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and we hope you enjoy it.



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OUR SCHOOL



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TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

As 2023 ends, our reflections spark gratitude. Music concerts, junior dances and most recently the House Haka and House Choir competitions are tangible examples that our core business is back. Our young men have displayed remarkable resilience as we shifted back to pure classroom teaching, staying committed to their studies and diligently preparing for their exams. Through this, our resilient faculty and staff continue to overcome challenges with unwavering commitment to a thriving learning community. This feeling was exemplified by our community in the hall on our recent Diversity Day. The absolute joy in coming together to celebrate who we are captured us all at the end of Term 3.

This year brought great change, and at the end of Term 3, we farewelled our Tumuaki | Principal Richard Dykes. Richard has left us after nearly four years of service to focus on his health and we wish him the very best in his recovery and his future endeavours. Our thanks go to him for the enthusiasm and vision he brought to the role.

Additionally, we farewell Jarrod Aberhart from our team. Jarrod, a proud Old Boy, devoted two decades to Nelson College in teaching and leadership roles and has now embarked on a new journey at the Ministry of Education. In his stead, Director of Boarding Tim Middleton has joined the Senior Leadership Team to fulfil the role of Deputy Principal.

We warmly welcome Acting Principal Tim Oughton, an experienced educator from Scots College of Wellington, Scotch College of Adelaide, and Kristin School in Auckland. Tim also operates an educational consultancy and will collaborate closely with our Senior Leadership Team.

We also welcome Stu McLean into the Senior Leadership group as an Assistant Principal. Stu has been a dedicated kaiako pāngarau | teacher of mathematics, but most recently was an Across School Leader in te Kāhui Ako ki Whakatū, our community of learning. He brings a passion for designing and implementing learning programmes that enable all learners to succeed.

We take pride in the korowai we've crafted here at Nelson College and proudly wear it. After our community defined ngā pou | our values it has been a privilege to work alongside our staff and students nurturing a culture aligned with manaaki, pono, and kairangi. We know that in doing so we create a special place where our young men can become compassionate, inquisitive, adventurous, and successful individuals.

Our tuakana remain actively engaged with the community and attuned to the challenges their peers face. Our Head Boy, Matt Donald led the Student Volunteer Army in aiding Nelsonians during the 2022 flooding, earning him a well-deserved local hero award. Darcy Lawrey and Ed Henderson addressed the key issues of their generation during their impressive 'Meet the Candidates' library session, the first of its kind for Nelson College where four party candidates faced a rigorous Q&A session.

It was a standout year for the arts. Our highly successful, inaugural creative showcase brought together the creative talents of our school. Friends and whānau were treated to an evening of music, drama, art, and film, along with a prizegiving ceremony recognising the depth of creative talent within Nelson College.

Our Combined Concert Band again claimed the title of Top Concert Band at the Musicworks Ensembles Festival Aotearoa, receiving the platinum award, and our Junior and Senior jazz bands both earned gold.

Our junior theatre sports team, 'Tragic Trio,' secured a respectable second place at the regionals, losing to Nayland College by only one point. Aspiring artists had the opportunity to showcase their talents in the 'Extravagant Inception' exhibition at NMIT's G-Space gallery.

Ngā Aho Rau won a total of 12 taonga in every category available in the Regional Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competitions, qualifying them for the 2024 Nationals.

It was a remarkable year for rugby, with Samiuela Moimoi and Saumaki Saumaki being selected to play for NZ Barbarians and Sione Mafi for NZ Schools. An undeniable highlight was the invitation from Rugby School UK to participate in a rugby 7's tournament in honour of the bicentenary of the game. Our young men experienced the best of English hospitality and conducted themselves admirably, both on and off the field.

Our junior and senior underwater hockey teams continue to reinforce their absolute quality and excelled with both achieving second place at the National Schools Competition.

Basketball's soaring popularity sees 29 active teams in addition to our team competing at the National tournament. Kudos to James Matthews for representing New Zealand in the FIBA U16 Asian Championships.

Football retained the Jill Heath Memorial Cup with an emphatic win over Nayland on the front field, and again displayed their status by competing at the National Secondary Schools championships.

Our Board of Trustees support throughout 2023 is appreciated. There have been many issues to work through and their efforts set us in a position to really launch forward into the future. Our Old Boys Association remains a strong supporter of our school, a notable recent contribution being the redevelopment of our front field. Many hours of planning, fundraising, and hard work went into restoring this iconic asset, and we extend our sincere gratitude. The third group working to help us are the Nelson College Trust Foundation who have committed many hours to building a platform that will sustain many parts of our school into the future that we simply cannot maintain on government funding alone.

To our departing students, we wish you every success, as we eagerly anticipate a productive 2024 ahead.

ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini' – my strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

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STAFF NOTES

FAREWELLS

RICHARD DYKES

At the end of Term 3 we bid farewell to Richard Dykes after nearly four years of service to Nelson College. Richard had previously been a teacher in the region, with time at Waimea College in the late nineties, however his most recent work had seen him at Pakuranga College as Associate Principal and Glendowie College as Principal.

Arriving at Nelson College Richard worked tirelessly in leading our school through a challenging time created by considerable financial pressures. Richard was a key driver in the Nelson Colleges establishing Te Ara Reo Māori for ākonga that had been on this journey through their time in primary schools in our rohe, and this was realised in 2023. A large group starting this year sees it in good health and primed to become a part of our landscape into the future.



In addition to his work in our kura, Richard remained committed to education across New Zealand. He was a member of the executive of the New Zealand Secondary School Sports committee and worked hard to maintain sporting events through the COVID affected times. He had also chaired the Principals' Associations in both Auckland and Te Tau Ihu looking to create collaborative educational communities.

Richard departed us to focus on his health and we wish him all the best for his recovery and endeavours in the future.



JARROD ABERHART

After nearly 16 years working at Nelson College (from 2008 to 2023) and five years as a student (from 1998 to 2022), Jarrod took the opportunity to work for the Ministry of Education as a Planning and Advice Manager.

Teaching in a school that he attended as a student has given Jarrod a unique perspective and a real understanding of the importance of Nelson College for our students, staff, and the wider community. For the time he was a new teacher, through to his appointment to the Senior Leadership Team, Jarrod's passion for the school has always shone through.

In the early part of his career, he helped take Business Studies in the school to new levels, with his students consistently winning the Young Enterprise Scheme local awards and placing in the top three at the Nationals. The business 'Where's Woolly' (a children's book where readers identify Kiwiana in a crowd) won the national title (beating thousands of other businesses). The group members even got to spend over an hour with former Prime Minister John Key.



Jarrod made learning real and relevant, challenging students to aim high and develop businesses of outstanding quality that reflected market needs and opportunities. Some students took their products and services straight from school to launch their own business careers.

Jarrod connected students with mentors in the local business community. He also raised over \$20,000 to outfit and modernise N block, so students were better positioned to take advantage of technology and access information more readily.

As a senior leader, Jarrod demonstrated the skills and determination that made him a very successful and well-respected classroom teacher who instinctively understood the culture of the school. He was student-focussed and valued the role of staff as providers of teaching, learning, sporting and cultural opportunities for our students.

He led several initiatives and leaves behind the legacy of PB4L which now has the structure in place to provide tools for supporting positive behaviour. Jarrod has made a significant and positive contribution to this college, not least to the students whom he helped position to navigate the modern world. We wish him well in his new career pathway and hope that he finds it rewarding and challenging.

PHIL COSTLEY

Phil has worn several hats during his 13 years at Nelson College. He is a much-valued maths teacher who has supported countless students. As a leader within the maths faculty Phil has managed competitions including coordinating Nelsomathix, developed student tracking systems and contributed strongly to the smooth running of the faculty.



During Phil's time as Principal's Nominee, he improved the schoolwide systems for NCEA assessments and examinations. In recent years Phil has become known as something of a timetable wizard in addition to helping to plan and coordinate athletics and cross-country events. Phil's contribution to the school will be greatly missed.

KIRK MILLIGAN

Kirk has made an enormous contribution to Nelson College during his 14 years of service. As a leader within the maths team, Kirk introduced an approach that focussed on conceptual understanding as the bedrock to progress. He has also supported and mentored many staff within the maths faculty. Kirk spent four years as an Across School Teacher with the Kāhui Ako ki Whakatū. As part of the Kāhui Ako team, he facilitated professional learning about cultural relationships for responsive pedagogy and supported the Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities mahi across the kāhui. Above all, Kirk is a dedicated and passionate kaiako. He develops strong relationships with students whilst challenging and supporting them to be their best. We wish Kirk all the best in his future endeavours.



CHRIS ALLEN

Chris Allen is departing after serving Nelson College for fifteen years. He has ably run the Physics department since he arrived and can take credit for Physics being the most popular science at the College, and for inspiring future generations of engineers. He has always been totally committed to his students and has gone to great lengths to ensure their success by running tutorials and catch-up sessions on a regular basis, often outside school hours. Chris is looking forward to working on his land, as he aims for a self-sufficient lifestyle living off the grid. His extensive knowledge and energy will be greatly missed by his peers and students alike.



ANDREW YORKSTONE

Andrew joined the College in 2020 running three senior classes, itinerant brass, The Concert Band and a Preparatory wind band. In 2021, Andrew, as the new Head of Music, had plans to send the Jazz and Concert Bands to compete at the Christchurch Winds Festival in Christchurch, but COVID forced the cancellation of these plans. However, students performed at Nelson Red Square at Deville's and at Te Ramaroa Light Festival and Nelson Cathedral. During this time Andrew also fielded three bands at Rockquest.



In 2022 students performed in a range of venues and competitions. The Concert Band won platinum, and gold with the Jazz Band at the Musicworx Ensemble Festival in Wellington. This year also featured five rock bands at the Rockquest, winning a second place in the regional finals. This year Andrew has overseen concert band performances, three bands in the Rockquest competitions, and the Jazz Band attending various concerts. In addition to this Andrew has been developing a substantial Preparatory programme, including a junior wind band, choir, and Rockquest band. "Leading the school's combined concert band has been hugely rewarding and taught me the true importance of having a great culture. It's been like nurturing a family which I will miss." We wish Andrew luck in his new adventure which takes him to the musical Mecca of Manchester, England.

JENNIFER ARAI

Jennifer Arai has dedicated 27 years of her life to education, 18 of those at Nelson College. She started her teaching career in Canada before teaching in Japan for seven years. She then moved to Australia. It was on a holiday road trip around te Wai Pounamu that she came across a humble kura and fell in love with the place. She started teaching at Nelson College in 2005. The first position she held here was teacher in charge of Japanese. However, Jenn has many talents, and during her time at Nelson College, she also taught in other curriculum areas such as mainstream English and Social Studies, and was a Dean twice. In 2018, she became the Head of Careers, and SENCO. In 2020 she moved into the LSC (Learning Support Coordinator) position, a challenging role, but one where she could and has made, a massive impact. Jenn has now moved into a role at Te Whatu Ora where she can use her vast knowledge to support areas where education and health meet. Thank you for your mahi Jenn, we wish you well in your new endeavour.



DIAN EDMONDSON

Dian Edmondson, who joined Nelson College in 2008 from Glen Eden Intermediate, was a vibrant addition to the school. Her passion for the outdoors led to organising trips, including New Zealand's Great Walks, over her 15-year tenure.

Dian successfully ran the William Pike Challenge (a Kiwi version of The Duke of Edinburgh Award) at Prep for many years.

She excelled in literacy teaching, instilling confidence in writing and supporting students who needed extra help. Dian also played a significant role in improving the school's oral language programme. As a colleague, she was entertaining and unique, radiating warmth and humour, making her a beloved figure among staff and students. Her ability to find humour in any situation and laugh at herself endeared her to all.



JOE HADDON

Joe Haddon left us at the end of Term 3 to run a solar power company. His tweed jackets and gadget belt have been striding the halls of Nelson College since 2016.

Joe has been teaching Physics and Junior Science and has recently been serving as the Year 12 Dean. He has brought a lot of fun into the Science Department with his quirky sense of humour. With his excellent engineering skills. Joe has been the go-to-guy for building or fixing science equipment. His IT expertise has seen him leading tutorials for computing issues for staff and students, and we are sure that these talents and strengths will stand him in good stead as he gets to grips with his solar power business.



LAINE HOBSON

Laine rejoined Prep in 2020, having also spent 2017 with us. As Sports Co-ordinator, Laine attended all the boys' games, providing valuable support.

An experienced maths teacher, Laine is skilled in helping students who find maths difficult. He also taught te reo, and often brought his guitar to class, leading the boys in various waiata. His expert tutelage helped our young men win the school Haka competition. Laine's gift for connecting with students, through warmth and humour, brought out the best in our boys and we are grateful for everything he has done.



JESS D'ATH

Jess D'Ath began teaching at Nelson College in 2019. Working initially in the music department, her talents spread to other curriculum areas. Jess also taught Junior Mathematics, mainstream English, social studies, CDT, and helped to get the immersion program running for refugee and international students.

Jess also held a role as Refugee Coordinator, and a Kāhui Ako position (helping to bring in staff voice for the recent junior curriculum review). She also had stints with the prep and school choirs, and was in the staff band for diversity day 2021. Impressively, Jess also completed her Master's degree while working full time at our kura.

Jess started a permanent role at NMIT in November. We wish her well for her move into the tertiary sector.

**SAM CURRIE**

Sam Currie resigned his position as HOD Chemistry at the end of Term 2. As a Nelson College Old Boy, Sam is deeply passionate about Nelson College and the traditions of our school. In that light he was the Domett House Master putting much energy into coaching the boys in singing and haka. Sam was, and is an ardent fan of Chemistry and this was passed on to many of his students. He would often teach science concepts with impressive demonstrations including the famous 'Fat Fire Explosion' and 'The Barrel Crush', both of which would markedly impress observers. We wish Sam the best of luck for his future.

**MARK CHAMBERLAIN**

Mark "Chambo" Chamberlain has decided to call it a day at NC after taking a year's leave due to a health issue. Mark has taught at the college for eight years. He has been the Teacher in Charge for Senior Earth and Space classes as well as taking Junior Science. Mark has been involved in many aspects of the school, including helping often with both the Y10 tramps at Matakaitaki and Outdoor Ed expeditions, performing vocals in the staff band at social events, and running diving courses for students. He has been a valuable member of the science department and a popular teacher. We wish him well for his future and all the best for the recovery of his health.



GRAEME PEAKE

Graeme Peake joined us in 2010, initially in the Science Department before moving to English. He excelled at making English accessible, particularly for reluctant learners. Known for his easy-going nature and sense of humour, he actively participated in supervising camps and field trips. As Assistant HOD English and a Specialist Classroom teacher, he shared his expertise and focused on pastoral care, serving as a Dean and pursuing a Postgraduate Diploma in Guidance and Counselling through Massey University. However, his true speciality may be golf and teasing the rest of the English Faculty.



RYAN WALSH

Ryan Walsh, who joined Nelson College's English Department in 2016, connected with students through his unique interests and intellect. He taught part-time while pursuing a Master's in Dystopian Literature and later a PhD. He contributed to Scholarship workshops and lived on campus as part of the Boarding team. In 2023, he shifted his academic focus to Environmental Science and was last seen undertaking unconventional culinary experiments in Timaru.



DIANE GARSIDE

Diane Garside, a dedicated English specialist at Nelson College since 2013, created valuable resources for colleagues. She supported Outdoor Education and organised writer workshops, enhancing students' experiences. In 2023, she pursued writing papers at Massey University and conducted research in Europe for her non-fiction book about her great uncle's World War II involvement.



SHARON LUKITAU-NGAAMO

Sharon joined Nelson College in 2007, teaching English and Drama, eventually becoming a Dean and Boarding House Master. Her passion for drama led to unique productions in Nelson. She was dedicated to supporting students, offering extra help, and supervising the CACTUS programme. She started 2023 with Education papers at Waikato University before taking on a role at Youth Nelson.



RADKA MCKENDRY

Originally from the Czech Republic, Radka learned to love Science and Mathematics and develop a passion for the outdoors. After two years of teaching at both College and University levels, she continued English language studies in Australia before coming to New Zealand. Over the past fourteen years, she has taught in Blenheim at Marlborough Boys' College, at John Paul II High School in Greymouth and Golden Bay High School.

**LAUREN WALTON**

Lauren Walton, a cornerstone of the ESOL Department, extended her impact by teaching junior English classes. Her kind, effective manner and compassion defined her teaching. As Refugee Coordinator, she offered support, care, and connection to students and families, attending events, organising language support, and collaborating with Deans and staff on their behalf.

