nelson College Boarding Standards**

As a hostel we are a community within a community and to successfully work together, we need to recognise our unique influence on our college and strive for:

1. Consideration for the feelings, beliefs, and happiness of others.
2. Cheerful obedience to the rules of the school and the house.
3. Trustworthiness and honesty.
4. Courtesy in dealing with others.
5. Personal responsibility in completing a task set or honouring a commitment and making a serious attempt to get the greatest gain from all Nelson College has to offer.

**We ask for the continued support of all parents and caregivers in ensuring that our standards are adhered to.**

## **2023 Key Contacts**

Our boarding community has a close link to college. Many of our boarding staff members are also teachers at the school. We are all here to help support your son pastorally & academically.

Below are the contact details for key staff -

Barnicoat Housemaster – Simon Mardon – [mn@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:mn@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

Rutherford Housemaster – Tracy McLaren – [tracy.mclaren@hampdenstreet.school.nz](mailto:tracy.mclaren@hampdenstreet.school.nz)

Below is a list of staff contacts relating to any academic concerns you may have regarding your son(s).

Please contact your son's housemaster OR year level dean. Any concerns about pathways beyond school can be directed to our tertiary/careers' advisor.

Year 9 – Dan Moon – [mo@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:mo@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

Year 10 Dean – Helen Allen – [ha@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:ha@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

Year 11 Dean – Richard Townsend – [td@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:td@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

Year 12 Dean – Joe Haddon – [hn@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:hn@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

Year 13 Dean – Simon Powrie – [pe@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:pe@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

Tertiary/Careers Advisor – Vikki Heays – [vh@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:vh@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

## **Standing Parental Consent 2023**

Below are the links through to the areas of permission we request from you for 2023. These consents must be completed each year before the boys' return.

1. [General Activities](#)
2. [Vehicle Permission](#)

## **2023 Important Dates**

The first term will begin on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**.

**All boarders should arrive in their houses between 1.00 – 5.00 pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. House BBQs are at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Parents most welcome.**

### **TERM 1 2023**

Begins on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** and ends on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**.

<b>Sports Weekend begins</b>	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>
Sports	Sun 2pm
Commemorative Service (Hall)	Sun 5 pm
Dinner (Inner Quad)	Sun 6 pm
House Sports	Mon 9am

<b>Holidays in T1:</b>	Waitangi Day 6 <sup>th</sup> February
	Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April

### **TERM 2 2023**

Begins on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** and ends on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Boarding Open Day</b>	<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>
	Prospective Parents 10am – 2pm

<b>Holidays in T2:</b>	Anzac Day 25 <sup>th</sup> April
	King's Birthday 5 <sup>th</sup> June

### **TERM 3 2023**

Begins on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July** and ends on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

<b>Course Selection Evening</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>
<b>Practice Exams</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>
<b>Winter Tournament Week</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>

### **TERM 4 2023**

Begins on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** and ends on **7<sup>th</sup> Dec**

<b>Senior Prize Giving</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>
<b>Junior Prize Giving</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Holidays in T4:</b>	Labour Weekend 23 <sup>rd</sup> October

## **Important Nelson College Boarding & School Information Reminders**

### **BYOD**

BYOD is compulsory for all students at Nelson College.

All relevant information for you is now on the Nelson College website under [BYOD at Nelson College](#).

### **Website/Electronic Access**

The college encourages parents to visit our website [www.nelson.school.nz](http://www.nelson.school.nz) to keep up to date with current information. The website also provides a parent sign-in to our secure web environment, where parents and caregivers can access information to keep them informed of their son's learning progress, including attendance, timetables, report, achievement data and daily notices. Students will be able to access the same information as well as many learning resources and information via Ultraset. Any problems with not having access to these portals, please contact our student office.

### **Cell Phones**

Cell phones are to be turned off and out of sight in class. Texting is not permitted during class time.

Phones will be confiscated and handed to the deputy principals & deans if these rules are not followed.

### **Attendance/Absences**

All students are expected to be in their timetabled class. This will be monitored, and parents contacted when students are not present. If a boarding student is absent, it is important that the housemaster & school are notified. Please either complete the [Online Form](#) or email [attendance@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:attendance@nelsoncollege.school.nz) or call the attendance line on 548 3099. Please leave the student's name, the reason for their absence and if known, how long they will be absent. On returning to school, boys need to collect a pink slip from the attendance office to show to their teachers. [Click here for full attendance guidelines](#). Failure to provide a note will result in the student being disciplined and the parents contacted.

Parents who wish to take their son(s) on holiday during term time need to contact the year level dean.

