



28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Kia Ora Koutou,

As term 1 draws to a close and the leaves begin to turn, I would like to reflect on what has been a busy and enjoyable start to the year. From hydro sliding to trampolining with karaoke nights, manu contests and games of spotlight in-between, the boys have had plenty to keep them active beyond the classroom, sports field and stage. Boarders, as a combined house, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in both Athletics and Swimming Sports with participation levels at both events being excellent. We encourage boys to give things a go and have no regrets, and that attitude has been reflected in this term's activities.

Here are some individual successes of boys in boarding:

- Manaia Roberts (Rut) – winner of the Nelson College U19 Athletics competition.
- Garrick Wong (Bar) – represented Nelson College at Volleyball Nationals.
- Zyon Ford (Bar) – represented Nelson College in the UK in various rugby 7s tournaments.
- Sione Mafi (Bar) – selected to represent the Nelson College rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV.
- Max Doefler (Rut) - selected to represent the Nelson College rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV.
- Peyton Ritchie (Bar)– selected to represent the Nelson College senior basketball team.
- Chase Banks (Bar) – won his grade in the butterfly at the SI Swimming Championship.
- Flynn Sargeant (Bar) – selected to play for the Nelson region U15 basketball team.

Congratulations to all of these boys.

We have welcomed several new boys to boarding; not only from overseas, but other areas of the South Island and even two from Nelson College (it's always satisfying to convert day-boys to boarding!) These young men have transitioned well and settled into the day-to-day routines of living at school.



NCEA internal assessment is well under way in the majority of subjects and, as their work is marked and moderated, boys should start to see credits on their NZQA Record of Achievement. If they are unsure how to access this, we encourage them to talk to their homeroom teacher or Dean. Prep (homework) takes place at 6.15pm Monday-Thursday and the Year 9 and 10 students have their work communicated to them through the Housemasters. There is always meaningful study to be getting on with and the reward is on hand afterwards with the swimming pool, turf or gym open in the evenings.

I would like to wish all the boys a restful break with whānau and friends, ready to come back well charged for term 2 when assessments and winter sport commitments will be in full swing. I also wish to extend my thanks to you all for entrusting your sons to us and supporting us in all that we do; your timely leave applications, open communication, words of encouragement and reinforcement of our values is always greatly appreciated. Enjoy Easter and the term break with your boys.

Ngā mihi

Tim Middleton  
Director of Boarding

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Boarding Webinar

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.** We will be hosting a webinar for prospective parents to help them decide if boarding at Nelson College is for them. If you have any friends who are considering sending their son to NC, please encourage them to register:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAscOGspjwvEtz4sboAb9\\_vqR5tvdHn2KwT](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAscOGspjwvEtz4sboAb9_vqR5tvdHn2KwT)

### Boarding Roadshow

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April.** I will be taking NC Boarding on the road for a whistle stop tour through Blenheim, Seddon and Kaikoura. Hopefully I will catch up with some of our families who hail from those parts. Details on our website: <https://nelson.school.nz/events-and-newsletters/>



## Boarding Open Day

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

### PROGRAMME

- 10.00 am** Morning tea on arrival in the Staffroom – meet current boarding students.  
Welcome and overview – Headmaster, Richard Dykes.  
Co-Curricular – Year 11 Dean, Richard Townsend.  
Current parents – an insight into parents’ Nelson College Boarding journey  
Boarding life – Director of Boarding, Tim Middleton.
- 10.30 am** School Tour.
- 11.00 am** Barnicoat and Rutherford House Tours.
- 12.00 pm** Lunch in Rutherford, followed by 1<sup>st</sup> XV v St Bede’s College on the school’s front field.