**TRISTAN RILEY**

Tristan Riley has been on leave for two years as a Chemistry teacher and leaves us to continue with his clinical trials business in Nelson. Tristan was HOD Chemistry for fifteen years and his innovative teaching and energetic persona resulted in him being awarded a prestigious Wolf Fisher Scholarship which recognises excellence in education. Tristan was well-known at College for engaging students with science through practical work. His lab was often a hive of activity with Tristan enthusiastically leading investigations into the intricacies of science. He has been a valued member of the Science team and could always be counted on for innovative ideas and suggestions.

**GREG EMANS**

In his brief time at Nelson College Greg quickly established positive relationships with staff and students. He quickly adjusted to the New Zealand education system and struck the right balance with his classes. We wish him all the best as he returns to his homeland in the UK.



NEW STAFF

TIM OUGHTON

Kia ora Nelson College Community,
Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to those people in the Nelson College community – students, staff, Board members, Old Boys and parents, who have made my transition back into school leadership so positive and welcoming.

I left my last position as Head of School nearly five years ago and since that time I have been coaching and mentoring fellow Principals and aspiring Principals throughout the country. It has been wonderful to have conversations with bright-eyed, enthusiastic and talented young men again – I have missed these conversations and the College has every right to be proud of the graduates it is producing. Over the next six months I plan to get to know as many people as possible and assist the school in the transition to a new Principal. There is no doubt that Nelson College has much to offer and much to be proud of - the future is going to offer even more exciting possibilities.

Ngā mihi nui, Tim Oughton, Acting Principal



RACHEL CULBERSON

I moved to the region and joined Nelson College halfway through the year. From growing up in Canada and living in Southland for three years, I am loving the warmth that Nelson has to offer. I am also loving working with a supportive maths department and such wonderful students.

CRISTINA ARMSTRONG-HERNANDEZ

I am a bicultural and bilingual Spanish New Zealander with a background in science and second language acquisition. Having lived in various parts of the world, I have settled in Nelson with my husband and two children. I work with former refugees, migrants, and international students. I hope to help boys understand more than one worldview and gain a sense of pride in themselves and their own unique culture.

HELEN MARSHALL

Kia ora koutou,
My family and I moved to Nelson two and a half years ago and I am excited to have joined the team at Boys Prep during Term 2 this year. I am originally from Cornwall in the UK so I'm enjoying living by the sea again in sunny Nelson.

GREG HOLMES

I was born in Zimbabwe and grew up in South Africa. I lived in the UK for a time, working in Software Engineering and Management, and then as an ordained Minister in the Anglican Church. I moved to Aotearoa New Zealand to serve as Vicar of Victory Parish, a position I held for five years. Currently I'm completing an honours degree in Physics and Mathematics while I teach. I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family and playing underwater hockey with my eldest son.

SILVIA NEVIN

Kia ora koutou,

After two years away from Nelson College, I have returned, this time to teach English as a second language. It's been fantastic reconnecting with both students and staff here! I have greatly appreciated the support of the other teachers and am enjoying the challenge of learning this new role.

WILL BOSNICH

My background is in Building, Fine Woodworking, Outdoor Education and Guiding. I love craft and adventuring in wilderness. I moved from Canada to NZ for what I thought would be a year back in 2006 and have been here ever since! I taught Woodworking and Outdoor Education at Waimea College for more than 11 years before eventually moving to this fantastic position at Nelson College.

TIM MIDDLETON

Along with my wife, two young children and a pair of very active Labradors, I've recently relocated to the beautiful Nelson region and am excited to be part of this dynamic community. I have worked in teaching and school leadership in Aotearoa for 22 years, many of them spent in Auckland, teaching at Westlake Boys' High School, Macleans College, St Kentigern College and One Tree Hill College, where I was Deputy Principal for eight years. For the last two years, I have held a position at Whangamatā Area School as Associate Principal. I have a background in boarding through my own schooling and a role at St Kentigern College. I am motivated by supporting boys to achieve their literacy goals.

ÁINE BYRNE

I've lived in NZ for 22 years and share my life with my two daughters and Archie the Border Collie. Being a sucker for a good cause, I've worked and continue to work mainly for not-for-profits, raising profiles, telling stories and engaging the community around things I consider to be important. I love being part of this welcoming, positive and dynamic team and feel very lucky to tag along on the exciting journey the young men of Nelson College are on. Thanks for having me.

VIVIENNE RUWHIU

I moved to Nelson at the start of 2020 to teach at the Māori language immersion school Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tuia te Matangi. I immediately fell in love with the moana, the whenua and all the colourful peoples of Te Taihū. A lifelong learner, I enjoy being part of reo and marae-based kaupapa. I enjoy the vibrant and professional staff, the whanaungatanga and seeing the opportunities for our rangatahi, Ngā Tama Toa o Te Taihū. I'm looking forward to Te Ao Māori ascending upon Whakatū for the Mana Kura Tahī in November, showcasing our cultural narratives in performance mode.

NICO BOSHOFF

As soon as the borders reopened after COVID, my wife, three children, two Jack Russells and I set off on an adventure leaving South Africa for the unknown. Back home, I taught Mathematics at Michaelhouse, a private full boarding school for boys. We enjoy traveling and exploring everything that is new, especially the snow.

ANNA SUTHERLAND

Originally from Christchurch, I moved to Nelson in 2010 and joined Nelson College as the International and Homestay Coordinator in April. Previously I have worked in Radio Advertising and Sales and in the Marketing and International Development and Youth Engagement Teams at NMIT. I love working with our diverse group of International students and am excited for our student numbers to grow once again post pandemic.

SLOANE BAYLEY

A passion for process, efficiency and community engagement has drawn me to Nelson College for a contract role as Donation Engagement Manager. Working closely with the Trust Foundation, major donors, and supporters of Nelson College, I will be looking for opportunities to support the college to grow its targeted endowment funds which assist current students and future generations. Having worked at the school last year as Exam Centre Manager I know my way around the college and appreciate it from a parent's point of view as well.

NICKI LAWES

Kia ora! I have been a Guidance Counsellor for three years after changing career from being a Microbiologist. I enjoy supporting young people to find their way through tough times and to be their best selves. I am married with two children and lots of pets. In my spare time I enjoy fishing, baking, and spending time with friends and family.

STUDENT CREATIVE WRITING

POETRY BY KURT WARD - Y11

Cricket Game

Leather hitting wood,
Soft grass everywhere,
The eerie silence
Of a ball in the air,
The picturesque view
With banter everywhere.

The battle of skill,
A missed opportunity,
A lapse in concentration,
An absolute peach,
Beautiful shot,
A streaky edge.

Stronger of the two,
Who will prevail,
Who comes out on top,
The winner of the tale.

The Coach

You will see him pace around the ground,
Nervous, plotting away, thinking of a new plan.

But always he is ready, watching, his eager eyes scanning
the field,
Looking for mistakes, a fault in his plan.

His bare feet that were bright red, weren't made for jandals,
They were meant to be covered up, protected,
Covered in darkness, getting worn out by the soft grass
underneath.

But ah, watch his tactics and knowledge of the game,
As he rattles his advice, without fault, a well-oiled engine.

FROM THE STUDENT LEADERS

MATT DONALD - HEAD BOY

2023, what a year! Full of sporting, academic and cultural highs, it's been a rewarding year for our school and wider community. As Head Boy, I've had the privilege to lead the student cohort, and I've felt proud and humbled by the achievements of so many pupils throughout the college. Following subsequent years of disruption from the likes of a global pandemic, fires, and floods, the Head Students (Tuakana) have endeavored to restore a sense of normality and cohesion to school life, seeing the return of many fan-favourite school events such as house athletics and house haka. Forging new relationships throughout the school and the wider community, we have spearheaded several initiatives around the college such as the implementation of a new bike repair station, a donation drive of non-perishable goods to the Nelson Community Foodbank and fundraising for Napier Boys High School in the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle. Fostering unity and togetherness, we elected to capitalise on the success of events and traditions including Diversity Day to continue building our school culture. None of our student-led successes could have been achieved without the steadfast dedication of the Student Leaders, Year 13's, and pastoral support.



The commitment and dedication we see through our outstanding sporting, cultural, and academic successes around the college, reflects the unmistakable pride and mana Nelson College students have for this school. If I have learned anything, it's that it's not just the rich history and the very walls of this college that make it supreme, but also the students themselves. We are a school where you are proud to say you are a Nelson College student, and I believe students feel that mana not just for themselves but for the students who have gone before them.

As the Year 13's prepare to depart Nelson College, I have no doubt that the year group will hold the qualities that will equip them with the knowledge and interpersonal attributes that'll see them excel in their given fields of expertise. I will miss this school, the boys, and the opportunities it holds for us young men wanting to succeed in the world. I am proud to have led such an inspiring group and I wish them all the best for their future success. There is nothing more prevalent about this college than the young men who instill such a rich sense of vibrancy and community.

I want to thank my fellow Student Leaders: Ngākau, Cairo and Ed as well as my Deputies, Vito, Darcy and Callum for all their support this year and dedication to the advancement of the school, and for being good blokes.

Resilience has certainly been a forceful attribute that has guided us throughout our years at college, adapting to change and stepping up to overcome challenges will surely be an accomplishment we can carry for the rest of our lives.

Kia Kaha Class of 2023!

NGĀKAU MOKA-TENGU - MĀORI HEAD BOY

2023 what a year to be Māori. As Māori head boy of Nelson College this year I have been honoured to have been part of numerous Māori centric events within Te Taihū o te Waka a Maui such as Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competitions, secondary regional kapa haka competitions and countless performances with Ngā Aho Rau.



For many people who have watched me grow and transform during my five years here definitely know I have come a very far way from being another naughty and misbehaved kid from Munro house. That's what Nelson college has provided for me through my shaky journey called life - a place to learn, grow and express my identity and take my place in the world as a proud young Māori man. As a school I felt like one of the biggest challenges we faced this year was bringing back and renewing the culture of Nelson College.

Back in Year 9 we were all inspired by our seniors when they wore their Number 1's representing that crest on their chest with pride. No matter the circumstances. They show up to all of our house events and just get amongst it together showing a competitive and fun side of Te kura Tamatāne o Whakatū.



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2023

ACADEMIC & SPECIAL PRIZES

YEAR 11

ACCOUNTING

Ryan Thelin

ART - PAINTING

Jackson King

ART - PHOTOGRAPHY

Vincent Konecny

CONSTRUCTIVE FINE WOOD

Will Horncastle

COMPUTER DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Finn Bryant

DESIGN AND CAD TECHNOLOGY

Jp Moynihan

DRAMA

Memphis Munro-Dhillon

Tristin Compton

ECONOMICS

Fynn Roberts

ENGLISH

Alex Taylor

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Sokun Vongvean

FOOD & HOSPITALITY

Caleb Velluppillai

GEOGRAPHY

Jay Brixton

GRAPHICS

Campbell Folly

DANZ CUP FOR

DRAUGHTING

Tyler Hutchinson

HEALTH

EDUCATION

Felix O'Connor

HISTORY

James Matthews

INTERNATIONAL

DEPARTMENT -

ATTITUDE AND EFFORT

Titus Schaefer

JAPANESE

Devian Stewart

MATHEMATICS

Fynn Roberts

MECHANICAL

ENGINEERING

Olly Avery

MUSIC

Shoei Ito

OUTDOOR

EDUCATION

Sam Dukes

PHYSICAL

EDUCATION

Alex Taylor

SCIENCE

Ryan Thelin

TE AO HAKA

James Matthews

TE REO MĀORI

Luca Hippolite

YEAR 11 SPECIAL PRIZES

MURRAY FANTHAM

MEMORIAL AND

NETWORK TASMAN

AWARD -

BEST ALL-ROUNDER

Alex Taylor

NEWCOMBE AND

NETWORK TASMAN

AWARD - ACADEMIC

EXCELLENCE

James Matthews

YEAR 12

ACCOUNTING

Carter Burt

ART - DESIGN

Oliver Morton

ART - PAINTING

Magnus Fraser

ART - PHOTOGRAPHY

Joe Harrison

AUTOMOTIVE

ENGINEERING

PRACTICAL

Kishan Chand

AUTOMOTIVE

ENGINEERING THEORY

Tudor Collett

BIOLOGY

Oliver Morton

BUSINESS STUDIES

Isaac Johnstone

CHEMISTRY

Oliver Morton

COMPUTER DIGITAL

TECHNOLOGY

Charlie Cuff

DESIGN AND CAD

TECHNOLOGY

Zachary Irving

DRAMA

Jay Tagivakatini

EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE

Henry Miller

ECONOMICS

Ollie Lock

ENGLISH

Rhys Goodger

ENGLISH AS A SECOND

LANGUAGE

Ronal Angulo Cruz

FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

Zahn Gardyne

GEOGRAPHY

Guyon Janssen

GRAPHICS

Charlie Parker

HEALTH EDUCATION

Tristen Daly

HISTORY

Walter Moloney

INDUSTRIAL

ENGINEERING

Sam Henderson

1ST FINE WOOD

Kishan Chand

INTERNATIONAL

DEPARTMENT -

ATTITUDE AND EFFORT

Taiyo Hidaka

JAPANESE

Tristen Daly

MATHEMATICS

James Ben

MEDIA STUDIES

Joe Harrison

MUSIC

Stefan Vadura-Lane

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

- RICHARD BREWSTER

MEMORIAL

William Greer

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Charlie Wilson

PHYSICS

Oliver Morton

TE AO HAKA

Autahi Healey

TE REO MĀORI

Shael Campion

TRADE BUILDING

Oliver Gibbons

VOCATIONAL

EDUCATION

No Reh**YEAR 12 SPECIAL PRIZES**

BLICK CUP & NETWORK

TASMAN AWARD -

BEST ALL-ROUNDER

Ned Rainey

RICHMOND

SCHOLARSHIP &

NETWORK TASMAN

AWARD -

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Oliver Morton**YEAR 13**

ACCOUNTING

Edward Henderson

ART - DESIGN

Rory Hall

ART - PAINTING

Soni Lefale

ART - PHOTOGRAPHY -

MATTHEWS CUP

Ian Hayes

AUTOMOTIVE

ENGINEERING - MAJOR

ELLIOT

Lachlan Hall

BIOLOGY

Ben Smith

BUSINESS STUDIES

Oz Rottenberg

CHEMISTRY

Ben Smith

COMPUTER DIGITAL

TECHNOLOGY

Oliver Fallen

DESIGN AND CAD

TECHNOLOGY

Vinnie Parlane

EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE

Cody Stringer

ECONOMICS

Nick Peterson

ENGLISH

Ollie Taylor

ENGLISH AS A SECOND

LANGUAGE

Don Wai

FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

James Stevenson

GATEWAY PRIZE

Vaima'a Dempsey

GEOGRAPHY

Matt Donald

GRAPHICS

Jaxon Taylor

HEALTH STUDIES

Jamie Hampson

HISTORY

Nick Peterson

INDUSTRIAL

ENGINEERING - THE SIR

JOHN INGRAM AWARD

Luke Heaphy

INTERNATIONAL

DEPARTMENT - SEVIKUL CUP

Don Wai

JAPANESE

Edward Henderson

MATHEMATICS -

CALCULUS

Jesse Hollingworth

MATHEMATICS -

STATISTICS AND

MODELLING

Nick Peterson

MEDIA STUDIES

Darcy Lawrey

MUSIC

Ngākau Moka-Tengu

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Ben Roff

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Liam Goodger

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Caleb Minson

PHYSICS

Ben Smith

SENIOR RUGBY ACADEMY

Jamie Hampson

TE AO HAKA

Ngākau Moka-Tengu

TE REO MĀORI

Matt Donald

TOP OF THE SOUTH

TRADES ACADEMY -

CARPENTRY

Vaima'a Dempsey

TRADE BUILDING

Michael Jones

TOURISM

Josef Fierek

VOCATIONAL

EDUCATION

Rico Varricchio

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

SISLEY DAVIDSON
MEMORIAL AWARD
- Recognising Making
A Difference In The
Lives Of Others And To
Society

Matt Donald

GEORGE T PALMER
AWARD - Recognising
A Student Who Displays
All Round Academic
Talent And An Interest In
Languages

Edward Henderson

ENVIRONMENTAL
LEADERSHIP AWARD
- Recognising A
Student With Passion
And Dedication To
Environmental Issues
Within Nelson College And
The Wider Community

Ryan Thelin

JOHN SHARP AWARD -
Recognising Achievement
In Academic And Sporting
Life

Noah Malpot

ROBERT POMEROY
AWARD - Recognising
Endeavour Towards
Exemplifying Ngā Pou O
Te Kura: Pono, Manaaki
And Kairangi

