



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 11th August 2023

Kia ora Tātou,
It's always great to see our young men involved and succeeding.

Co-Curricular

On Wednesday this week Ngā Aho Rau, our Kapa Haka group (combined with Nelson College for Girls) performed to staff and students at assembly. At the start of the performance they presented the taonga (prizes) that they won at the regional Kapa Haka competition in June. At the end of the performance, it was a pleasure to thank the tutors who have put in many hours to support our students to succeed.

Last Saturday there was a record crowd at school to watch our 1st XV play Christchurch Boys High School. Though our team didn't walk away with the final trophy, well done CBHS, they represented their school with tremendous pride, as they've done all season. This week we have a number of our junior rugby teams also playing in season finals. Good luck to them all.

Our 1st XI Hockey team played in a recent regional tournament, eventually coming 2nd to a strong Waimea College side. And our 1st XI Football team travelled to Wellington in the first week of term for some important high calibre competition ahead of going to the national finals later this term.

In music, two of our students are part of the successful Rockquest band "Parallel Park" (a great name) who have been invited to perform at the national finals.

Sport, Kapa Haka, music and more. I love the vibrancy of our college's co-curricular programme, for both participation and elite involvement, and the high level of engagement by our rangatahi (young men). It is something very unique and special to Nelson College; better than I've seen at other schools. Thanks to everyone, including whānau and parents, who make this possible at Nelson College.

Academic

As well as Winter Tournament Week approaching, we're heading into the 'business end' of the academic school year. School exams are coming up and final NCEA exams (and submission dates for internally assessed work) are also on the horizon.

For parents of students in years 11 to 13, I encourage you to have a talk with your son about his progress towards NCEA this year and what he needs to do now to achieve his goals. If he or you are unsure, please contact his teacher(s) or Dean for more information. We're here to support him and you.

Planning for 2024

On Saturday 29th July we ran a successful Open Day for next year's incoming Year 9 students, with a large number of prospective students and whānau visiting our school.

Shortly we'll begin the course selection process including expressions of interest in participating in the Ara Māori (Māori Immersion) programme that we run in collaboration with NCG.

Information will come to you shortly about this, including the process for your son to complete. Please contact our Deans or Careers staff if you would like some assistance or guidance in this important decision making.

Ngā mihi nui,
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Tumuaki / Principal

Upcoming Events:

AUGUST

- 25 Course Selection Closes
- 28 Aug – 1 Sept
Winter Tournament Week
- 30 Aug – 5 Sept
NCEA Practice Exams

- 28 Aug to 22 Sept
Teen Dental Mobile

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Nelson College Ball
- 11 International student ski trip
- 13 Cultural Awards
- 14 Junior Dance
- 22 Diversity Day
- 22 End of term 3

[Full Online Calendar](#)

Student Office

2024 Course Selection

Reminder to complete your son(s) Course Selection for 2024. This is an online process via the Parent Portal. We recommend that you and your child make these selections together.

Students login using their own password and select Favourites, however caregivers then must also login using their own details and "Approve" the final selections.

Please contact your son's dean, teachers, Careers advisor or Faculty leader for guidance on selection if needed. If online selection is not an option then paper copies of the Option Forms are available from the Student Office or the deans office.

Course Selection closes on Friday 25th August.

Please contact the Student Office if you require any assistance with login for any of the above.

Phone: 548 3099 Ext 723, Email: sc@nelson.school.nz

Careers Hub

It's an important time for all our students with subject selection, as they consider what subjects to choose for next year. If you need support with this, contact your Year level Dean, or book a time with the [careers advisor](#).

For students going into Y12 or Y13 next year, you may want to consider applying for a place on a TOTSTA (Top of the South Trades Academy) course at NMIT or Whenua Iti. Look out for the email that has been sent to current Y11 and Y12 students and whānau about these options.

Students heading off to university will also be starting their subject selection with the universities this term. If support is needed in choosing what to study at university, then book a time to see me! Contact vh@nelson.school.nz.

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS:

mon	tue	Wed	thu	fri
14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug	17 Aug University of Otago Course Planning Lunchtime Library 1.30pm <i>If you are planning on attending Otago next year you need to attend this session to plan your papers for 2024</i>	18 Aug
21 Aug Halls/Scholarship Drop In Session Lunchtime Library 1.30pm <i>If you need help of have questions about these</i>	22 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug Work experience Day One Forty One <i>For Y13 students who are genuinely interested in studying towards a Forestry Science Degree</i> <i>Contact vh if interested</i>	25 Aug

Events in the pipeline for Term 3

- University Scholarship Applications close approx. 15 Aug (check the dates with the uni)
- Halls Applications due in – aim to submit before the 31 Aug
- University Liaison Visits for University Course Planning
 - Massey: 5th Sept
 - Lincoln: 13th Sept
 - UC: 13th Sept

WORK Experience for Students

If you can provide a work site visit or work experience in your industry, we would love to hear from you!

