



# NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 3 November 2023



## Upcoming Events:

### NOVEMBER

6	NCEA exams start
17	Year 9 2024 Transition Day
20	NCEA Accord Day (staff only)
24	Year 9 2024 Enrichment testing Incoming Y9 Boarding sleep-over

### December

5-6	Junior Activities Days
7	Junior Prizegiving

[Full Online Calendar](#)

**Kia ora tātou,**

Next week NCEA exams begin, and I would like to wish all those senior students sitting their respective subject papers all the very best.

First and foremost, for those in their final year, I want to congratulate you on your hard work and dedication throughout your time here. You have shown great perseverance and commitment, and hopefully, you've grown not only academically but personally.

As you prepare for your exams, it is worth remembering a few key points:

1. **Believe in Yourself:** You have the knowledge and skills to succeed. Trust in your abilities and stay confident.
2. **Stay Positive:** Maintain a positive mindset. Remember, a positive attitude can significantly impact your performance.
3. **Stay Organised:** Keep a well-organised study schedule, and make sure you review all the necessary materials.
4. **Take Care of Your Health:** Get enough sleep, eat well, keep active and take short breaks during your study sessions.
5. **Seek Help When Needed:** If you ever find yourself struggling, don't hesitate to reach out to your teachers or fellow students for support.
6. **Stay Calm:** On the day of the exams, stay calm, read the instructions carefully, and manage your time wisely.
7. **Learn from Your Mistakes:** Remember that mistakes are opportunities for learning and growth. Don't be discouraged by them; instead, use them to improve.

Your time at Nelson College has been a chapter in your life, and now it's time to turn the page to the next one. Remember that your potential is limitless, and these exams are just a small part of your journey. They do not define you or your worth.

As you sit your exams, give it your best effort, and no matter the outcome, know that we are proud of you. The education and experiences you've gained here will serve as a strong foundation for your future endeavours.

If you ever need advice, support, or just a friendly chat, remember that the doors of Nelson College are always open to you. We are here for you even after you leave.

Wishing you all the success and happiness in the world as you take this step towards your future.

Again, best wishes,

Tim Oughton  
Acting Principal

## **Student Office**

**NCEA External Exams Monday 6 November – Friday 1 December** ([NCEA Exam Timetable](#))

### **Admission Slips for NCEA exams**

Admission slips were issued at Homeroom along with a Candidate Information Sheet.

**Students with exams between 6-9 November please note that their exams are not in date order on their admission slip. Exams on these dates are shown at the end of the slip after the last date of exams. NZQA have sent us replacement slips which are available at the Student Office. Either of the two admission slips can be used to enter the exam room.**

- Students are to keep these Admission slips in a safe place and bring to every exam. They must not write on it or share it with anyone.
- If lost students can reprint from the NZQA Learner login: [Log in to NZQA](#) or from the Student Office
- Students sitting Scholarship also bring photo identification.

### **Students not returning 2024**

If your son is leaving Nelson College at the end of this year, either to continue his schooling elsewhere or ending his secondary schooling, it is important to complete the formal signing out procedure.

- Senior leavers will be given signing out forms next week and juniors in early December.

Please contact the Student Office or your son's dean if you have any queries regarding any of the above. Sandra Cahill [sc@nelson.school.nz](mailto:sc@nelson.school.nz)

# Prizegiving 2023



Once again, we came together as a College to celebrate and reward the mahi of our students. Through these awards, we honour the exceptional young men of Nelson College. Our Senior Prizegiving is not just a moment to acknowledge academic success, but also to applaud the attributes that define a good leader - resilience, integrity, compassion, and determination. Our boys have not only excelled academically but have demonstrated their commitment to these values.

The Head Boy, a role that embodies leadership and responsibility, has been shouldered with grace and dedication, not only representing our school with pride but also setting an example for others to follow. Congratulations to Oliver Morton who takes over from Matt Donald.