Callum Love

DAVID C DRIVER AWARD
- Excellence In Visual Arts

Rory Hall

DAVID C DRIVER AWARD
- Excellence In Music

Ngākau Moka-Tengu

RICHMOND OFFICE
PRODUCTS PRIZE -
Recognising Exemplary
Involvement In All Aspects
Of College Life: House,

Classroom And Co-
Curricular

Cameron McKenzie

ROBERT MCKEGNEY CUP
AND PRIZE - Recognising
Contribution To Leadership
And Mentoring Within
Nelson College

Edward Henderson

MOORE FAMILY PRIZE
- Recognising Efforts To
Ensure The Welfare Of
Other Students While At
Nelson College

Ngākau Moka-Tengu

HEWITSON PRIZE -
Recognising Outstanding
All-Round Abilities

Adam Barton

GIBBONS SCHOLARSHIP
- Recognising Excellence
In Building Year 12

Ryan Mirfin

GIBBONS SCHOLARSHIP
- Recognising Excellence
In Building Year 13

Michael Jones

PRIME MINISTER'S
VOCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE AWARD

Lachlan Hall

GEORGE RUTHERFORD
SCHOLARSHIP - Assisting
A Student To Pursue
A Course Of Tertiary
Scientific Studies

Cameron McKenzie

NMIT TE PŪKENGĀ
SCHOOL LEAVER
AWARD

Sam John

ESMOND E C BOYES
SCHOLARSHIP -
Recognising Character
And Leadership In A
Student Returning
To Nelson College In
2024

Charlie Cuff

JOSEPH P FIRTH
SCHOLARSHIP -
Recognising Academic
Achievement And
Leadership Potential In A
Student Carrying On To
Tertiary Study

Liam Goodger

SCOBIE AND ELIZABETH
MCKENZIE SCHOLARSHIP
- Recognising Outstanding
Leadership, Character And
Academic Ability While
At Nelson College In A
Student Carrying On To
Tertiary Study

Darcy Lawrey

J G MCKAY AWARD -
HEAD BOY 2024

Oliver Morton

WESTPAC AWARD FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
- PROXIME ACCESSIT

Ben Smith

ATMORE AWARD AND
COLIN NEALE MEMORIAL
TROPHY - DUX

Nick Peterson



DUX 2023 - **Nick Peterson**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEDALLIONS**

BASKETBALL NZ U16
James Matthews

BASKETBALL NZ U18
James Matthews

BASKETBALL U17
NATIONAL CHAMPION
James Matthews

BASKETBALL U17
NATIONAL CHAMPION
Adam Barton

BASKETBALL U17
NATIONAL CHAMPION
Robbie Lawson

BASKETBALL U17
NATIONAL CHAMPION
Rico Varricchio

INDOOR CRICKET
Dallas Kelso

RUGBY NZ SECONDARY
SCHOOLS TEAM
Sione Mafi

UNDERWATER HOCKEY
NZ U18
Chase Banks

UNDERWATER HOCKEY
NZ U18
Sam Dukes

UNDERWATER HOCKEY
NZ U18
Oliver Morton

UNDERWATER HOCKEY
NZ U18
Guyon Janssen

MĀORI FOOTBALL NZ
U18
Matt Donald

FUTURE PROBLEM
SOLVING
Ollie Taylor

**UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIPS**

UNIVERSITY OF
CANTERBURY
**Vito Esposito, Vinnie
Parlane, Nick Peterson,
Matt Donald, Edward
Henderson, Adam
Barton, Caden Cooley,
Ethan Carde, Liam
Goodger**

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY
Matt Donald

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO
**Matt Donald, Ben Smith,
Ethan Carde, Yuto Ono,
Copter Patikansakul**

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
**Nick Peterson, Callum
Love, Darcy Lawrey**

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
Matt Donald

**HOUSE COMPETITION
WINNERS**

NEILL CUP FOR MOST
POINTS IN ALL INTRA-
SCHOOL COMPETITIONS
Kahurangi

ANDERSON FAMILY CUP
FOR HOUSE VOLLEYBALL
Monro

INTER-HOUSE
SWIMMING SHIELD
Robinson

JOHN GALLOWAY
MEMORIAL CUP
WINNING INTER-HOUSE
ATHLETICS
Kahurangi

MCLEAN MEMORIAL
CUP - WINNER SENIOR
INTER-HOUSE CROSS
COUNTRY
Kahurangi

NEWMANS INTER-
HOUSE SENIOR SOCCER
TROPHY
Kahurangi

D.B.EVANS CUP FOR
DEBATING
Monro

HOUSE HAKA
Monro

HOUSE SINGING
Monro

THE PREFECTS CUP -
FOR SENIOR HOUSE
RUGBY
Monro

TIM KIRBY CUP
Kahurangi



Proximae Accessit:
Ben Smith



Scobie McKenzie
Scholarship: **Darcy Lawrey**



JP Firth Scholarship:
Liam Goodger

YEAR 11 SPECIAL PRIZES



Murray Fantham Memorial
& Network Tasman Award,
Best All Rounder:
Alex Taylor



Blick Cup & Network
Tasman Award, Best All
Rounder: **Ned Rainey**

2024 HEAD BOY

J G McKay Memorial
Scholarship: **Oliver Morton**



Newcombe Prize &
Network Tasman Award,
Academic Excellence:
James Matthews



Richmond Scholarship &
Network Tasman Award:
Oliver Morton





Morrison Cup for Best All-Round Athlete: **Sione Mafi**



Sports Master Cup for contribution to sport & recreation:
George Thompson



Wood Cup for Best All-round Athlete Under 16.5
Saumaki Saumaki



David C Driver: Excellence in Music:
Ngākau Moka-Tengu



George T Palmer & Robert McKegney Awards:
Edward Henderson



Sisley Davidson Memorial Award: **Matt Donald**



Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award:
Lachlan Hall



Esmond E C Boyes Scholarship:
Charlie Cuff



Gibbons Scholarship Y13:
Michael Jones

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER, 2022

CULTURAL & SPORTING PRIZES

CHESS

Chess Cup - Jnr Champ
Max Harrington

CRICKET

Airey Cup - Best Year 10
Kurt Ward

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Cross Country
Champ
Will Lasenby

DEBATING

N.G. Morrison Memorial
Cup
Junior Debating
Sam Ben

DRAMA

Radio Fifeshire Cup -
Junior Drama
Niall McLeod

FOOTBALL

Haywood Bros Trophy
Contribution to Junior
Football
Jay Anderson

HOCKEY

Junior Player of the Year
Scott Brown

LIBRARY

Contribution to the Library
Sam Ben

MĀORI

He Taonga Auahikore
(Smokefree) Trophy

General Excellence in
Māori

Izayah Tuitupoukutu

MUSIC

Music Department Cup
Recognition of Music
Potential
Jp Moynihan

RUGBY

Watson Cup - Junior Goal
Kicking
Callum Robertson

Munro Cup - Most
Promising Junior Player
Tom Perkins

Sports Therapy Trophy -
Best YR9 Player
Caleb Hooper

VOLLEYBALL

Stu McDougall Trophy
Best Junior Player
Max Cinzah

ALL ROUND SPORT

PTA CUP

Best Year 9 All-round
Sportsman
George Aerakis

OLD BOYS' CUP

Best Year 10 All-round
Sportsman
Hogan Ward

JOHN A.H. KRAMMER TROPHY

Top Junior Sportsman
James Matthews

SPECIAL AWARDS

YEAR 9 AWARD

General Excellence
Year 9

Campbell Gallagher

YEAR 9 AWARD

Academic Excellence
Year 9

Benjamin McDonald

FELL SCHOLARSHIP

General Excellence
Year 10

James Matthews

RENWICK SCHOLARSHIP

General Excellence
Year 10

(Open to residents of
Nelson, Marlborough and
West Coast)

Alex Taylor



RENWICK SCHOLARSHIP
2022 - Alex Taylor

YEAR 9 SUBJECT PRIZES

ART

Luca Bianchi

ART DESIGN

Mattias Bower

COMPUTER DIGITAL

TECHNOLOGY

James Wills

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

METAL

Rio Crisp

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

WOOD

Mattias Bower

DRAMA

Malachi Ng

ENGLISH AS A SECOND

LANGUAGE

Thawng Bawi Do Ru

GRAPHICS

Thomas Robertson

JAPANESE

George Moloney

MATHEMATICS

Aedan Bruce

MUSIC

Benjamin McDonald

MUSIC OPTION

Hunter Royds

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Tāne Stephens

TE REO MĀORI

David Akuhata

YEAR 9 CLASS PRIZES

9AC

Finnbarr Hanrahan

Max Stanton

9BW

William Kearney

9CU

James Garnham

9FE

Aedan Bruce

9GE

Will Lasenby

Luka Martin

9HN

Hugo Hopkins

9NS

Campbell Gallagher

9RX

Alexander Janssen

YEAR 10 SUBJECT PRIZES

ACCOUNTING AND

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Ashton Cooley

ART

Will Chapman-Cohen

ART DESIGN

Roman Petterson

BASKETBALL ATHLETE

DEV PROGRAM

James Matthews

CLASSICS

Jay Brixton

COMPUTER DIGITAL

TECHNOLOGY

Caleb Velluppillai

CRICKET ATHLETE DEV

PROGRAM

Kurt Ward

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

METAL

Finn Bryant

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

WOOD

Bruno Page

DRAMA

Niall McLeod

ECONOMICS

Sam Ben

ENGLISH AS A SECOND

LANGUAGE

Bawi Tha Thomas

ENGLISH AS A SECOND

LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Harold Mapu Fetu

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Eli Darling

FOOTBALL ATHLETE

DEV PROGRAM

Jayden Smith

FUTURE FOCUS &

PROBLEM SOLVING

Nikau Adams

GRAPHICS

Alfie MacNeil

HISTORY - ERIC C PRICE

PRIZE

Jack Mellor

JAPANESE

Jackson King

MATHEMATICS

Dallas Kelso

MUSIC

Shoei Ito

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Scott Brown

RUGBY ATHLETE

DEV PROGRAM

Tom Perkins

SCIENCE OPTION

Alfie MacNeil

TE REO MĀORI

Luca Hippolite

TECHNOLOGY

Nate Lewis

VOLLEYBALL ATHLETE

DEV PROGRAM

Jonah Hlichal

YEAR 10 CLASS PRIZES

10ST

Alex Taylor

10CS

Fletcher King

10SH

Joshua Wynne

10YE

Devlan Stewart

10NN

Travis Dawkins

10JK

Scott Brown

10PK

Bawi Dawt Cen Hrang

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Recent years in education have been significantly hampered by the COVID global pandemic and all the complexities that lockdowns, disruptions, and illness have brought with it. Our students' resilience and determination to progress their interrupted education has not gone unnoticed.

This graduating class, indeed all students, must be commended for not only overcoming these obstacles but for excelling in the face of that adversity. They have shown resilience, adaptability, and the constant ability to learn and grow in the most trying of circumstances. Enduring and overcoming this hardship, will serve them well in the years to come. In New Zealand and globally, we will all remember how hard these school years would have been for any student to learn and gain a successful education.

In addition, their academic achievements and sporting successes both individually and as teams, over the tenure of their time at Nelson College are a true testament to their success and we all thank them immensely for that.

2023 has been a year like no other, especially from a Board of Trustees perspective. A year filled with unprecedented challenges and uncertainties. The ongoing impact of staff fatigue, essential educational changes and adjustments, economic fluctuations, continued financial constraints, forward planning, and numerous unforeseen events have all left their mark on us.

These scenarios are not just isolated to Nelson College but have been occurring on a national scale. However, it is during such difficult times that we truly discover the strength of our character and the depth of our resolve as a school community.

We have a strong, experienced, and most importantly, vehemently determined Board. School governance is no easy feat at the best of times and these volunteering individuals have over the course of this year been working tirelessly in the background of everyday school life.

Collectively, the Board is determined to ensure that Nelson College continues to thrive today, tomorrow, and well into the future.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our local community for its consistent support and generosity being offered.

Our ongoing engagement with our sister school Nelson College for Girls ensures that we continuously strengthen our existing bonds, help, and assist one another to ensure we grow and develop cohesively and in symmetry.

Without doubt, enormous thanks must also and always go to the Old Boys Association and the Trust Foundation. These two entities have historically and more recently been of such great support to this institution. Without your generosity, time, input, and guidance we would undoubtedly not be where we are today.

Lastly, to all our amazing staff, your consistency and continued commitment to the students and their learning as well as your enthusiasm to continue to engage with all of our co-curricular activities where possible, is a true reflection of your professionalism. The board expresses its gratitude and acknowledgment of your combined effort.

We wish you all the very best for the future.

Ngā mihi,
Nelson College Board of Trustees



Fergus McNeilly | Y13



INTERNATIONAL

2023 was the first positive post-pandemic year for our international programme since 2020.

We were able to grow the programme with new students arriving and provide uninterrupted tourism and social opportunities including; cultural experiences at the local marae, a ski trip to Rainbow Ski field, regional international student dance parties, sports days and a November activity programme.

Over the year, 47 students were enrolled at our school from nine different countries including:

- Austria x 1
- China x 2
- Germany x 10
- Hong Kong x 2
- Japan x 17
- Korea x 3
- Taiwan x 3
- Thailand x 7
- USA x 2

Due to growth in our programme, we were able to appoint Anna Sutherland to the position of International Coordinator. Anna will provide administration support to the department and an extra layer of pastoral support for the boys.

As travel became easier, representatives from the school travelled to Japan, Germany, the UK, Thailand, Hong Kong and Korea to reconnect with our partner schools, agents and our alumni Old Boy network.

In 2024 we look forward to welcoming more students to our kura and developing our programme further to make sure that they get the best experiences.

Chris Hart



International Students: Back Row: Matti Asavaphanukron, Kosei Sekigechi, Chatchai (Jerry) Kiattikhunphan, Pak On (Don) Wai, Akkawat (Copter) Patikansakul, Luca Benighaus, Chaikrit (Macky) Sornnoey, Junichiro Nagata, Taiyo Hidaka

2nd Row: Chris Hart (Teacher), Taisei Kono, Titus Schaefer, Hannes Jungehueling, Max Doerfler, Hin Kuen (Garrick) Wong, Insung (Jack) Cha, Aaron Spitzenberg, Pan-An (Andy) Yao, Hyunmin (Robert) Mann

Front Row: Jasper Jaekel, Haru Yamaguchi, Yuma Tanaka, Shin Yamaguchi, Bhee Pissamai, Naruki Maeda, Nutthaphat (Bank) Longduriyang, Maximilian Stenzel, Yiming (David) Xing



Ben Cinzah, Hma Ngaih Mawi, Van Bik, Tommy Zathang, David Zathang, Bawi Tlumang

STUDENTS WITH REFUGEE BACKGROUNDS

This year we welcomed several former refugee boys, from Colombia, Pakistan and Myanmar. They have been welcomed by their communities both in and out of school and have made a fantastic start to their school life here at Nelson College.

Once again, we are thankful to the MOE flexible funding pool which allows us to have fabulous bilingual tutors, supporting the boys to engage with education. Thanks to Pray Meh, Evelyn Thompson, Dawt Za Par Hiasang, Dawt Hiasang, and Bawi Tlumang who have been helping with the Chin language. The Chin language is made up of many dialects, so it is always a challenge to find help. To all our tutors and support staff, thanks for all your efforts, you all always go well beyond what is expected, and it is appreciated by staff and students!

The homework club has started to build a bit of momentum in Term 3. Students have been working hard and getting the extra help they need to complete assessments.

Cristina Armstrong-Hernandez

DIVERSITY DAY

After a few years of not being able to have performances at our Cultural Diversity Day, it was fantastic to have them back. The celebrations started with students teaching teachers some of their own languages. Teachers were buzzing from their lessons, as were the students who got to be the ones in charge. There were 16 different languages to choose from.

There were a number of international food stalls, including Colombian, Chin, Karenni, Indian, Indonesian, Samoan, Māori and French, and students provided an array of sweet treats. The stalls were packed, many selling out before the end of interval. Although the day was wet, it didn't dampen anyone's spirits and the atmosphere was humming.



Tevita and Tupou Pasikala with Simon Mardon

After lunch, everyone went into the hall to watch performances, including kapa haka and Nathan Co singing in Tagalog. There were Chin and Karenni dance performances from both NC and NCG, and our wonderful tuakana Storm, Ngākau, and Temu who sang an arrangement of beautiful songs. The crowd was wowed and the energy in the hall was amazing. Thanks to all those involved, it was a team effort to get the day going, but it was certainly a day that made Term 3 end on a high note!

