



8th May 2023

Kia ora koutou,

We are now well into term 2 and, with it, winter sports, the usual coughs and colds and assessment deadlines across all areas of the curriculum. The hosting of 7 international students from Nelson College for Girls in the term 1 holiday went very well, and we will further strengthen connections with girls' boarding by reciprocal hosting of international students each term break.

In the full-school assembly of week 2, students were presented with 'Level 1 Colours' awards which recognise the achievement of students in sports, arts, and leadership.

4 boys from boarding were acknowledged:

- Manaia Roberts (Rut) – Volleyball.
- Garrick Wong (Bar) –Volleyball.
- Zyon Ford (Bar) – Rugby 7s.
- Hannes Jungehuelsing (Bar) – Sailing.

Congratulations to all these boys.

I took boarding on the road at the end of week 1, visiting Blenheim, Seddon and Kaikoura. It was a great opportunity to connect with families who are considering boarding at Nelson College for their sons. Further, we are looking forward to the Boarding Open Day this weekend (13th), planned to coincide with the first 1st XV home game on the newly laid front field. The day starts with a morning tea for prospective parents, and we are delighted that Ed Chapman-Cohen (RUT 1988-1992) and his wife, Kate, parents of George (Y12), Will (Y11) and Monty (Y9) will be on hand to share their experience of being 'boarding parents.'



To coin a golfing phrase, Term 2 tends to be 'moving term' for NCEA internal assessments, and it sees the need for students to 'get moving' with their progress towards qualifications. This combines with commitment to winter sports, arts and cultural involvement and requires young men to manage themselves in order to prioritise and stay on top of things. A reminder that 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. This 45 minutes per evening is the minimum required for NCEA students and they should be consolidating the formal prep time with their own study.

Simon Mardon (Barnicoat Housemaster) is leading an initiative to resurrect old boarding photos that have been in storage and restore them to the walls. These images are a rich source of our heritage and whakapapa and, when completed in Barnicoat, will be replicated in Rutherford.

In further news, the recent flooding in Nelson, whilst not as devastating as that of last year, still saw some residents who live on the banks of the Maitai River facing the prospect of losing valuables and suffering from water damage. It was great to see a group of our boarders showing manaaki to one lady on Nile Street, as they moved her valuables out of her garage and helped her to clean up. Well done on your display of community spirit, boys.

Ngā mihi

Tim Middleton
Director of Boarding



UPCOMING EVENTS

Boarding Open Day

Saturday 13th 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 1st XV v St Bede’s College.