### **Sick/Illness**

Boarding students who feel unwell during the school day are expected to report to reception. Once assessed, they may then be admitted for care to the sick bay or sent back to their house under the care of the matron.

Unwell boys will be cared for initially by house staff in their boarding house. They will also be supported in making medical appointments when necessary. If boys are seriously unwell or need to be away from school for several days, they are expected to return home.

### **Appointments**

Appointments should not be arranged during school time. If this is unavoidable, there is a procedure that boys need to complete before they are granted leave.

Students should bring a written request for leave to the attendance office for a pink slip, which they then show to their teachers.

## Off Site

It is a college rule that no pupil leaves the school grounds at lunchtime unless they have the permission of the deputy principals. The neighbouring dairy and bakery are out of bounds during interval and lunchtime.

## Change of Address

Please inform the [Student Office](#) of any changes to address, phone numbers or email.

## Leaving Procedures

All students leaving college during the year, at the end of year or transferring to another school, must complete formal signing out procedures. Leaving forms are available from the student office.

## Stationery

2023 Stationery lists are available online from two suppliers, Paper Plus or Office Max. Stationery lists will also be held in store at these two suppliers. Both websites can be found below for ordering online:

Paper Plus: [www.paperplus.co.nz](http://www.paperplus.co.nz) (offer click and collect)

Office Max: [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz)

## Uniform

The Board of Trustees, and college community have affirmed that Nelson College is a school that wants a uniform and that it should be worn well.

Uniform helps instil a sense of identity and purpose. Self-esteem is enhanced by wearing a uniform with pride. Uniform should be worn in accordance with the attached guidelines.

- Shorts need to be pulled up appropriately.
- Socks must be up (blue socks are beginning to be introduced, grey socks are still acceptable).
- Blue polo shirts may be out (all other shirts tucked in).
- If students choose to wear a belt, it should be dark blue or black.
- Singlets and/or polypropylene vests are recommended in winter but should be short sleeved and not visible.

It is **not acceptable** to wear:

- Mufti clothing & beanies / jandals /running shoes/cross trainers etc.
- College sports jackets /Any visible jewellery.
- Long-sleeved polyprops (unless under a long-sleeved shirt) /cap (unless college).

### **Hair (personal grooming)**

- Neat and tidy hair.
- Colour should be a natural shade, uniform (no multiple colours) and that is acceptable to the management of the school.
- No dreadlocks, mohawks, 'rats' tails', and designs/logos cut into the hair.
- Facial hair is not accepted. Students must be clean shaven except during 'Movember'.

Parents are encouraged to seek the college leadership's guidance if they are concerned their son's proposed hair style might be unacceptable.

## **2023 Clothing List for Boarders**

1x college tie
1x college blazer
1x pair regulation dark, grey trousers
1x white long sleeved college shirt, OR 3x if in Year 13
3. pairs dark, grey college shorts
5x mid-blue long sleeved cotton shirt and/or blue polo shirt(s) combination
5x pairs college socks
1x college pullover (regulation navy blue for juniors & regulation light blue for seniors)
1x college parka
1x college PE shorts
1x college PE shirt
5x pairs white sports socks
1x plain, leather belt (black or brown)
1x pair lace up, plain black shoes
1x pair plain black or brown sandals
Appropriate sleepwear
Casual clothing, non-offensive – shorts, T-shirts, long pants, sweatshirts etc
Underwear and singlets
Sneakers/sports shoes
Slippers
4x towels
Swimming togs/shorts
Toilet bag & toiletries & medication (given to boarding housemaster)
Black nugget
Coat hangers
1x pillow & pillowcase
1x duvet inner & duvet cover

TIDY MUFTI - for out of school wear.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED

Name tags can be bought from

[www.nameit.co.nz](http://www.nameit.co.nz) or phone 0800 626 348

# PTA UNIFORM SHOP

Direct dial phone (03) 546 3265

Email [uniform.shop@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:uniform.shop@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

Online shop <https://shop.nelsoncollege.school.nz/>

The NC Uniform Shop was opened in 1998 by the PTA to fulfil three major objectives:

- ◆ To assist in standardising the uniform
- ◆ To provide good quality new and second-hand uniforms at a reasonable price
- ◆ To provide an on-going fundraiser for the college. (All profits go directly back to the college)

The NC Uniform Shop is the sole supplier of the college uniform.