Cristina Armstrong-Hernandez



BOARDING

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR HOUSE MEETINGS & BBQS

Our traditional house BBQs to welcome back our boarders and their parents at the beginning of February were a great chance to introduce our new boarding whānau into each house community. It was also the opportunity for our international students to receive their orientation and be welcomed to boarding, Nelson and the wider region.



KAITERITERI BEACH DAY

At the end of February, we took all our boarders to Kaiteriteri Beach in Golden Bay. As with previous years, the weather was superb, and we set up at the bridge-end of the beach. The boys enjoyed a day of swimming, touch rugby, and ice creams, returning to school tired and happy. Most boarding staff and their families came too.



OPEN DAY

The Boarding Open Day on 13th May was a huge success with several families in attendance. The timing of the day coincided with the 1st XV returning to our home field to play St Bede's proved to be popular, with nearly all guests staying for lunch and the game. It was a celebration that showcased boarding, co-curricular opportunities, the Old Boys, and school spirit. I had the pleasure of interviewing some fine young men and making official offers to many families who are enrolling their sons for 2024. They all cite the Open Day as a significant factor in their decision-making. Again, we extend our thanks to all the staff and students involved on the day and to Ed Chapman-Cohen (RUT 1988-1992) father of George (Y12), Will (Y11) and Monty (Y9) who spoke so openly about his and Kate's experience as boarding parents.

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS

On Tuesday 27th of June, we held our Annual Mid-Winter Christmas at Barnicoat House. It was a chance to mark the midway point in the year and



farewell some of the international students who headed back to school in their respective home countries. We gave the boys a taste of wild food/farmed food – from the home areas of some of our boarders. Mr Mardon and a group of able and willing boarders, cooked pigs and lamb on the spit and we seated all boarders and staff in the Barnicoat Prep Room which was beautifully decorated by Mrs McLaren.

ACTIVITIES

Boarding organised many activities for the boys again this year. Ten-pin bowling, Flip Out, paintballing, karaoke nights, beach days, river swims, go-kart racing, and many more all added to the broader social experience that boarding offers to our young men.

ANNUAL BOARDERS' TOUR

Our annual coast-to-coast Boarding Tour in commemoration of Matt Gunter was held over two days, 12th-13th October. Thanks again to all staff who accompanied the boys on this important annual event and to Mr Mardon who led the trip.

OLD MAN'S SUPPER

At the end of each year, and at the completion of classes for the seniors, boarding hosts a celebratory dinner for all boys. Traditionally, the Headmaster paid for this - hence the name – and it's



an opportunity to thank and farewell any staff leaving along with our Year 13 boys. This dinner is traditionally held in the school's dining room. This year, guest speakers were Devon Clarke, Head of Barnicoat House, Manaia Roberts, Head of Rutherford House and Graham Urquhart (BAR 2013-2017), current member of the Tasman Mako rugby squad.

HOUSE DINNERS

At the end of each year, both houses organise a celebratory dinner. These dinners are off-site, at Tides Hotel in town, and parents are invited. Staff and boys leaving the house are formally and emotionally farewelled and Year 13 leadership positions for the following year are announced. Thank you as always to all our parents who were able to join us and support these special dinners.



INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION 2023

This year, our combined 'Boarders' placed high in a number of key events. We came second in football and basketball and third in swimming, cross country and athletics.

CANCELLED EVENTS 2023

With the timing of Athletics and parent-teacher interviews, we unfortunately were not able to host our annual Sports Weekend. Hopefully, we will be able to resurrect this tradition in 2024.

STAFFING 2023

Lucy Barnes was appointed as Barnicoat House supervisor, to add to her matron role after Luke Anderson left at the end of Term 2. Luke combined his Barnicoat duties with full-time teaching at Hampden Street School and we have really appreciated his energy, positivity, and involvement in boarding this year.

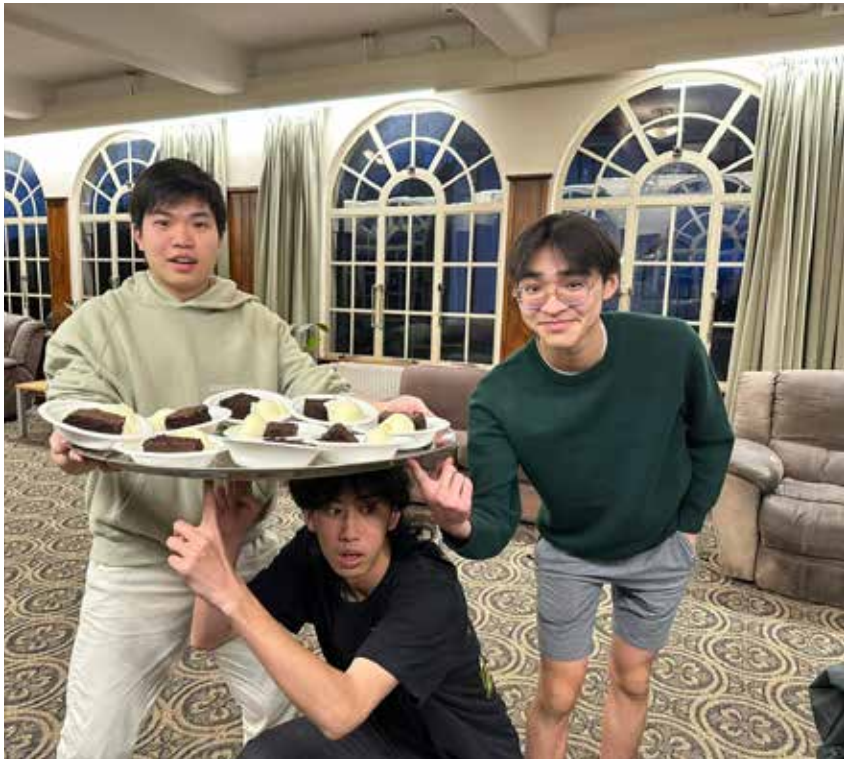
Ciaron Beasley has joined us for Term 4, helping out in boarding. Ciaron is the Strength and Conditioning coach for the 1st XV at Rugby School in the UK and he has come to NZ to add to his skills and experience.

RUTHERFORD HOUSE

Tracy McLaren was appointed as housemaster of Rutherford House at the start of the year with the departure of Alex Hassan, who returned to full-time teaching at the College. Tracy has made the role her own with her attention to detail and full wrap-around of the Rutherford boys.

Finally, the boarding community would like to thank all boys, staff, and whānau for their positive contributions and support. It has been a very settled year and the boys have appreciated the opportunities available to them after the disruption of recent years.

Tim Middleton



HOUSE REPORTS

RUTHERFORD

Housemaster: Tracy McLaren
House Tuakana: Manaia Roberts, Copter Patikansakul, Caleb Minson

My first year as Housemaster has been remarkable.

Rutherford House has been home to 45 boys during 2023. 20 new boys joined us this year across Years 8-13, from Aotearoa, Japan, USA, China, Thailand, and Korea.

The boys have shared routine and unique experiences, forming a close-knit family thriving on storytelling, collaboration, personal growth, and lots of kai. Looking back, we celebrate the resilience, camaraderie, and transformative experiences defining our boarding whānau in the past year.

There are various aspects that make boarding house life so unique, and you will see many photos that reflect the essence of Rutherford House's whānau and its supportive homely feel. These photos will hopefully capture a small part of the moments that have left an undeniable mark on our boarding family. The boys graciously hosted the dining room team during their temporary kitchen work. Coming together for our first meal in almost 10 months in the dining room was a personal highlight. The boys are thrilled to have their hot lunches again! A heartfelt thank you to the entire dining room team: Shaun, Guy, Andrea, Sarah, Maria, Karen, Isaac, Harry, Noah, and Luca.

Throughout the year, our Rutherford boys have showcased diverse talents and passions, achieving academically and excelling in extracurriculars, all with the support of their Rutherford whānau. Despite some setbacks, their resilience and perseverance has been unwavering, thanks to the solid support provided by House Leaders Manaia, Copta, Caleb, and the Rutherford House supervisor team.

I am proud of all our Rutherford Boys and the efforts they have put into their studies and sports and contributed to our Rutherford whānau.

Tracy McLaren



BARNICOAT

Housemaster: Simon Mardon
House Tuakana: Devon Clarke, Lachlan Hall, Garrick Wong



Finally, a 'normal' year in Barnicoat, after three years of Lockdowns, COVID disruptions, flooding, and the dining room fire.

Boarding numbers are improving with international students returning. House culture is positive, with boys mixing well and respecting their peers. It's good to see participation in turf sports, swimming, biking and building the track, car and bike maintenance, basketball, handball and some fabulous cooking.

I want to acknowledge Chase Banks for fantastic results in swimming and for his team placing 2nd in the Senior Boys National Underwater Hockey Tournament. Also to Sione Mafi, who represented NZ in the Secondary Schools Rugby Team.

The dining room has reopened to everyone's delight. Thanks to the dining room staff for maintaining standards while working in challenging conditions. Staffing: Lucy Burns became supervisor, replacing Luke Robinson. Our new Director of Boarding, Tim Middleton has provided positive leadership for Boarding.

Devon Clarke and Lachlan Hall, have been exemplary House Leaders and role models. The other year 13's also positively influenced their peers. Good luck to Year 13 leavers, Sione, Zyon, Garrick, Jerry, Don, Lachlan, and Devon.

Term Four is busy, despite only having three weeks. We undertook the 11th year of the Matt Gunter Memorial Sports trip. An enthusiastic student who thrived in Barnicoat, Matt sadly died after a routine operation in 2012. This tour is about keeping Matt's memory alive and our continued support of the Gunters.

Barnicoat's formal end-of-year dinner, was well attended, as were Old Man's Supper, and the last house events, of Haka and Singing. There is plenty of emotion in these, as it is often the last thing the boys do together as a house. Thanks to the staff, Lucy Burns, Debbie Baxter, Tony Anderson, Dale Sirett, Punn Cowarinn and Michael Hayes for their commitment to the students throughout the year.

Simon Mardon

CHAYTOR

Housemaster: John Glazier

House Tuakana: Sam John, Jamie Hampson, Joey McNeil, Ben Smith, Caleb Williams, Kees Mant

It's been a rollercoaster of a year for the boys in red. Our team of Tuakana from the start of the year had been set on putting Chaytor back on the map. Our sporting efforts this year have been some of the best we've seen, with both our Junior and Senior teams taking out House Touch and getting respectable results in Basketball and Hockey. The energy shown in our house has been tremendous, maintaining a strong sense of house spirit even when we seemed down and out. Looking forward to next year, there is great promise in our future leaders and house members who are yet again tasked with pulling red out of the mud. Massive props to our Tuakana for this year, it's always a task putting together teams and rallying support for our Juniors. Jamie Hampson, Sam John, Caleb Williams, Benjamin Smith and Kees Mant all showed great resilience in keeping our house afloat. Our leadership has also stemmed from all year levels. Throughout the year our Year 9's have shown amazing spirit in giving things a go, and embracing the newly found house culture of mighty Chaytor House. Another huge mention to Pyay Oo for taking the reins for House Singing as a Year 12 student. Despite a stint in results, our perseverance and dedication never failed. All of Chaytor is grateful for the work of Mr John Glazier who time and time again shows up as a keen housemaster, taking on a big role, living and breathing Chaytor each day. The House trophy will one day be draped in red once again, and all will be restored. Thank you, Nelson College, and I am extremely proud to have been a part of the Chaytor family for five years.

Joey MacNeil

DOMETT

Housemaster: Sam Currie (T1 & 2), Rachel Culberson (T3 & 4)

House Tuakana: Kyle Mackay, Fenlon Bayley, Blake Craddock, Finn Kilworth

This year has been a Roller Coaster ride. Starting the year at the bottom of the table, coming last in Senior and Junior Touch, our first win came via the House Hockey competition. Over Terms 2 and 3 we climbed to the middle of the pack. Being runner-up in Senior Volleyball and the Spelling Bee, Domett demonstrated strength in a diverse range of skills.

In Term 2; Housemaster Sam Currie stepped down which left the house feeling adrift. However, David Purdie and Fiona Keyanonda temporarily filled the position. They worked alongside senior students to encourage the Juniors to get involved and ensured Domett's continuance.

In Term 3 our Junior Football team made it to the finals, taking a devastating loss and despite being outnumbered in the Senior Rugby 7's competition, our boys still gave it their all. As I write this, we are sitting in 3rd place and hoping the Backstreet Boys will help us out in Term 4 House Singing.

I'm proud to be part of a house of students who get involved. I have high hopes for Domett's future and want to thank the Year 13's for all their hard work and wish them the very best.

Rachel Culberson

KAHURANGI

Housemaster: David Van der Velden

House Tuakana: George Thompson, Adam Barton, Nick Peterson, Ethan Turner, Jordan Kelso

Kahurangi house has enjoyed a triumphant year with the sons of the golden cloth giving their all on field and court in the pursuit of victory.

We've had a clean sweep of superb victories, with outstanding performances in Volleyball, Basketball, and Chess.



Commendations to

Connor Packer, Phun Thawng, Erwin Grab, James Matthews, Kai Morice, Hugo J, Sam Holmes, and Oliver Fallen for their dedication. Historically, Kahurangi gained a reputation for excellence in niche competitions, with somewhat diminished displays on the sporting field. However, this year's wins in both Athletics and Cross Country challenged this rhetoric, proving success in fields beyond our traditional, academically inclined code. The boys also secured a notable second place in Swimming, with Year 9's, Riley, Jasper, and Josh, admirably participating.

Hockey, Debating, and Sevens, despite overwhelming odds, contributed valuable points. Jordan and Dallas Kelso, Oliver Diamond, Tim Mac, and Liam McKenzie guided us through the storm. A last-minute screamer from Liam Greaney completed a dramatic comeback in Junior Football, with Phun Thawng's unrelenting goalscoring form delivering us to the precipice of glory. House mana is aplenty in our Singing and Haka practices, aided by Ms Moran's expert coaching. Whatever the overall result, the boys should take pride in their work, which has bolstered our achievements.

Lastly, housemaster David van der Velden's contribution cannot go unrecognised. He has consistently displayed the utmost dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering support for every golden son. It has been a true privilege for the Tuakana to serve the entire house this past year and witness the boys' success in every endeavour. We are confident that this success will endure for years to come. But for now, the golden rays have set alight a monstrous bonfire, an inferno propelling Kahurangi's locomotion into glory. Momentum gathers beneath our banner and yellow confetti awaits...

George Thompson, Nick Peterson

MONRO

Housemaster: Wayne Hippolite
House Tuakana: Edward Henderson, Rore Morgan, Soni Lefale

Kia ora Monro House,

As we gather here to reflect on the year that has passed, I would like to extend my gratitude to our leadership team and our dedicated housemaster, Wayne Hippolite. The commitment and hard work of this team have been instrumental in shaping Monro's success this year. It's not just about individual efforts; it's about the collective spirit that binds us together as a house. I want to congratulate both our Junior and Senior students who actively participated in house events throughout the year. Without your enthusiasm and dedication, we couldn't have achieved the success we had. Participation is the cornerstone of our achievements, and it has been heartening to witness Monro House members stepping up to contribute to our shared victories. Monro House has excelled in various house events, and we're thrilled about our recent triumphs in House Singing and the House Haka. These moments showcase the unique strengths and talents of our boys, which are a testament to what we can achieve when we come together as a team.

As we turn our attention to 2024, I'll be passing the baton to the new leadership team. Monro House is fortunate to have a wealth of talented sportsmen and academically gifted members who have the potential to lead us to victory in next year's house cup. I wish them all the best, and I have no doubt that they will continue the tradition of excellence we've cultivated.

To all the Juniors, I wish you the best of luck in the Headmaster Cup! This is your chance to make your mark and progress the legacy of Monro House. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the teachers who worked tirelessly to make this year a success. Serving as a part of the Monro leadership team has been a privilege, and I've cherished every moment of it. Over the past five years, being part of Monro House and our whānau has been an incredible experience. Our house culture is second to none, and the support and guidance we've received from individuals like Mr. Hippolite have been exceptional.

To all Monro students, whether you'll still be in school next year or embarking on new adventures, I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. The bonds we've formed and the experiences we've shared will forever remain with us.

Rore Alexander TPK Morgan

ROBINSON

Housemaster: Quinton Gately
 House Tuakana: Liam Goodger, Fergus McNeilly, Noah Malpot, Connor Goody

The mighty Robinson may not have kept up their success this year, but as they say, you learn more from losing than you do from winning, and Robinson is all about a great education. Under the wise guidance of our Housemaster Q, we got off to a great start, coming first in house swimming, carried mostly by Nick Lovell. However, we couldn't keep up this form, as we



soon found ourselves plummeting down the rankings. A last place in Athletics was followed by the Seniors coming third in Touch, and the Juniors coming fifth. By the second term, we were in the unfortunate position of being last on the leaderboard. Despite this, house spirit stayed strong, as we continued to get high participation in all our events.