In particular, we are looking for work experience opportunities for students in these areas at the moment:

- Construction
- Automotive
- Youth work

Contact [Chris Phillips](#) (Gateway and Work Experience Co-ordinator) or [Vikki Heays](#) (Careers Advisor) if you can help...thanks!!

IT Computing Event

This week a group of students attended the IT Computing Careers event organised by NRDA (Nelson Regional Development Agency). This included site visits to Datacom, Snap IT, Carbon Crop and Blueberry IT as well as meeting the NMIT tutors. Students were involved and curious, and had great fun playing an automated Pictionary-type game. The computer wasn't able to correctly identify a picture of a raccoon however which is either a sign that we're safe from A.I. for a bit longer, or we need more art lessons!



Sports Office Snippets

As the winter weekly sports season draws to a close for many of our boys, it has been amazing seeing everyone out playing their chosen sport(s). Enjoy the last couple of weeks and as the tension of finals and tournaments approach, please remember to represent with pride and demonstrate our school values in both winning and losing.

Winter Tournament Week is fast approaching and we have teams travelling around the country to compete in their South Island or National Tournaments. Good luck to everyone and thank you to the coaches and managers who make all this possible.

Swimming

Congratulations to our Nelson College Swim Team who competed at the NZ Secondary Schools National competition in Wellington this term. Our region's high schools were represented by 22 swimmers from schools in the Top of The South. There were lots of fast swims from all the boys and they came away with a heap of PBs. They represented NC with pride.

Results:

Top 10 ranking for 3 of the lads.

Ollie Morton (17-18yr age) 5th 50 breast, 6th 100breast, 7th 200 breast.

Nic Lovell (17-18 yr age) 6th 200 breast, 8th 100 breast

Lucas Bell(14yr age group) 7th 200 back and 9th 200 free.



L to R: Cory Trembley, Finn Bryant, Oliver Morton, Nic Lovell and Lucas Bell

Rugby

We didn't come away with the Miles Toyota Championship Cup at the final, but we played a great game and conceded to the better team on the day with good will and great sportsmanship.

It was a gripping final with lots of skipped heartbeats but in the end it was [Christchurch Boys' High School Rugby Club](#) who came away with the 30-26 win. Thank you boys for putting on a great game.



Hockey

Our 1st XI Hockey team competed in the Tasman Secondary Schools Tournament last week. The boys got off to a great start beating Nayland College 8-0. They then beat Marlborough Boys College 5-2. Our final game was against Waimea College. In this game, we always compete for the Mark Wilkens Memorial Trophy. Waimea College get to hold the trophy for a second year, but we will be back to challenge you for it next time! The team will be playing in the Club semi-finals this week and have Nationals at the end of August.



Debating

On Wednesday 26 August we held an interschool debate at Nelson College. Four schools in the region came to make eight teams total – Nelson College for Girls, Waimea and Nayland as well as our school.

Sadly, our seniors didn't win this time, ☹️ but the Junior team did win their debate. 😊

The motion for all teams was 'This House would give parents full access to their children's social media accounts.' Our juniors were negating this motion. What do you think parents?!



Music



Last month the Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls Combined Concert Band took their awesomeness to the masses as part of the Music Mix series. The events are a collaboration between Nelson City Council, Multicultural Nelson Tasman Inc. and Nelson Centre of Musical Arts and are open to anyone regardless of musical capability, who wants to find out more about music. The band return to the centre on Aug 12th and 19th. No doubt they'll ignite some musical passion amongst the crowd!



Smokefreerockquest

At assembly last week we acknowledged the achievements of Ethan Carde (guitar) and Zac Irving (bass). Next month their band Parallel Park - The three-school supergroup who were highly commended at this year's Smokefreerockquest will travel to Auckland to perform at the finals.

We're so proud of you boys and wish you, Maisie, Florence and Kahu the best of luck with your performance up north! Pics please!



Kapa Haka

The crush hall was crammed with taonga as winners of the regional kapa haka took to the stage once more at a special assembly on Wednesday. Powerful performances and soaring waiata filled the hall reminding us just why this dedicated group of boys and girls came away with so many of the prizes this year. The hours of practice, coupled with the passion and deep appreciation of their culture shone throughout and yes, a couple of emotional eyes may have been dabbed during this very moving performance. A very proud moment for Nelson College and our sister school Nelson College for Girls.





Environmental Committee Planting

A fifty-strong team of students from our school and Nelson College for Girls dug deep this week and planted an impressive 80 native trees on the bank above the top field at Nelson College.

The project was overseen by Enviroschools lead teachers Johnnie Fraser and Renee Clothier and used trees from the College's own nursery. The hard work was (quite rightly) followed by a sausage sizzle generously supplied by Mitre Ten.

In addition to absorbing carbon, and providing habitat for native birds, planting in this area will improve slope stability. It's also no harm that the formerly weedy area is already looking awesome thanks to this brilliant team effort! Thanks boys and girls - we love it when we all work together.