Our Dux, the embodiment of academic excellence, has shown an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of knowledge. We celebrate his achievements as a testament to the dedication and hard work that can propel one to the highest peaks of success. Welcome to Nick Peterson who succeeds Sam Twamley. To all our young men, we are incredibly proud of your achievements. You have embraced the challenges and opportunities that have come your way, and you have emerged as outstanding individuals. Your journey doesn't end here; it's the beginning of a new chapter, and we wish you the very best in all your future endeavours.

Your school, families, and community believe in your potential, and we are confident that you will continue to embody the values of manaaki, pono and kairangi as you venture into the wider world.

The impact of our boys leading change in how we treat and act with each other has resulted in an increased number of students enrolling for 2024. In taking up, and ensuring that ngā pou me a mātou kawa is becoming an intrinsic part of what we do, our students are creating an environment that others want to be a part of. To those returning, our challenge is to continue to embed these things into everything we do. Ki a koutou ngā rangatira āpopo. You are the leaders of tomorrow.

Click [HERE](#) to view the complete list of awards and scholarships.



### **Sports Office Snippets**

What a great night it was on Monday celebrating all our senior athletes. Thank you to everyone who made that happen. Congratulations to our major award winners – George Thompson, Saumaki Saumaki, Sione Mafi.

Whilst the year is winding down for the seniors, we still have 11 events to go in the Sports Office! It has been a great year for sport. We will tell you more about that over the next few weeks.

### **Upcoming Events**

10-12 Nov	TSS Volleyball	Josh Obsenek	Saxton Stadium
15-16 Nov	TSS T20 Cricket Jnr	Dustin Emms-Healey	Greenmeadows, Stoke
28 Nov	TSS Junior Ki o Rahi	Wayne Hippolite	<b>NAYLAND COLLEGE</b>
1 Dec	TSS Jnr Beach Volleyball	Josh Obsenek	Tahunanui Beach

## House Competition Table 2023

House	Boarders	Chaytor	Domett	Kahurangi	Monro	Robinson
Junior Cricket	X	X	X	X	X	X
Senior Cricket	X	X	X	X	X	X
Junior Touch	8	12	4	8	10	4
Senior Touch	10	12	4	8	4	8
Junior Chess	4	10	8	12	4	8
Senior Chess	10	8	4	12	4	8
Junior Hockey	8	0	12	4	4	10
Senior Hockey	8	8	12	10	4	4
Swimming	8	2	4	10	6	12
Athletics	8	6	4	12	10	2
Cross Country	8	2	8	12	12	4
Junior Volleyball	4	4	10	0	12	8
Senior Volleyball	4	4	8	12	10	8
Spelling Bee	6	8	10	12	4	2
Junior Basketball	4	8	4	10	12	0
Senior Basketball	10	8	4	12	4	8
Junior Debating	4	12	8	4	0	8
Senior Debating	4	10	8	4	12	8
Choir	8	4	6	10	12	2
Junior Sevens	8	4	8	4	12	10
Senior Sevens	8	0	8	4	12	10
Junior Football	8	4	10	12	8	4
Senior Football	10	4	4	12	8	8
Quiz	2	10	12	10	4	10
Haka	8	2	6	10	12	4
House Points	160	142	166	204	180	150
Placing	4th	6th	3rd	1st	2nd	5th

## Student Achievement



Congratulations to (former) Head Boy Matt Donald on being nominated for a Local Legend Award. Matt's been recognised for his efforts in rallying the troops (The Student Volunteer Army) during last year's flooding event which left many Nelsonians in dire straits. Matt's skills as a coordinator brought together this community-wide response which made a good dent in the clean-up operation. Well done Matt, it's nice to see your contribution being recognised. Read more about Matt's award [HERE](#)

Well done to Max Reeves and Finn Dallas on coming up with our very own Nelson College Loyalty Card. This is no mean feat in a time of economic uncertainty and with many feeling the crunch with the cost of living crisis. Max and Finn have persuaded many businesses to sign up to the loyalty scheme and we couldn't be prouder of them. Well done boys. Read more about the scheme [HERE](#) and for details on how to sign up. Support our young entrepreneurs, local businesses AND get yourselves a bargain too!