Unfortunately, the second and third terms were full of disappointment for us, as we presented inconsistent performances in events such as Chess, Cross Country, Hockey, and Debating, despite the best efforts of supreme debater Cody Stringer.

By the end of the third term, the persistence of Housemaster Q began to pay off. As did the persistence of his keen disciples; our team of House Leaders, Connor Goody, Noah Malpot, Fergus McNeilly, and myself. A very strong showing in both Senior and Junior Rugby, guided by the strong performance of our Year 12's, put us right back into contention for the top spots. We had high hopes for House Football, with First XI players Angus McAllister, Connor Goody, Zac Bustin, and myself, but an unfortunate performance led to our Senior team bowing out in the semifinal, gaining twelve total points.

On top of the points gained from Rugby, this pushed us up a spot in the leaderboard, but the feeling that we could have done better, especially in Football, pertained. With House Singing and Haka coming up, there is no doubt that we will climb further up the leaderboard. We have spent weeks practicing, led by Q, for what will be a glorious rendition of April Sun in Cuba. Despite some of the poor results this year, it has been an honour to be part of the mighty Robinson for the last five years. I have no doubt that next year's leaders will achieve the victory that this great house deserves.

Liam Goodger









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TE KURA TAHIKĀTARE O WHAKATO

ACADEMIC COLOURS 2023

LEVEL 1 NCEA LEVEL 1 ENDORSED WITH EXCELLENCE

**James Ben, Carter Burt, Charlie Cuff, Magnus Fraser, Rhys Goodger, Joe Harrison,
Zachary Irving, Leon James, Guyon Janssen, Cole Kennedy, Ollie Lock,
Kael Matthew, Walter Moloney, Oliver Morton, Sandith Nanayakkara, Tim Newson,
Ned Rainey, Kieran Simpson, Jack Trott, Stefan Vadura-Lane**

LEVEL 1 NCEA LEVEL 2 ENDORSED WITH MERIT

**Keian Brown, Finn Cathman, Milo Coldren, Elijah Fahey, James Gabites,
Deon Green, Jamie Hampson, Preston Holder, Jesse Hollingworth, Noah Hunt,
Nick Lovell, Joey MacNeil, Angus McAllister, Cameron McKenzie, Liam McKenzie,
Fergus McNeilly, Caleb Minson, Yuto Ono, Vinnie Parlane, Copter Patikansakul,
Manaia Roberts, Ben Roff, James Stevenson, George Thompson, Ethan Turner,
Max Walker, Caleb Williams**

LEVEL 2 NCEA LEVEL 2 ENDORSED WITH EXCELLENCE

**Adam Barton, Fenlon Bayley, Ethan Carde, Caden Cooley,
Alexandre de Maupeou d'Ableiges, Matt Donald, Vito Esposito, Oliver Fallen,
Liam Goodger, Connor Goody, Edward Henderson, Tom Hoare, Samuel Holmes,
Sam John, Jordan Kelso, Darcy Lawrey, Callum Love, Noah Malpot, Kees Mant,
Ali Milligan, Alex Palmer, Nick Peterson, Ben Smith, Ollie Taylor**

LEVEL 2 NCEA LEVEL TWO & THREE ENDORSED WITH EXCELLENCE

Alex Bryant

VISUAL ARTS

This year we welcomed back Jesse Clifton to our team after a year's leave and farewellled Will Luscombe-Smith at the end of 2022. Our Art teaching team for 2023 - Deb Kelly, Head of Faculty, Jesse Clifton Assistant Head of Visual Arts and John Conly.

Jesse continued to host the Art Club on Friday lunchtimes with the "Extravagant Inception" exhibition held at the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology's G-Space Gallery in mid-September.

"Creativity takes courage"

Henry Matisse

We also celebrated The Arts with a Creative Showcase evening at the College. We had various performances from Music, Drama, and Māori Performing Arts/ Te Ao Haka and an art exhibition of work selected from both Senior and Junior Visual Art classes.

Our students had another challenging year with a variety of illnesses that continued through the winter season. We hope for a smoother teaching year in 2024 that will also bring the introduction of the new Level 1 NCEA Curriculum.

Again, we celebrated a body of creative folio boards at all levels, and we are proud of those students who maintain the demands of folio production throughout the year. To our great Year 13's that are spread across Design, Painting and Photography, we wish you well for the future and success with your final exams and scholarship submissions. Haere rā.



Shael Campion | Y12

Deborah Kelly



Neh Too Lien | Y13



Parallel Park performing at the Smokefree Rockquest

MUSIC

We've had a massive year getting stuck into lots of musical opportunities. The year started with New Zealand's largest contemporary music festival, the Smokefree Rockquest with entries in both the solo/duo and band sections with Ngākau Moka-Tengu and Tamu Domoni competing in the solo sections as well as Nelson College bands the Shed Heads and Cyclone Fever in the band division. Nelson College students Zachery Irving and Ethan Carde competed with Parallel Park who won the overall Nelson/Tasman regional final eventually being invited to perform as a guest band at the national finals. Our joined ensembles with Nelson College for Girls, performed at Hampden Street School inspiring the next generation of local musicians. (Pictured below). This was followed by a request for our Combined Jazz Band to perform its first proper concert for a wedding anniversary at Nelson College for Girls. We joined NCMA's music mix programme, providing the opportunity for people to experience live music and try an instrument. We performed first at Nelson Central School, then Victory Community Centre.

We were delighted to perform in the iconic NCMA's Emerge Rising Stars concert celebrating up-and-coming youth talent within the Nelson region.



Building on the success of our music evenings of 2022, we ran another at the end of Term 2 featuring many diverse performances. We began the evening with traditional items featuring soloists such as Oliver Morton playing Chopin's *Fantasie Impromptu*.

We were joined by our sister school NCG and their stunning string orchestra. Thank you to Christine Foote for the work she does running this ensemble giving our boys the opportunity to perform in this group.

Our ever-growing Contemporary Music Programme was a huge hit at our annual concert featuring performances from Parallel Park, Cyclone Fever, The Shed heads as well as our solo artists Ngākau and Tamu. A highlight performance being Ngākau's rendition of *Don't want to talk about it* by Rod Stewart.

Thanks to Trudi Wilson for all the support as both tutor and accompanist. Our Concert Band began performing at the first XV rugby games, entertaining spectators and providing walk-on music for the teams!

The year ended with the Musicworks Ensembles Festival Aotearoa where we performed with the Concert Band on Monday, followed by two performances of Concert Band and Jazz Band at Te Papa on Tuesday. This concluded with two Jazz Band performances from the Senior and Junior Jazz Bands on Wednesday. We were fortunate to be coached by Roger Fox, Daniel Hayles and Shannon Pittaway who inspired us to keep improving. The highlight was again being crowned the Top Concert Band receiving the platinum award as well as gold for both the Junior and Senior Jazz Bands. (Pictured below performing at Te Papa - MEFA Festival).

Big thanks to our itinerant staff, for all their hard work and support with our students throughout the year.

Finally, I want to acknowledge all the support from parents for driving their children to so many events over sometimes great distances. We are very grateful.

Andrew Yorkstone



Ngākau Moka-Tengu performing in the school concert



CAREERS AND GATEWAY

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 in regard to 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



Vinnie Parlane, Max Cinzah (kneeling), Eli Fahey, Jayden Rutledge, Vinnie Thompson (now an NC Old Boy) & Stanley Jamieson at the Fantastic Futures Event

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 high demand from our local employers.

Employers want to see their employees: working with a positive attitude, talking with others during smoko 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 we are starting to see 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 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, New Zealand, 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!

Vikki Hayes

GATEWAY, WORK EXPERIENCE & TRADES ACADEMY

The Gateway programme has been functioning at full capacity this year as things have moved beyond the restrictions of the previous few years. We are incredibly grateful to the employers who support us in continuing to offer this amazing opportunity for our young men, helping them to learn about the world of work and how to be a good employee. It is so valuable for our students to be introduced to the workforce and have opportunities to explore different pathways, whilst keeping them within the education system. Thank you.

We started the year with very keen students ready to embrace work experience across range of industries including Building, Joinery, Automotive, Electrical, Veterinary, Retail, Earthworks and Aviation.

Alongside work experience, our Gateway Programme also offers students the opportunity to gain valuable industry-related credits that align with their work experience. Our students attended a Health and Safety in the Workplace course that sets them up nicely for observing safety in the workplace.

Additionally, we have had our Vet placement student doing Animal Care-related papers through Telford Agricultural, our Automotive students doing MITO pre-trade Automotive papers, our Civil Engineering students doing MITO pre-trade Mining papers, a student interested in Youth Work doing papers in topics related to that field, and our Retail boys gaining industry recognised retail accreditation.

This year we enrolled 15 students in TOTSTA (Top Of The South Trades Academy) courses. These courses are held at NMIT or Whenua Iti and our students this year chose pathways in Sport and Exercise, Mechanical Engineering, Building, Joinery, Uniformed Services, Automotive and Art and Design. These boys were all fortunate to be recipients of funding that has supported them to gain their driver's licences or provide funding for tools that align with their intended field of work.



Astin Gibbins at Car Company Automotive

Vikki Hayes



STAR Students: **Back:** Felon Bayley, Sam John, Caden Cooley
Front: Nick Peterson, Kees Mant, Ben Smith
Absent: Darcy Lawery, Ed Henderson and Jordan Kelso

COMMERCE

After the disruptions caused by COVID and lockdowns, it has been pleasing to have a relatively normal year, with a focus on teaching and learning in the classroom.

Unfortunately, the start of the year had Commerce moving from N block into the old Prep buildings. Despite initial frustrations from our students, they settled well into the space and have found selling business products from the deck a very practical and easy option.

Commerce is mostly only in the Senior school, although the Year 10 Economics, and particularly the Year 10 Accounting / Business Classes are popular and give the students an overview of the economic and business environment. Particularly pleasing was the variety of products produced by the Year 10 Students.

The biggest change for Commerce has been the merging of Year 11 Accounting, Year 11 Business and Year 11 Economics into one course, 'Commerce'. This is a nationally led initiative, that also has affected other subjects across the country. We have been working hard to design a course that best reflects the needs of our students and that incorporates the key aspects of Accounting, Economics and Business.

Simon Mardon

BUSINESS STUDIES

2023 proved to be an amazing year for enterprise and the scope of student-run companies. These ranged from candle sales, wood-cutting services, lanyards, and seawater hair spray, to a large fundraising event, and the production of quiz cards for improving financial literacy in schools.

The standout was Quiz 4 Cancer, where a group of students ran a very successful pub quiz-style evening, impressively raising over \$4,000 for Melanoma NZ. Oz Rottenberg, Jamie Hampson and Nick Lovell spent months securing sponsorship and organising the event which was run at Broadgreen Intermediate School and attended by over 100 quizzers.



The Grandpa Jacks All American Spices company was formed by Milo Coldren, Vito Esposito, Liam McKenzie and Angus McAllister, with Milo's grandpa in the USA being their source of inspiration. They produced a fresh mix of delicious BBQ spices, suited to all culinary dishes. They also ran their company as part of the Young Enterprise Scheme where they got invaluable mentor support, sold at the Nelson Market, and had a strong social media presence.

Rore Morgan, Hunter Kendrick and Matt Donald took on board the government's initiative to improve financial literacy for children at all educational levels, producing an awesome pack of cards available to schools in the region. A lot of perseverance and a steep learning curve resulted in a very professional resource.



Well done to all the boys who took part in running an enterprise this year through Business Studies.

Klaudia Severn

ECONOMICS

It's been another busy year in Economics and an interesting time to study the subject.

Often some of the concepts in Macroeconomics can be quite abstract to teenage boys but with inflation at record levels and the global supply chain disruptions, the subject has really come alive for a number of our students. Again, this year we have nine of our Year 13 boys studying first-year university Microeconomics through the STAR programme, and at the time of writing all were tracking well.

Nicholas Withers

ACCOUNTING

There are several accounting classes from Year 11 to Year 13, with most of the students taking the course for three years. A considerable number of boys are going on to study Accounting, Management, Economics, Finance, and Marketing next year. Others are looking at internships locally, where they will work in accounting firms and study towards their B-Com at the same time.

Nicholas Withers

LANGUAGES

ESOL

This year saw two new members join the ESOL team, Cristina Armstrong-Hernandez and Sylvia Nevin. Junior students have been completing MYP language acquisition course. In Term 1 they studied myths and legends from around the world and learned the art of storytelling in keeping cultural knowledge alive. In Term 2 they worked on interviewing and found out about students' habits on recycling. Terms 3 and 4 looked at the topic of racism, with students reading Dawn Raid by Pauline Vaeluaga Smith, and watching the New Zealand movie Whina. Not only have they been practicing their language skills, they've also learned about New Zealand history. We had a couple of fabulous days where ESOL and Te Ara Māori class worked together, learning about their own stories, sharing about their food and culture, learning waiata and how to play with rākau.

Our senior Year 11 and 12 students have been working hard on reading responses, to show their understanding of texts and how they personally connect to what they've read. Media utilised in the course includes novels, news articles, short stories, films and podcasts. Students also focused on practical written and spoken language, completing forms and honing their interview skills, giving them great practice for the real world. Year 13 students focused on interviewing for real jobs and those looking to go to university worked on a standard that centres around academic-style research writing. Students engaged well and have been researching some fascinating topics.

IMMERSION

The students in the immersion classes have been working very hard this year, despite having many comings and goings. We are so happy to have lots of new international students, bringing with them a richness in culture. The focus this year has been on learning to give people suggestions. They have learned how to talk to people about healthy habits and how to make suggestions on how they can improve. In the warm-up to Cultural Diversity Day, they learned all about celebrations around the world and made a poster, a class recipe book and a presentation about their own cultural celebrations. Other highlights include learning about weaving harakeke, a science project on growing plants, including selling some seedlings to teachers. We have also learned about how to give directions and some of the road code as some students are preparing to sit their driver's test with help from English Language Partners.

Cristina Armstrong-Hernandez



MĀORI IMMERSION

He aha te mea nui o te ao? What is the most important thing?

Māku e kī atu	I say
He tangata	'tis people
He tangata	'tis people
He tangata	'tis people

At the end of 2022, we were delighted to offer prospective boys and whānau:

- education with more opportunities and experiences with Te Reo Māori
- co-curricular classes with Nelson College for Girls
- education outside the classroom
- whanaungatanga

Thus the Year 9 Te Ara Reo Māori (TARM) class began in earnest at the beginning of the year.

The philosophy of mātauranga Māori for uri mokopuna is nothing new in Nelson College. It is simply an effort to continue the mātauranga Māori opportunities that are already in some primary and contributing schools. Parents of former and current boys who want to see mātauranga Māori at secondary level have been the driving force behind making this a reality.

As we enter the final term, learnings have been extensive. We are pleased to say that the boys have had ample reo exposure through weekly intensive mau rākau and opportunities for mihimihi and karakia throughout core subjects

at minimal class time cost. Once a fortnight the Year 9 girls' and boys' class come together to strengthen their vocal range and musicality through voice performance. The class has experienced four one-day adventure learning sessions with Whenua Iki Outdoors covering bike riding, caving, high ropes, and waka ama. Through experiential learning, the boys learned more about themselves, faced challenges, and overcame obstacles with others collaboratively.

One group travelled to Marlborough for the 45th Science Wānanga; a three day workshop that allows ākonga to experience physics, chemistry, and marine environmental science in context. Developed by Dr. Paratene Ngata, the event aims to encourage more tangata whenua to enter the sciences, ultimately strengthening iwi to confidently manage local resources.

One of the most empowering things to come out of this class is the level of brotherhood (whanaungatanga) among the boys. A high-energy group, they continually challenge teachers to stretch and find appropriate strategies to make learning relevant.

Looking to 2024, literacy and numeracy needs are areas of paramount interest to the boys and whānau. Interesting to note that not all students are of Māori extraction. Pākehā, and Pasifika students also make up the class roll.

Hei kupu whakamutunga, e mihi kau ana ki te hunga whakaako i ngā uri mokopuna o Te Taihū, otirā o te motu, huri noa i te Moananui-ā-Kiwa. Anō hoki ki ngā mātua, ki ngā tīpuna o ngā Tama Toa.