Waiho i te toipoto, kua i te toiroa – Let us keep close together, not far apart.



Chess

When nothing in life is black and white – play chess! The Nelson/Tasman Interschool Chess Championship took place at Nayland College and St. Joseph's School with eight teams of four players in attendance. Waimea College came away with first place meaning they will represent the region in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Finals in September.

Placings as follows:

1st- Waimea College 1

2nd- Golden Bay High School

3rd- Nelson College for Boys 1

As a result of their outstanding performance, Waimea College's Team 1 has qualified to represent the Nelson/Tasman region at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Finals, scheduled for 23rd-24th September in Auckland.



Library News



The Term two junior school reading challenge winner draw happened recently. The reading challenge for the term had been to read a book from our library collection, then submit a short book review. We displayed some of the reviews on the noticeboard so other students could benefit from the recommendations (or otherwise) of these budding literary critics!

First prize was a set of wireless headphones, second was a \$20 voucher from a store of your choice and third was chocolate. We look forward to running another reading challenge soon.

Junior Theatre Sports Regional Competition

Last week students competed in the Junior Theatre Sports Regional Competition held at Red Door Theatre. The students consisted of Oliver Diamond, Tully King-Turner, Jack Prentice and Harry Playford. Sadly, Harry was unable to attend due to illness. Despite this set back, the team 'Tragic Trio', came up with a master plan and topped many of the entertainment scores on the night. They were placed second on the night with the victors from Nayland College winning by one point for technical interpretation. A great time was had by all, and we will be honing our skills in the build up to a competition against Nelson Girls College, later in the term.

Practice is held every Thursday in the Performance Suite, and all are welcome.



Spud Monday

Nelson College is doing its bit to keep alive the hallowed tradition of Spud Monday.

This auspicious day is inspired by the legend which told of the hardship endured by early European settlers to the region.

The invention of the Lasagne Toppa was well over a century away and finding themselves with no other options, the resourceful settlers had to fend off starvation by eating their seed potatoes and saving the eyes.

Today, students from Nelson College honour the occasion with an annual scavenger hunt in the city centre. Earlier they apprehended the Agrias, nabbed the Nadines and detected the Desirees.

Who will take home the coveted Spud Monday trophy? Keep your eye on our social media to find out.



Old Boys Association News



With great sadness, the Nelson College Old Boys' Association acknowledges the passing of former long serving staff member Mr Brian King on Monday. Brian was a staff member at Nelson College from 1966-1999. Brian held many roles, and will be remembered for his time as Housemaster of Rutherford, and his sporting commitments, including master of rugby, swimming, and athletics. A service for Brian will be held on Saturday at 2pm at the Nelson Cathedral.

Notices

Nelsonian and Old Boys Bulletin Merge



Yes that's right! The Nelsonian and the Old Boys Association Bulletin are joining forces to bring you a bumper edition of all things Nelson College past and present. Not only that, we're changing format to a handy A5 size so you can slip it in your book-bag alongside your equally gripping Lee Child novel. Our yearbook is also going zero-waste this year so we will be printing to order. If you want to own your own copy, you can order [HERE](#)

Uniform Shop Update



The great sock drought of 2023 is finally over! Don't put up with toes poking out, floppy elastic or worn heels! Now you can buy socks with reckless abandon. Get some for your son, your cat, or your granny! The lovely staff at the [uniform shop](#) are ready to take care of all of your socking needs! Order yours now!

Lanyards and Wristbands



Thanks to some industrious year 12 business studies students, you can wear a little piece of Nelson College wherever you go! Choose between NC lanyards for \$7 or wristbands for \$3.

Contact HARRY for wristbands or THE OTHER HARRY for lanyards. The enterprise is part of their business studies course, so profits will go to the group.

24-7 Youth Work



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24-7 youth work is a non-profit organisation that believes young New Zealanders need to be listened to and supported. It requires a relation-based model, encompassing role modelling that encourages youth to make good choices.

The main goals for Nelson College student leaders and council in 2023 are to provide a supportive environment, to grow in their leadership skills and develop character while building a sense of belonging within the school community.

This involves engaging Tuakana students and the student council in events and projects that encompasses the school spirit. Another goal is to increase student numbers of one-on-one mentoring sessions to help them thrive in conjunction with the school's core strategy

Hairdressing and Beauty competitions this year's theme is the "GLAMOROUS 1800's"



Come along to watch Trades Academy students compete in this year's competition

Friday September 22nd, 2023

10am - 1pm

Coffees and cakes will be available at a small cost made by Hospitality Trades Academy students

G block / NMIT Te Pūkenga 322 Hardy Street, Nelson



STUDENT SHOWCASE CONCERT
12 Aug

COMMOTION

FEATURING
*Rei, MC Tali, Mazbou Q, Huia Hamon
& top youth performers*

NCMA
48 Nile St
Doors open 7pm

TICKETS FROM WWW.COMMOTION.NZ