## **Social Studies**

Three Nelson College students were participants in a Reinventing Whakatū/Nelson Urban Design Workshop & Competition held over the weekend of 27-28 October. The event was created by the New Zealand Institute of Architects and the New Zealand Institute of Landscape architects.

The students joined some three dozen professional architects, urban planners and designers, artists, designers, and landscape architects as team members of eight teams charged with devising creative ways to reimagine and revitalise Nelson/Whakatū. These professionals came from several architecture and design firms in Nelson, and included other professionals from Auckland, Wellington, Marlborough, and the West Coast.



Year 11 students, Tyler Hutchinson and Nikau Adams were each paired with different teams, meeting at the Arthouse Architects studio, while Year 10 student Quan Nguyen was paired with another team operating from Anne Rush's art studio.

The boys worked from early morning well into the evening to respond to a creative brief to answer the question: "What does a vibrant Whakatū/Nelson look like in 2035?" At the end of the day, the boys joined their team of professionals on stage to present their ideas to an audience of professional designers, Nelson City Councillors, and members of the public.



William Samuels, organiser of the event, leader of Nelson Tasman 2050, and leader of the local chapter of the NZ Institute of Architects said of the boys' participation, "The Nelson College students added a fresh perspective and valuable insight into how design could make Nelson better suited to the needs of youth. The design professionals were also surprised by the maturity level Tyler, Nikau and Quan brought to the workshop."



Tyler Hutchinson's team won the competition, with their idea built around the need for places of rejuvenation in Nelson's CBD through play, reflection, and the nourishment of having a good place to eat your lunch in the CBD. Their plan sought to connect people to each other and to the Maitai river. Tyler said his mother had to encourage him to participate, but that as a student interested in design, and as one who had spent a year in Mr Brudvik-Lindner's social studies class examining how to transform the Nelson CBD, he felt very comfortable working in the teams with the urban design professionals, and was glad he had joined in for the competition and workshop.



The efforts of the other two boys also were noteworthy. Quan's team presented a scheme for showcasing the Māori voice and the voice of diversity in Nelson, through their theme of de-colonise Nelson, and Nikau's team had a very conceptual offering centred on creating metaphorical drops in the pond of Nelson that would ripple out to transform areas of the city, thereby cultivating thematic precincts like artist precincts, knowledge precincts, etc. All these presentations, along with the other five, will be put on public display in November at 263 Hardy Street, next to Little India.

All the team leaders said they were impressed by the boys' professional approaches, insight and knowledge. They were especially valued for bringing a youth perspective to work that impacts youth, but which seldom incorporates a youth voice.



## **Careers Hub**

It is one of the great privileges of my role to work alongside our rangatahi tāne, supporting them to make decisions and formulate plans for their future pathways after leaving Nelson College.

This year it has been great to see some semblance of normality regarding the career exploration opportunities our young men have had exposure to. The Career Exploration Programme has grown, thanks to support from the NRDA, local industries, businesses, NMIT, and student supervision by Chris Phillips from the Careers Team. Term 2 was the heavy-hitting term, with almost one trip out per week, culminating in the Fantastic Futures Event at Founders. In addition to these events, it was wonderful to once again be able to host the Careers Roadshow, and to see a real diversity of employers and industry bodies represented at the event to showcase the opportunities and pathways they can provide for our youth.

Displaying strong employability skills remains in hot demand from our local employers.

Employers want to see their employees: working with a positive attitude, talking with others during breaks and not scrolling on a phone, giving notice for lateness/absence, and showing enthusiasm for the work and a willingness to give things a go.



The employment market is not as 'hot' as it was last year when we had a lot of Y12 and Y13 students exiting school before the end of the year into some great apprenticeship and working opportunities. This year, the trend is that employers want their work experience students to stay at school and gain their Level 3 before they take them on. It will be interesting to see if this is related to the election, or is a shifting trend related to the economy.