Vivienne Ruwhiu



ENGLISH

It was great to start the year without the threat of lockdowns looming over our heads and we enjoyed a calm first term with students settling into a regular routine. Teachers and students tackled the new junior curriculum, focusing on a more conceptual approach. It was a pleasure to welcome back the expertise of Samme Hippolite and Alex Hassan full-time into the English department after their years contributing to Boarding. We also welcomed Vaughan Watson into the English department from Humanities. He quickly became accustomed to our non-negotiable 'Keke Friday' morning tea, and he hasn't looked back since.

However, the calm didn't last long and we soon discovered that this year's horseman of the apocalypse was, in fact, industrial action. National strikes meant that we lost our rhythm as disruptions began to take effect. By this point, students were used to dealing with flood, fire or pestilence and they continued with learning from home fairly seamlessly. Luckily a resolution was found, and we moved into Term 3 without further disruption. We also managed to squeeze in the first round of the new national literacy testing for our Year 10 students. They managed this particularly well and undertook the challenge with positive attitudes.

A particular highlight was a writing workshop presented by author David Riley. (Pictured right). He's known for his connection with young people, and it was great to see the boys writing beautiful descriptions of rugby games, hunting trips, and KFC feasts. Our librarians also took a group of students to Nelson College for Girls and fought out another book battle in the library, challenging the wits of students in a variety of round-robin activities.

Congratulations to Callum Love, Year 13 English, for being accepted for a writing mentorship. This was no mean feat given that there were only four available across the nation. Callum was accepted based on references and the writing he submitted.

Once again, we've navigated a year of challenges and successes and we're grateful for the professionalism, collegiality, humour, and cake-providing skills of our humble department.

Annabelle Reeves





Darcy Lawrey, Fergus McNeilly and Ian Hayes with their Best Drama award at the Film Brief Festival 2023

MEDIA STUDIES

2023 began on a high note with Ian Hayes, Darcy Lawrey and Fergus McNeilly returning from the Briefs regional film festival with the Best Drama and Audience Choice awards for their film “The Puppetmaster”.

The film brief for 2023 was the whakataukī “ko ia kāhore nei i rapu, tē kitea” (he who does not seek, will not find). Our film makers responded to the challenge, producing a range of documentaries and Noir-ish mysteries expressing issues of concern to young people in 2023. Students’ willingness to confront the biggest challenges, from vaping to civil war, with both compassion and hope was impressive.

In addition to our classroom learning programme, the Year 13 class participated in the “Censor for a Day” workshop, hosted by Te Mana Whakaatu | The Classification Office and State Cinemas. For our students, viewing and classifying the horror comedy Renfield was a great insight into a diverse and rewarding media career.

Congratulations to those graduating students pursuing careers in Media Studies and the creative industries. We look forward to seeing your name in lights (or in the credits) in the near future!

Dan Hanson

LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY

It's been great to see returning students who are interested in the field of electrical engineering, lighting, stage, and event management. Congratulations to our Year 7 student George Vesty who won the Venue Tech cup for services to lighting and sound tech at Nelson College for 2023.

This year we have had a few students learn about focusing lights, controlling a lighting board, partitioning areas of the stage, and how the DMX splitter controls individual lights to create colour mixing work.

We have run a workshop at the beginning of the year and will run another workshop in Term 1 of 2024. Venue Tech and J.R. Richardson have generously given their time to run the workshops and we are lucky to have such a high level of expertise from the Theatre Royal. We need more techies for 2024. This year our LED lights were used to run the Junior dance. We need techies to do more than previously, so we can use the lights at more events. Please contact me if you are interested in running the lighting or sound desk at our combined College production for next year at Nelson College. Come along and practice using the lights on Thursday lunchtimes. All Welcome!

Denise Moran



Hands on at the lighting desk



THEATRE SPORTS

During Term 2, I had the pleasure of accompanying the students to the Junior Theatre Sports Regional Competition held at the Red Door Theatre in Atawhai Drive. Oliver Diamond, Tully King-Turner, Jack Prentice and Harry Playford represented Nelson College with class and style.

Sadly, Harry was unable to attend due to illness. Despite this setback, 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 only, for technical interpretation. A great time was had by all, and we will be honing our skills to contest the junior title next year. In Term 3, the crowd at the inaugural Creative Arts Celebration were entertained by the skill and comedic timing of improvisation. Great reviews came from many of the public.

Well done guys. See you on Thursdays in the Performance Suite - all welcome.

Denise Moran

DRAMA



SENIOR DRAMA YEAR 11 & 12

2023 has brought new learning challenges for the Senior Drama students. Although some have never taken drama before, their results and mahi reflect their kairangi in performances and internals.

The students started the year with studying the techniques and elements of drama, to learn how to use their voice, facial expression, body, movement and use of space on stage. Their chosen scenes from 'Lord of the Flies' by William Golding, is a great 'Boys own adventure' where being stranded on an Island following a plane crash, challenged them to think outside the square. The students enjoyed the tension built between 'groupthink' and individuality.

The major class performance this year, in term two, was 'Niu Sila' by Dave Armstrong and Oscar Kightley. You may recognise the playwright, Oscar Kightley, from his work in 'Sione's Wedding', 'Bro Town' and 'Dawn Raids' to name a few. This well-known

play explored friendships and how they are tested through stereotypes and cultural differences from the neighbourhoods where we live. The students had to develop characters from the 1980's as young children and go through the process of aging to the present day as thirty-year-olds down at the pub. I think students enjoyed the later transition! The play was well received by the



audience and all the students were endorsed with Merit or Excellence for their performances - a credit to students who are new to theatre studies. From here the students have developed their own devising work around the concept of social injustice which they perform, writing their own scripts and using their own technical design for lighting and sound production. This year the students have chosen to use digital backdrops to highlight their message. Lots of scope here for the techie akonga, creating your own styling with images for a concept. This is often the standard that students enjoy the most as they get to hone their own creativity in performance. Did I mention you don't have to write much. Great for students who have the gift of the gab and enjoy practical subjects.

YEAR 9 DRAMA MAD ROTATION

This year's Drama rotation gives every Year 9 a chance to sample Drama over a six week period. We begin with learning elements and techniques of Drama through games which the students eventually plan and teach to the rest of the class. This helps with problem solving, organisation, group work and concise planning- fantastic skills for public speaking. Next the students perform a 2-3 hander script in front of their peers which is great for confidence and team building skills. This year students have a choice to direct and run the lighting desk which really helps their creativity. The last assessment involves year 9's creating scenes using 'Shakespearean Insults' which is just a proper way of swearing. These scenes explore how we overcome problems by using words. Great to discuss a little bit of Elizabethan history here. I look forward to seeing the many talented students in Drama classes next year.

Denise Moran





Y9 Nelsomathix participants – Jack Prentice, Zack Williscroft, Oliver Jones, Mac Frankish, Finlay Lawes, Tom Schaper, and Harry Playford (L-R)

MATHEMATICS

It has been another eventful year in the Maths faculty. As the NZ Curriculum is refreshed and NCEA changes occur there have been a range of deviations from previous years. 2023 has been the first year that Nelson College students have attempted the Numeracy Common Assessment Activity. Year 10 students can be congratulated for the way they took up this new challenge and did their very best. By contrast, this has been the last year of the Algebra Maths Common Assessment Task at Year 11 with changes being made to NCEA Level One for 2024.

Nelson College students continued to participate in a range of maths competitions and activities. A group of Year 9 students participated in the Australian Problem-Solving Maths Olympiad. This competition was completed within class over four instalments. The top placed students in the school were Harry Playford, Tom Schaper, and Zinzan Vonk.

Thirteen students from across Year 9 and 10 took up the challenge of the Australian Maths Competition. Thirty questions of increasing difficulty stretched the thinking of the participants. Jack Prentice, William Jackson, and Oliver Jones were the strongest performers from across the school.

Mathix proved a hit in 2023. The academic committee stepped up to run a Nelson College competition in the library. There was a real buzz around the room with a range of teams from the Junior school. Thanks in particular to Ali Milligan and Cameron McKenzie for helping to organise this fun event.

Alex Crisp

HISTORY

It was another successful year for the historians of Nelson College. Here are just a few of the highlights.

Year 10 students had a great year, engaging in a range of topics. Some outstanding work produced was Rocco Campbell's presentation on Māori Warriors, Jesse Dickson-Paterson's research on Nazi Germany, and Remi Falwasser's report on Pā and early trench warfare. Zaffryn Wickham on the Trojan War, Jake Scranney on the Vikings, Luca Bianchi on the Battle of Stalingrad and Mattias Bower on Stealth Aircraft.

For Year 11 History outstanding double Excellences for the research and report writing were earned by James Barton, Leo Derks, Sam Dukes, Vincent Konecny, James Matthews, Niall McLeod, and Alex Taylor. Their fantastic work covered New Zealand involvement in The Battle of Crete, The Battles of Messines, The Battle of Passchendaele, and The Battle of Monte Cassino. A special mention must also go out to James Matthews' documentary on D B Cooper.

In Year 12 exceptional research and report writing was done by Guyon Jansen and Zachary Irving independently on the Erebus disaster, Rys Goodger for the Aramoana Massacre, and Walter Moloney for The Afghanistan Conflict 2001-2021.

Year 13 students conducted research on a range of topics from across Te Taihū. Some outstanding research and reports were completed by Adam Barton on the Nelson Giants, Liam Goodger on the Mokihinui Valley, Kees Mant on Port Nelson, Ali Milligan on Kahurangi National Park, Nick Peterson on Garindale Orphanage, Vito Esposito on the Nelson Italian community, Caden Cooley on Cable Bay, Callum Love on Nelson Library, Oliver Coltman and Ollie Taylor independently on the Ngawhātu Valley.

Spud Monday, our local History competition once again was one of the most highly anticipated and enjoyable events of the school calendar.

Congratulations go to this year's winners, Caden Cooley, Joey McNeil, and Jordan Kelso. Well done to all History students this year who worked hard and tried their best and congratulations also to all the History Class prize winners.

Simon Powrie

Below: Y13 History Class



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Another year has passed by so quickly. Everyone in the faculty has put in a stellar effort getting through another busy teaching year, both in the classroom and out on the fields and courts. There has been much mahi mahi this year around changing our Junior curriculum units into MYP units moving forward. Not denying things, it has been a bumpy road at times, with new footprints being left along the path, but there has been some good progress and revision around what our ākonga enjoy learning in our teaching area.



On the PE side, it has been a busy year trying to help get all our boys over the line with their credits and grades across all the new units. Thank you to all our PE staff for their hard work, patience and resilience throughout the year. On the Health side John our new Health teacher has been busy teaching Health to all Senior year groups and making progress with delivering important health issues, relevant to the needs of our community. On the Senior side, almost half of all Year 11 students at Nelson College take Physical Education which means it has been a busy year for our teachers. Our Level 1 curriculum is changing next year and a big thank you to Rob and Richard for their work with the new units ahead. Great to see Rob doing so well after a tough year with his health.

Our outside basketball courts and turf continue to provide many hours of fun during and after school and our school pool is such a popular place in the summer, where our boys enjoy the efforts that Dale has put into the upkeep of this awesome facility. We have a new sports meeting room along with a TV projector for video analysis for our sporting codes and we also have new TVs in our classroom which has improved our ability to teach. The Old Gym roof is being fixed and will be ready for 2024 which will be great for this teaching space too. Thanks again to Mat for all his efforts in the upkeep of our gyms... the badminton and volleyball net setup is looking so good!

In our practicals our Year 11s have enjoyed Touch, Kī o Rahi and Futsal all year. Our Year 12s have participated in Duathlon, Volleyball and Handball and our Year 13s have picked up some great skills going to the Nelson golf course to improve their swing. All our Junior boys also continue to enjoy and have fun in our practicals while learning important skills and knowledge going forward.

Many of our boys continue to show kairangi, pono and manaaki, our school values, around our spaces especially in looking after our turf at lunch, the gyms and weights room and we look forward to seeing this continue into the future. The faculty has been on some very insightful and enjoyable PD days this year, including visiting a Harko Brown workshop here in Whakatū where we took a lot of helpful tools that will help the faculty in our teaching going forward.

A big welcome and thank you to Guy Barber who has officially joined us this year as a teaching member of our faculty, keeping himself extra busy with all the classes, management, marking, planning, and reporting not to mention the teaching which he has done an awesome job with this year.

Thanks to Mark for his efforts in instituting a new Level 3 NCEA-accredited unit for the rugby boys for the first time. A lot of mahi has gone into this unit by Mark, and I am hoping things will look favourable for this course in the future.

Once again, a big thank you to Alethea our Sports Director for her efforts alongside our faculty. To all of our (ADP) Athlete Development Coaches, Rob, Sam, Johnno and Greg and of course our relievers; thank you for your efforts all year. To Allistair, our gratitude for cleaning around the faculty, you have 'saved our bacon' on many an occasion!

Can't finish off without another thank you again to Tony "the toolman" Anderson for once again showing us and the students his skills on the basketball courts and golf course, as well as all that he does fixing and repairing things around our faculty.

Many of our students continue to go well outside with all their co-curricular sports, achieving so many awesome milestones that there are too many to mention here. Also great to see some of the NC Old Boys we have taught doing so well, especially at this year's 2023 Rugby World Cup, just to mention one event. At least six of our Old Boys were in the All Blacks, Ireland and Tonga. We wish all our Old Boys well with their careers both on and off the field.

Looking to the new year there will be more challenging times that lay ahead with new NCEA changes as one example, but we are optimistic that the year will be fruitful, and fingers crossed, healthy and memorable for these challenges ahead. Thankyou once again to all in our faculty this year, great to be part of this awesome team.



Jamie Brown



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Another amazing year with weekly adventures and the term expeditions combined with over 70 trips out of the classroom across the five classes.

Term one was all about getting wet and wild with the two Year 11 classes doing their flatwater assessment at Tāhunanui beach before the students headed to Lake Rotoiti to kayak up to Lake Coldwater hut. Both classes worked hard during our pool sessions to acquire the necessary rescues and paddling skills. A lot about teamwork was learned when they had to cooperate to move their double sea kayaks efficiently. The immersion rescues in the sea were challenging but more pleasant than the cold lake previous students had faced and those who had put in the extra effort at school were rewarded for it.

Year 12 and 13 students had two days of white water kayaking. Several students had developed a pool roll and were able to translate this into a reliable river roll, allowing them to excel on the river. Most of the Year 12 students started on the Motueka River before heading south to Murchison where the rivers are bigger and faster. Some lucky Year 12 students got to paddle the mighty Mangles twice. The Year 13 students combined with the remaining Year 12 students and progressed quickly, enabling us to run Grinity section (grade 2+).

Tramping is the focus in Term 2 and early Term 3 (for one class) for the Year 11 and 12 classes. All four classes completed a three-day tramp. The Year 11 classes traversed the Richmond ranges from the Maitai Dam to the Hackett valley.

The Year 12 students chose their trips with the first class planning on

summiting Mt Owen, unfortunately the weather did not play ball and we went to Abel Tasman. The disappointment of not climbing a summit was partially made up for by golden beaches, warm huts and a crazy bush bash from Falls Creek. The other class traversed the St Arnaud range from Parachute Rock to Rainbow Ski Area. The first night was very cold (minus six degrees Celsius) but that meant we had a brilliant ice skate in the tarn before the ski field. The highlight was an 800 vertical metre scree run from West Bowl to Lake Head hut.



Eight Year 13 students rode the Paparoa track in late June. The track starts near Blackball and after a short fun descent climbs up a 140-year-old benched trail that was used by the gold miners in the 1800s. After a quick lunch stop at Ces Clark hut it was time to put extra layers on as a cool south westerly wind and drizzle met us on the tops. We did have a few mechanical issues with Mr Garside's derailer being taken out by a rock. The second day from Moonlight hut was the highlight day for several students with over 1500m of descent all through beautiful bush with stunning scenery and on a custom-built track.

In Term 3 we initially struggled to have enough snow for the Year 12 alpine day trips. The Year 13 alpine trip was cancelled due to a poor weather forecast and unsafe avalanche conditions.

The focus for the end of Term 3 and Term Four was rock climbing, with all the classes heading to Cable Bay or over the hill into Takaka, most climbing grades 12 to 18 which varied in height from 7 metres to 27 metres, although several Year 13 students were climbing in the 20's.

Thanks for joining us on the adventures.

Steve Garside and Josh Reynolds





11GEO students learning how a forestry harvesting operation works

GEOGRAPHY

In 2023, we were able to run all three Geography courses at Year 11, 12 and 13. While having relatively small classes in Year 12 and 13, there were significant benefits for both students and teacher in having smaller groups. Our Year 11 class was a good size, including a healthy diversity of students from a range of backgrounds.