## EXTENDED HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

2 December – Boarders Testing Day 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm			
JANUARY 2023		FEBRUARY 2023	
Thursday 19 January	10.00am – 4.00 pm	Wednesday 1 February	8.00am – 12.00 pm
Friday 20 January	10.00am – 4.00 pm	Thursday 2 February	8.00am – 12.00 pm
Saturday 21 January	10.00am – 3.00 pm	<b><u>NORMAL OPENING HOURS RESUME</u></b>  Tuesday and Thursday 1.30 pm – 2.15 pm 3.15pm – 4.00pm	
Monday 23 January	10.00am – 4.00 pm		
Tuesday 24 January	10.00am – 4.00 pm		
Wednesday 25 January	10.00am – 4.00 pm		
Thursday 26 January	10.00am – 4.00 pm		
Friday 27 January	10.00am – 4.00 pm		
Tuesday 31 January	10.00am – 4.00 pm		



## 2023 Nelson College Boarding Fees & School Expenses

BOARDING FEES AND EXPENSES 2023	
<p><b>Deposit to Secure a Boarding Place -</b>            A deposit of \$1,000 (NZ) is to be paid when accepting a boarding place at Nelson College. This deposit is credited to the student's invoice for boarding fees. In those cases where the acceptance is subsequently declined by the parent, the deposit may be forfeited except at the discretion of the Director of Boarding.  <b>This must be paid by 20<sup>th</sup> November of the year preceding entry.</b></p>	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p><b>Full Board -</b>            Boarding Fees are <b>\$15,900.00</b> per annum including GST and will be charged over the nine months, <b>\$1,766.67 per month</b>. The first payment will be on 20<sup>th</sup> February and last payment 20<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>You may receive two accounts every month for your son. One account is the <b>'Boarding Account'</b> which includes all charges related to boarding and includes boarding fees, house canteen, house photos etc. The second account is the <b>'Day School Account'</b> which includes all charges relating to sports trips and subs, school trips etc associated with the Day School.</p> <p><b>Incidental/Damage Charges -</b>            Where damage occurs as a result of lack of thought or deliberate vandalism, we will look to recover the replacement/repair costs from those responsible.</p> <p><b>Pocket Money -</b>            Parents should take responsibility for any private expenses &amp; pocket money by setting up a bank account for their son which they can access with their EFTPOS card.</p>	<p>\$15,900</p> <p>\$1,766.67 charged per month over 9 months</p>
<p><b>Boarding Internet Maintenance -</b></p>	<p>\$100 per annum</p>
<p><b>The <u>Boarding Account (&amp; Fees)</u> and <u>Day School Account</u> charges are due to be paid, with your son's name clearly as the reference, by 20<sup>th</sup> of the following month by either:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Debit – forms available from <a href="mailto:finance@nelsoncollege.school.nz">finance@nelsoncollege.school.nz</a></li> <li>• Automatic Payment</li> <li>• Internet Banking</li> <li>• Credit Card (will incur a 1.7% bank fee)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>You can choose to make weekly, fortnightly, or monthly payments.</b></p> <p><b>Account payment in full for the full year – (Boarding Fees Only) Boarding Fees</b> for the full year can be billed in March for immediate payment. If full payment is made by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023, this attracts a fee rebate of \$150 including GST.</p>	
<p><b>NELSON COLLEGE BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER</b></p>	<p><b>03 0703 0365073 003</b></p>

**TIMA HEALTH LTD**

***DR ROBERT STUBBS***

***DR SUSAN STUBBS***

***DR ROB HAYES***

**General Practitioners**

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**46 WAIMEA RD NELSON PHONE 03 5488005 FAX 03 5484331**

Dear Parent/ Guardian or Care Giver of new Nelson College boarders,

For over 32 years we have developed a very good relationship with the Nelson Boys College as the General Practitioners for the boarders.

While your son is at Nelson College, provided he is a New Zealand resident, you are welcome to enrol him at our surgery in order to receive the Ministry of Health subsidies.

Please note that enrolment can only be at one doctor/practice therefore if your son is enrolled here but visits the family doctor when at home, they may charge their non- enrolled (casual patient) fee.

If you would like your son to be enrolled with our practice, please contact us when he starts or at any stage during his college years here.

Kind regards,

The Team at Tima Health

All **teens** from year 9 at school until their 18th birthday are eligible to receive **free dental treatment** (excluding international students). These **dental services** are funded by the Ministry of Health. Many parents and children are unaware of this free service!



Free dental services include:

- Regular checkups
- X-rays
- Fillings
- Extractions (orthodontic extractions excluded)
- Preventative treatments like fluoride or fissure sealants

Call us now on 03 548 3971 or Book online [www.accessdental.co.nz](http://www.accessdental.co.nz)

Best wishes for a warm, relaxing, and safe summer with your boys at home. We look forward to reconnecting again in February when we will resume working in partnership with you in supporting your son's development into adulthood.

Ngā mihi,

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

Samme Hippolite  
Director of Boarding  
2018 - 2022