Our percentage of students heading off to further study remains high. We have approximately 65% of our cohort of Y13s heading into further study – either via an earn-as-you-learn pathway (apprenticeship) or studying at polytechnics like NMIT, private institutions, the NZDF or universities across Aotearoa and overseas. The university of choice this year is most definitely the University of Canterbury, with only a small handful of students heading to Victoria, Otago, Massey or Auckland, and a couple hoping to study in the USA and Japan. Remember when you go off to tertiary education that studying is your job! So, keep your eye on the prize of your degree or diploma – it's what you're there for!

All the best for the next steps, go well out there... and keep in touch! We always love hearing what you are up to. Ngā mihi!

### **Celestielle Travel Scholarship**

Last mid-term break, Careers Adviser Vikki Heays and Symon Claridge from NCG were lucky enough to escort a group of fabulous Y13 students (four from NC, four from NCG and four from Nayland) on a once-in-a-lifetime travel scholarship trip to Southeast Asia.

We travelled to Singapore, Cambodia and Thailand on a jam-packed tour! Here are a few pictures of some of the experiences of the trip: the incredible high-tech skyscraper city of Singapore, a Muay Thai training camp, an amazing water fight with elephants, cooking and eating bamboo worms, visiting Hill Tribes, meeting the Ambassador and First secretary to Thailand (and finding out he was an NC Old Boy!) the most delicious food, a bit of dancing, and amazing temples and geography!



We are all incredibly grateful and thankful to the generosity of Celestielle Trust for providing this scholarship, and organising such a special trip.

### **Physical Education**

PE took on a new colour for these Year 11's as they pumped out some paintballing last week.

The group are exploring Gen Z sports – quick fun sports with limited rules as opposed to more traditional sports such as rugby and football.

To add a bit of contrast, the boys also engaged in a good old-fashioned round of golf and will be writing an essay on their experience.

They were a bit too quick changing out of their camo for us to get an 'after' picture....but I'm sure you can use your imaginations!



## **Library**

### Summer Reading Challenge

Reading boosts academic achievement along with engaging the imagination, improving literacy, enhancing social skills and health and wellbeing. In support of this we have two 2023/24 Summer holiday challenges for students returning to our school next year.

Students learn from modelling, and we know the value of adult role models in students' education. Here is your chance to have an impact on your sons' academic achievement and life-long learning journey - along with some relaxation, escapism, and bonding.



We're opening the library to parents so you can come and borrow a book too. We have books suitable for adults at all literacy levels. If you and your son can complete your books over the summer holidays and then supply a photo of you both reading, then you will also be entered into a prize draw for one of two \$50 vouchers from the store of your choice.

When: College library open to parents/caregivers for selecting a book

8am to 8:30am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

3:30 to 4:00pm Wednesdays term-time

3:30 to 4:00pm Thursdays term-time

Or use the [library catalogue online](#) to choose and get your student to grab the book for you.

Q: How do I register for this?

Come along during one of the times listed above and we will register you or you can register by emailing: [library@nelson.school.nz](mailto:library@nelson.school.nz)

Q: Can I read a book from another library or my own book?

Yes you can, but make sure you register yourself and your son before the school term finishes and supply a photo of you and your son reading your books before the finish date.

Finish date: end of week Two of term 1 2024. Make sure a photo is emailed/supplied so we can enter you in the draw for the prizes [library@nelson.school.nz](mailto:library@nelson.school.nz)

The second reading challenge details are being finalised and will be independent to this challenge.

## Preparatory School News

### Chesspower Nationals

Prep entered one team into the National Intermediate School Chesspower competition and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in NZ. They were just one point off 3<sup>rd</sup> place but a great achievement from Aidan Park, Troy Kelso, Daniel Lee, David Nguyen, Ethan Lu and Liam Dunbar.



# Old Uniforms Needed



**Blazers**



**Long  
Trousers**



**Ties**



**White  
Shirts**

## Please Bring to Reception



# BECOME A HOMESTAY FAMILY



## For more information ...

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