This year has been filled with big events of relevance to Geography. Such events included; more significant weather for the North Island, the ongoing Ukraine-Russia crisis, wildfires in Hawaii, several decent earthquakes centred in the South Island and an upcoming nationwide election. Such events provide rich opportunities for classroom discussion and learning to take place. They also serve as powerful reminders of the importance of skills and knowledge gained from Geography and how these can be applied in the real world, both now and in the future.

It was very exciting to be able to run the full range of Geography field trips again this year, without the challenges posed by weather and Covid-19 we had over the last two to three years. A highlight for the Year 12 class was going on a three-day field trip to Rotoiti, staying at St. Arnaud in Term 1. This was the first time this trip had been run and proved a great success. There were two main objectives of the trip; to conduct primary research on how vegetation changes with altitude, and more broadly to learn about the Southern Alps and South Island high country environment. Both objectives were easily met within a landscape that offers many rich examples of physical geography processes and features. We are fortunate to have such a fantastic 'outdoor classroom' on our back doorstep!

Another highlight of the year was entering a team in the Maatangi Whenua quiz for Year 11 Geographers. This year Motueka High School kindly hosted the event. We sent a team of two (originally three, but one student had to pull out) to compete against other schools from the region. Nate Lewis and Max Malone did Nelson College proud and performed strongly, especially given they were down a group member. Many thanks go to Richard Brudvik-Lindner, who supported the students in my absence. The boys enjoyed the variety of the challenges within the quiz, as well as the chance to meet and compete against students from other schools.

We look forward to 2024 and beyond. It is exciting to anticipate and plan for the curriculum changes coming for Year 11 Geography next year which should improve the subject by providing a broader understanding of the world through Geography. We should also see less pressure placed upon both teachers and students, with much less emphasis on assessment. The future in Geography looks positive!

Dave Purdie



11GEO students visiting an ancient Tōtara tree during their forestry field trip

12GEO students enjoying the view from the St Arnaud Range Track





TOURISM

In 2023 we had a combined class of Year 12 and 13 students in Tourism. As the majority of the class were Year 13s, we ran a Level 3 course for all the students. This was a slight step up for the Year 12s who were effectively completing work designed for Year 13 students, but they performed fairly well!

We started the year with a large class, but as time progressed the class size decreased as several students left school – mainly Year 13s. It was pleasing that several of the students who left went on to further opportunities that better suited them beyond school, such as apprenticeships, tertiary study or employment.

One of the highlights of the year was taking a field trip to Kaiteriteri where we were hosted by Wilsons Abel Tasman. Wilsons is one of the longest-operating tourism businesses in the region, with a long and rich historical connection to Nelson-Tasman. Those who went on the trip benefitted from the knowledge of our guide Sam, who led us on a guided sea kayaking journey north, along the coast into the Abel Tasman National Park. Sam helped the students understand the nature of the Wilsons business, as well as the key aspects of the role of tour guide. This experience provided students with a great opportunity to understand Tourism better by actively participating in it.

As a class, we were lucky to have three international students join us this year, from Germany, Japan and the USA. These students added extra flavour to the classroom and in turn, also enjoyed learning more about their host country through the perspective of Tourism. While Yuki from Japan remains with us, Oliver from the USA and Hannes from Germany returned home in the second half of the year. Hopefully Hannes and Oliver remember New Zealand fondly and return one day as tourists, or even residents!

Overall, this was a successful year in Tourism. Many students worked consistently hard throughout the year and gained plenty from the course. It is exciting to know that some of the class are considering further study in Tourism next year when they leave school, including one in particular who has been accepted at Queenstown Resort College – we are all a little jealous of the opportunities he will get to experience!

Dave Purdie



SCIENCE

Despite more disruptions in the Science faculty this year from industrial action and Science teacher shortages, staff and students have met these challenges head-on.

Through IB Middle Years Programme piloting units, Junior students explored multiple real-world applications for the Science content they learned. This deepened their understanding of the concepts taught while exposing them to potential future careers or industries in which they might find employment. Many students were surprised when they realised that what they thought was purely theoretical, often had important practical uses in the real world.

The highly successful Science-focused careers unit, which was piloted last year for our junior students and effectively paired the Science curriculum with guest speakers from relevant sectors, will be reintroduced at the end of this year.

Some of our more enthusiastic students entered national and regional Science competitions including the Otago University Science Quiz and the Cawthron Scitech Science Fair. Several of these students won accolades through these competitions for their mahi.

Senior students have worked hard to keep on top of their work during disruptions this year and will be looking forward to spreading their wings during a more settled year in 2024.

Johnnie Fraser

INSPIRING FUTURES EVENT

At the culmination of their unit of studies, Y10 students got to take part in the Inspiring Futures Event. This unique occasion brought together students and professionals who utilise acids and bases in their everyday work. The event aimed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world applications, showcasing the diverse career opportunities in the field of Science.



Six professionals, including a Baker, Winemaker, Water Engineer, Pharmacist, Spat Farmer, and Fertiliser Consultant, came to share their personal journeys and inspire students by shedding light on the role acids and bases play in their respective careers. The event featured a series of interactive activities designed to engage students and foster curiosity:

1. 20 Questions: In this fun activity, role models, dressed casually, sat in front of the students. Armed with only yes, no, sometimes, or maybe responses, students had up to 20 questions to guess each role model's profession.
2. The Reveal: Role models left and then returned to the room donning their professional gear, and unveiled their true vocations, followed by anecdotes about how they employ acids and bases in their daily tasks.
3. Speed Date: Students were divided into groups, each visiting every role model in rotation. This allowed students to gain insight into various career pathways and discover the practical applications of science in different industries.
4. Project Presentation: Students delved into a local industry or everyday context of their choosing. They developed conference poster presentations discussing the implications and significance of acids and bases in society, particularly when used to create products or solve problems. These presentations were displayed in the school hall, and students presented their findings to their peers in Years 7 and 8.



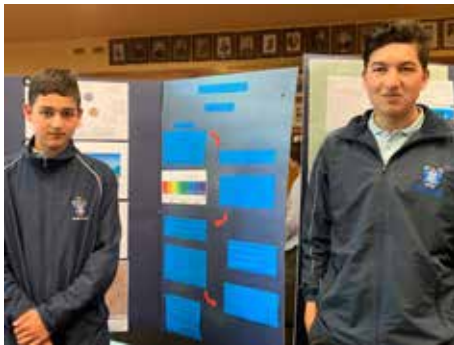
MAKING THE CONNECTION

Science teachers involved in the program observed a shift in students' perspectives, as they began to see the direct connection between what they learned in the classroom and its real-world applications.

Dr. Deb Stuart shared her thoughts: "This is how I want to teach; the program has exceeded my expectations."

The aim of these activities was to open young minds to the myriad career possibilities available in the Nelson region, where Science plays an integral role. Students embraced the opportunity to learn about various industries and shared their newfound knowledge with younger students.

The Inspiring Futures Event exemplified how innovative teaching methods and interactive experiences can bridge the gap between classroom education and the world of real-world careers. It showcased the boundless potential of young minds and the invaluable contribution of professionals who use Science in their everyday work.



Above Left: Caleb Vellupalai & Nikau Adams. **Below Left:** Hogan Ward, with their displays from the event

Above Right: Lucas Osmond, with his diorama for the Y9 Biodiversity topic

JUNIOR SCIENCE

Our Junior Science curriculum is currently undergoing a revamp that is aimed at instilling scientific literacy and Science skills in students to prepare them for life outside of school, and for the revised NCEA assessment standards. These skills include analysing the validity of information, using scientific methods to gain evidence for a hypothesis, and applying scientific ideas and concepts.

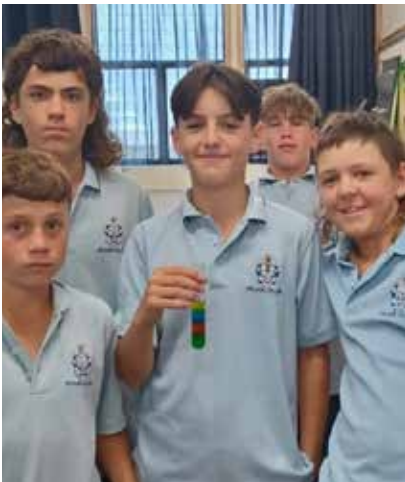
In this light it is important for Junior students to see the value of Science in their lives and to be exposed to a variety of scientific concepts and processes.

This means students are being exposed to scientific methods that explain and investigate both the everyday observable world but also the microscopic and nano-world that require modelling and comparisons.

Students are learning to evaluate the merits of differing viewpoints from a scientific perspective and to evaluate and justify their own knowledge and viewpoint.

Current units focus on scientific skills such as fair testing, research, developing content knowledge, and developing a deep understanding of the impact and importance of science in their lives and for society.

Junior students also learn how scientific knowledge is developed and modified over time, often for decades or centuries. The Year 10 Geology topic looked into our understanding of plate tectonics, mountain building, and earthquakes by learning about the discoveries and research of many people over the last century.



For each Unit, students have been required to consider both a local and global perspective within the topics they are learning about. Students still learn the same basic knowledge but gain a deeper understanding of the concepts and how science relates to their everyday lives by investigating local issues.

For example, the Year 9 classes this year investigated how to produce potable (drinkable) water via filtration, which will lead nicely into the Year 10 Chemistry Unit about acids and bases in which students learn from engineers at Fulton Hogan how they ensure that our water supply is potable.

Year 9 students also investigated the importance and use of electromagnetic waves, in an area of their choice related to communication, such as fibre-optics, GPS, medicine or music.

The Year 9 Diversity Topic emphasised the importance of environmental biology in local industries and everyday life. This knowledge can influence many aspects of student's future lives including diet choices, life-style choices, farming practices, transport decisions and pet selection. Students were tasked with creating a poster, diorama, model, or website to explain the use of Science in restoring and protecting biodiversity in a New Zealand ecosystem.

In Year 11 the Double-Science option was a popular choice with students. This course was a good way for the Science Faculty to test the waters with the incoming changes to Year 11/NCEA Level 1. In 2024, new standards have been developed with a Chemistry/Biology focus and Physics/Earth & Space focus, or a Science Literacy focus. The changes to our Junior Science curriculum will also feed very nicely into these new Y11 NCEA standards.

Nelson College students entered various Science competitions as per usual this year. Of note were the successful college students at the Cawthron Scitech Science Fair. Arturo Neale and Max Harrington won the Science Communications Prize for a second year running with an investigation into the placebo effect and caffeine. Hunter Royds and Campbell Gallagher won the Year 9-10 Research Prize looking into sedimentation. Finn Palmer and Michael Lee won the Data and Coding Prize by creating an AI home-help program and the Engineering Prize was won by Lincon Fisher, Harvey Newmann and Jake Scranney for their impressive rocket stove.

Back at the College, a big thanks needs to go to Kiri Bascand, our new Science Technician, for all her efforts this year. She has made the Science Department home, putting her personal touch on procedures and organisation. She has demonstrated her artistic talents making various models for students to use and has put her Microbiology knowledge to use with great effect. The science department could not run without her.

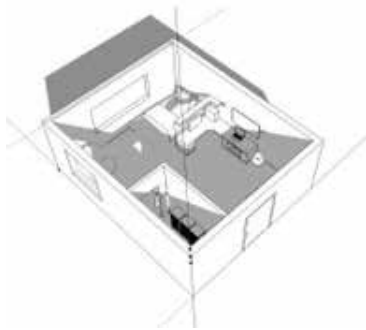
Johnnie Fraser

JUNIOR GRAPHICS

The skills and knowledge required to design a functional and aesthetic project, whether it be a product or a spatial design, begin in Year 9 with “Skills through Technology”. Graphics is often described as the language of technology. The ability to describe and communicate ideas to others visually.

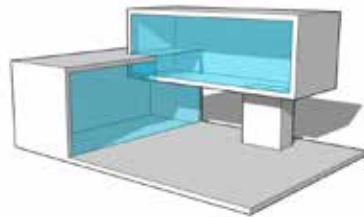
The basics of sketching, rendering, and annotation lead to the more formal presentation of a design, with set squares, compass, and rules as well as CAD is a process that enables the Juniors to fully communicate their ideas.

Year 9 students learned new visual communication skills in their graphics class this year. Working with freehand sketching, technical drawing tools and computer software to visualise their ideas. One of the projects completed this year is a design for a sleep out.



Y9 Sleepout - Sam Ibbotson

Kieran Cleary



The shipping container home concept by Finn Sorenson

At Year 10 the skill-set is stepped up to gradually incorporate more technical skills and knowledge, including CAD (Computer Aided Design) to design ideas in both Product design and Architecture. CAD drawing of a Water bottle design by Hugo Hopkins. (Right)



SENIOR GRAPHICS

Graphics/DVC at Nelson College starts in Year 9 with the compulsory “Skills through Technology” rotation. At this stage, the progression through the college to Senior graphics begins.

Key skills and techniques are taught in progressive steps.

The progression for Year 11 is the design of an iconic New Zealand building, a tramping hut (spatial design), and a lamp (product design) in the style of a famous or influential designer of their choice. This encourages the boys to look at the wider world and the technology and design that surrounds us.

At Year 12, they looked at modular aspects of architecture and the historical influences of eras and design movements on products.

It was through this process that Ben Forbes-Moody acquired the potential to gain his Scholarship last year. Scholarship Graphics involves the designer utilising their own observations and in-depth research and knowledge to design and develop either a spatial or product design.

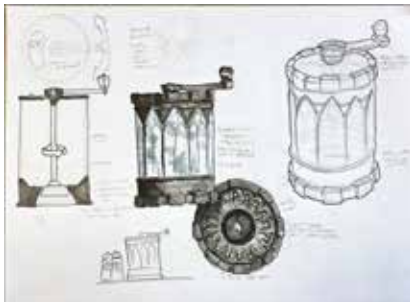
During 2023, our Year 13s were tasked with the development of a café on Nelson’s “Great Taste Trail”. This involved an understanding of human factors,

technical knowledge of buildings and construction, and their interaction with the chosen environment. As well as the consideration of aesthetics and functional aspects of spatial/ architectural design.

Kieran Cleary



Ben Forbes-Moody Scholarship Graphics Ideation



James Ben Year 12 Graphics Product design



Ben Forbes-Moody Scholarship Graphics Final design for Great Taste Trail Cafe

ENGINEERING

Engineering has had a very productive year both within the workshop and the CAD (Computer Aided Design) suite. Student numbers have increased across all year levels with the standard of production moving to high levels. The Year 10's are introduced to the workshop by producing a rocket stove suitable for camping. The skills gained through this are cutting and shaping flat and box section steel before welding/grinding and finally designing and fabricating a container to hold all the components. The Year 11's continue to enhance the skills needed to fabricate a toolbox, produce a Kant clamp and make a large screwdriver. The clamp and screwdriver introduce students to lathe and mill machining, experience aluminium casting and heat treat steels.

This progression of skills enable the Year 12 students to make a traction engine based on the original MAMOD design which runs on steam. This can be further developed at Year 13 by making the advanced style MAMOD engine (a double action single cylinder) for the original traction engine. The alternative to this is to make a two-cylinder overhead rotating valve engine that runs on compressed air. The Year 12's and 13's spend a number of weeks in the computer suite drawing these engines in 3D and then creating 2D instrumental drawings in SolidWorks. These can then be used in the workshop to create the actual engines.

Robin Ringwood



Will Lasenby | Y10



Hunter Brewerton | Y13

AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

What a year!! Our programme in automotive is always busy and this year has been no exception. We have 2 full Year 12 classes, with some very enthusiastic students, who have completed the course in record time, achieving maximum credits.

The Grass Kart programme that the Year 13 students take, has had a slight change of direction, as NMIT (our major organisers/sponsors of the end of year competition) pulled out earlier in the year. This meant that were still committed to building karts, as we had already begun construction. So we decided to forge ahead and join the local Tasman Grass Kart Club racing event towards the end of the year. The students are very enthusiastic and very competitive, so this is a good outlet to test the Karts in a real race situation. The club were very accommodating and the students really enjoyed competing on a competition-sized track at Stanley Brook. The rain held off and the karts held together pretty well. As always, I am grateful for the support of the Technology department, the school and community for this programme, which for the students, is a taste of designing, building and then racing their creations.

Jeremy Classen



TRADE BUILDING

The Trade Building programmes focus on providing students with the opportunity to learn carpentry skills and building theory. The double elective programmes are ideally suited to someone wanting to pursue a career in the building trades. That said, learning to build a small building is good fun, and valuable learning for anyone. The single Year 12 elective is focussed on carpentry skills and garden furniture construction.

This year the students have completed personal projects such as sawhorses, stepladders, benches, side tables, and folding Cape Cod chairs. The double elective classes have also completed full-sized weather-tight playhouses, workbenches, sandpit cupboards, mini-marae or whares, and a curved roof garden shed. The playhouses are sold to the public to the delight of a few lucky Nelson kids, eager to get on to the playhouse property ladder! The workbenches and the sandpit cupboards are great additions to kindergartens in the area. This year the mini-marae or whares will be sold to two local kindergartens and will be a fantastic addition to their facilities. Finally, the curved roof garden shed was constructed for a client in The Glen and will reflect his own curved roofed house.

In building these projects the students have gained a lot of carpentry and building skills and enjoyed working together in teams. They've done a great job and can be proud of the contributions they have made to the community. Some of the students have progressed onto apprenticeships within the trades while others have gained some great life skills.

Will Bosnich



Zahn Gardyne



Zahn Gardyne & Zac Bustin building a playhouse



FINE WOODWORKING

When I reflect on another busy year in the woodworking workshop, I visualise the many faces that filled my classes. I remember the smiles of so many who love the subject, the frustration of those who experienced failures, the friendly greetings, and the proud poses when completed projects are photographed.

My students would most likely agree that I set high expectations in my class for accuracy and neatness, and that she'll-be-right attitudes raise the hairs on my neck.

For this year's Nelsonian entry, I would like to give praise to the many young men who displayed kairangi through persevering in getting their projects completed to a high standard. It takes maturity, grit and a high level of work ethic to push through mistakes and to complete a project with accuracy, neatness and pride.

These projects include picture frames and identity presentations in Year 9, wooden stools and student-driven storage solutions in Year 10. Year 11 students produce picture frames for art collaboration and carpenter's toolboxes, finishing with bedside cabinets in Year 12.

I would like to thank the many students who displayed manaaki by helping their peers through difficult tasks, or who regularly cleaned beyond the expected. Thank you to those who displayed Pono by arriving to class with the correct equipment, or owned up when rules were broken.

All of you played a part in making 2023 a memorable year.
He pumau tonu te mana – Prestige is permanent

Cobus Botes



Kodi McGillan | Y9



Will Horncastle | Y11



Isaac van Zijll de Jong | Y11

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Students from Years 10 – 13 participated in the Food and Hospitality programme this year and it's been amazing to see the popularity of the course and how keen young men are to learn how to cook and thrive in this industry.

The classes have been full of budding chefs, who've been a pleasure to teach. It's encouraging that no matter where you go in the world, hospitality and tourism skills are always in demand.

This year had its challenges and roofing renovations meant that the Food and Hospitality classroom was out of action for two terms. So, we had to think outside the box and in Term 2 it was all about BBQs.

The students adapted well - cooking up a storm with lots of different street food – the most popular being the Big Mac Tacos/Big Mac Smash Tacos/Smash Big Mac Tacos/TikTok Big Mac Tacos/Smash Burger Tacos – whatever they're called, they're delicious!

In Term 3, students were lucky enough to be able to cook regularly at the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology in a commercial kitchen with state-of-the-art equipment. This was an amazing opportunity for them, and it was rewarding seeing them work as a team and produce some delicious food, improving their skill levels as the term progressed. A big thank you to Chris Fortune from NMIT for making this happen. It required a fair amount of organising, but the students stepped up and I was proud of the way they conducted themselves outside of the school environment.

A special thanks to the office ladies who transported the students regularly down to NMIT in minivans.

Term 4 saw us back in our cooking classroom which was a highlight of the year for my students and me. A big thank you to Tina Van Dijk - Business Manager who was incredible in getting us back into the classroom quickly and keeping me up to date with the progress of the renovation.

We were unable to open Gargiulo's Restaurant this year but look forward to opening next year, as this is a great learning experience and a big part of the course that we want to continue.

I would also like to say a special thanks to Kieran Cleary who stepped in with great enthusiasm to teach my Year 10 classes this year.

Normally I finish with a cooking quote but this year I think it needs to be about adaptation. It has been a frustrating year, but I have been surprised and proud of the way the boys have adapted and taken it in their stride to make the most of it.

"Adaptation is a profound process. It means you figure out how to thrive in the world."

Quinton Gately





SPORT



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TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATU

SPORTS OFFICE WRAP

2023 has been a really busy year for Mark and I in the Sports Office. Just over two-thirds of the boys at school play sport, across 25 different sports equating to 116 sports teams for the year. Some of these teams played in local weekly competitions, some in Tasman Secondary School events, some travelled to South Island Secondary School events and some to NZ Secondary School events. This year we also had the Rugby 7s trip to the UK in March.

A cricketing highlight was our team travelling to a very special game at Willows Cricket Club in Christchurch and winning that game. Thanks to Jon Routhan who coached our 1st XI and Isaac Day who was the team manager. These two won the Coach of the Year Award for all of Nelson Cricket. Jon has had to step down as coach this coming season and so Isaac will take over the reins and we look forward to some more great results.

Our combined House and Championship Athletics was a highlight. We had to combine the two events at Saxton Athletics Track, as our front field was being refurbished. What a great day! All boys had to do at least two events and earned House points. Those going for the Championship in each age grade did five events. Thanks to all the staff who worked hard to make this day a success.

Whilst some of the smaller sports struggled with numbers after COVID, our main sports were thriving. Twenty-nine Basketball teams took to the court every Wednesday. Thanks to Sam Dempster who coaches our Senior A & B teams, and our Academy class. Thanks to Meg Matthews for her tireless energy in organising the boys and sponsorship.

We are very fortunate to have high quality coaches across all our main sports. Jono Phillips, Mike Fraser, Marty O’Cain and Greg Foe did a fantastic job with the 1st XV Rugby team. Rob Anderson and Jamie Brown are both teachers and coach the 1st XI Football team and 1st XI Hockey teams respectively. A special mention to Jonti Austin who is an Old Boy studying at NMIT and for his hours he coached the hockey boys with Jamie mentoring him. Dylan Wells has continued in his role as Volleyball Coach and does a great job with our teams. Thank you all.

Thanks to other staff who went away with teams; Mr Alex Crisp with Get2Go & Mountain Biking, Mr Vaughan Watson with Mountain Biking, Mrs Nicki Lawes with Sailing, and Mr Wayne Hippolite and Mr Api Filai with Ki o Rahi.

The year is not over yet. As I write this, we still have 12 events and seven trips away between October and December. They often miss out on the celebration of their successes due to the time of the year. Safe travels to our Junior Volleyball, Senior 7’s Rugby, Touch and Athletics teams.

I have been at Nelson College for almost 10 years now! “Time flies when you are having fun” they say. It’s true for me. I love watching our boys grow into fine young men and succeeding in sport and life. I love hearing about boys successes and watching our Old Boys out in the world. Congratulations to our six Old Boys involved in the Rugby World Cup – Leicester Fainga’anuku, David and William Havili, Ethan Blackadder (All Blacks), James Lowe (Ireland) and Andrew Goodman (Assistant Coach, Samoa). Also to Finn Fisher-Black who is doing amazing things in the cycling world overseas. As another year draws to a close, I would like to thank coaches, managers, parents and helpers who have contributed in a small or large way to the success of our sporting programme. We look forward to 2024!!

Alethea Stove, Director of Sport

SPORTING COLOURS

BASKETBALL

LEVEL ONE

Adam Barton, William Daniel, Elijah Inwood, Sam John, Charlie Keen, Robbie Lawson, James Matthews, Jack Mellor, Harry Restieaux, Peyton Ritchie, Alex Taylor, Rico Varricchio

CRICKET

LEVEL ONE

Fenlon Bayley, Liam Day, Jamie Hampson, Sam John, Jordan Kelso, Ryan Mirfin, Benjamin Neale, Harry Restieaux, Fynn Roberts, Lucky Singh, Kurt Ward, Charlie Wilson

FOOTBALL

LEVEL ONE

Jay Anderson, Zac Bustin, Caden Cooley, Charlie Cuff, Enda Doherty, Matt Donald, Liam Goodger, Connor Goody, Erwin Grab, Willa Ly, Angus McAllister, Tim Newson, Samuel Rual Hleng, George Thompson, Ethan Turner, Caleb Williams

HOCKEY

LEVEL ONE

Olly Avery, Scott Brown, Lochlan Cockerell-Brandt, Oliver Coltman, Jaxin Dicks-Winter, Kobe

Gribble, Luke Jordan, Dallas Kelso, Jordan Kelso, Josh Lovell, Kian Mellor, Blake Sinclair, Daniel Sturm, Hogan Ward, Kurt Ward, Leo Yianakis

ROWING

LEVEL ONE

Ted Callaghan, Ollie Hawkins, Zachary Irving, Hannes Jungehuelsing, Blair Lind, Ollie Lock, George Moloney, Cooper Nichols, Charlie Parker, Murdoch Smith, Ethan Steele, Jaxon Taylor, Ollie White

RUGBY 7'S

LEVEL ONE

Fanua Fa'avae, Zyon Ford, Oliver Gibbons, Kaelan Grafton, Connor Hulme, Harrison Inch, Finn Kilworth, Dane Leppien, Liam McKenzie, Mike Morrison, Callum Robertson, Saumaki Saumaki, Teina Thompson

RUGBY

LEVEL ONE

Storm Bolatuku, Kobe Brownlee, Blake Craddock, Fanua Fa'avae, Zyon Ford, Oliver Gibbons, Kaelan Grafton, Jamie Hampson, Connor Hulme, Harrison Inch, Kobi Johnson, Finn

Kilworth, Linton Laiseni, Dane Leppien, Sione Mafi, Liam McKenzie, Samiuela Moimoi, Mike Morrison, Koebi Moser, Tom Perkins, Callum Robertson, Saumaki Saumaki, Teina Thompson, Hamuera Topia-Pene, Lucca Traut, Quinton Tuhakaraina, Jimmy West, Tawhiao Whitham-Tekotua

SAILING

LEVEL ONE

Jay Brixton, Ty Incendy, Finlay Lawes, Henry Miller, Bruno Page, Harry Reith, Joao Ventura

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

LEVEL ONE

Chase Banks, Jay Brixton, Sam Dukes, Hamish Dukes, Samuel Holmes, Guyon Janssen, Kees Mant, Oliver Morton, Nick Peterson, Zack Rowberry, James Stevenson

VOLLEYBALL

LEVEL ONE

Cairo Faaeteete-Masina, Maaka Hall, Leon James, Cameron Mullett, Jay Neal, Connor Packer, Manaia Roberts, Ethan Ryland, Sonam Tamang, Garrick Wong

2023 SPORTS AWARDS

MONDAY 30 OCTOBER, 2023

TOP AWARDS

ATHLETICS - Rathbone Memorial Trophy for Senior Athletic Champion

Manaia Roberts

BASKETBALL - Baden Turley Cup for Influence in Basketball

Adam Barton

CHESS - Smart Trophy for School Chess Champion

Samuel Holmes

CRICKET - McLaren Cup - Best Cricketer in the school

Benjamin Neale

CROSS COUNTRY - Cooper Cup for Senior Cross Country Champion

Fenlon Bayley

FOOTBALL - Brydon Bros Cup for Influence in Football

George Thompson

HOCKEY - Senior Player of the Year

**Scott Brown
Kurt Ward**

MOUNTAIN BIKING - Senior Champion

Tom Hoare

ROWING - Joe Brady Trophy for best senior individual

Murdoch Smith

RUGBY - R P O'Gorman Cup for 1st XV Player of the Year

Sione Mafi

SAILING - MVP/Contribution to team

Bruno Page

SWIMMING - Eastern Extension Telegraph Co Cup - Senior Champion

Oliver Morton

UNDERWATER HOCKEY Warwick King Trophy for Top Player

Samuel Holmes

VOLLEYBALL - Fergusson Cup for Senior Volleyball Player of the Year

Leon James

SPORTS MASTERS CUP - CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT & RECREATION

George Thompson

WOOD CUP FOR BEST ALL-ROUND ATHLETE UNDER 16 ½

Saumaki Saumaki

MORRISON CUP FOR BEST ALL-ROUND ATHLETE

Sione Mafi

ATHLETICS

Evan Beattie Memorial Cup for Intermediate Championship

Hogan Ward

Collins Cup for 100m Senior Championship

Mike Morrison

Headmaster's Cup for 200m Senior Championship

Mike Morrison

Barron Cup for 400m Senior Championship

Sakuntha Balasuriya

Duncan Cup for 800m Senior Championship

Fenlon Bayley

Talbot Cup for 1500m Senior Championship

Fenlon Bayley

Marjoribanks Shield for 80m and 100m Senior Championship

Mike Morrison

Jackson Cup for 110m Hurdles Senior Championship

Manaia Roberts

Junior Cup for Under 15 Athletics Championship

Taydin Hill

Masefield Cup - most points in Jumps & Hurdles

Manaia Roberts

Lautenslager Cup - Senior 3000m Champion

Fenlon Bayley

BASKETBALL

Commitment to Basketball

Robbie Lawson

Most Improved Player

Jack Mellor**CHESS**

Contribution to Chess

Jayden Coetzee**CRICKET**

Methven Cup for the Best Cricketer U17

Harry Restieaux

Dee Cup - Excellence in Fielding

Liam Day

Robinson Cup - Best Bowler in the school

Benjamin Neale

Patrick & James McKenna Trophy for Best Batsman

Sam John**CROSS COUNTRY**

Graham Cup - Intermediate Champion

Hogan Ward**FOOTBALL**

Spicer-Heath Cup - Sportsmanship in 1st XI

Liam Goodger**GOLF**

The Cresswell Cup - Best nett score in inter-school competition

Caleb Minson

Best gross score in inter-school competition

Caleb Minson**HOCKEY**

Top of the South Trophy for influence in Hockey

Oliver Coltman

Wilson Cup - Most improved player in 1st XI

Olly Avery

Finn O'Neill-Stevens Memorial Trophy- Commitment & Dedication to NC Hockey

Jordan Kelso**MOUNTAIN BIKING**

Under 16 Champion

Lochie Bates**OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

Carty Cup for Tramping

Finn Cathman

Chas Boyce Prize - Matakai Leadership

Scott Brown**ROWING**

Brook Robertson Trophy - Best Crew

**Murdoch Smith
Olly White**

Jamie Orsbourn - Most Improved Rower

Cooper Nichols

Luke Brady Trophy - best contribution to Rowing

Ethan Steele**RUGBY**1st XV Cup - Most Improved Forward in 1st XV
Saumaki Saumaki1st XV Cup - Most Improved Back in 1st XV
Oliver GibbonsWarburton Medallion - Best Goal Kicker in school
Zyon FordSports Therapy Trophy - Best U17 Grade Player
Harrison InchY11 Player of the Year
Tom Perkins**SAILING**Most Improved
Jay BrixtonCommitment to Sailing
Henry MillerMost Valuable Player
Bruno Page**SWIMMING**Intermediate Champion
Chase Banks**UNDERWATER HOCKEY**Nelson UW Hockey Assn. Trophy - Contribution to UW Hockey
Kees Mant**VOLLEYBALL**Dalzell Trophy - Influence in Volleyball
Cameron Mullett

ATHLETICS

This year saw a change to our historical House and Championship events as we were not able to use the front field due to the upgrade, and it sure looks great! This meant we had to take the whole school to Saxton Athletics Track and combine our events. It was a huge day, but fantastic to see the House spirit in full force.

Every boy did a minimum of two events and a massive thanks to staff for all their work in making sure all the events were completed in time. A very special message of appreciation to Phil Costley as he almost single-handedly set up the whole venue before 7.30am! Unfortunately for Nelson College, Mr Costley has moved onto a new job. At the end of the event, Alethea spent many hours collating results and the following boys were outstanding in the quest to be our age group Champions.

Congratulations to Mike Morrison who won the Marjoribanks Shield (dates back to 1889) which is the Senior Boys spirit double – 80m & 100m.

Congratulations to Fenlon Bayley who is our Senior 800m, 1500, & 3000m Champion.

Alethea Stove

OVERALL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

U14 – Liam Soper

U15 – Taydin Hill

U16 – Hogan Ward

U19 – Manaia Roberts

Manaia Roberts also won the trophy for most points in Jumps and Hurdles.

HOUSE RESULTS

1st – Kahurangi

2nd – Monro

3rd – Boarders

4th – Chaytor

5th – Domett

6th – Robinson

TSS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nelson College took a strong 77-man team to this event. We had boys in most events across all age grades. Results highlights: Relays 4x100m - 1st in U15, U16, U19 and 2nd in U14

Niall Foster - 1st U15 100m

Marlin Brown - 1st U14 High Jump

Alize Cassidy - 1st U15 Long Jump

Taydin Hill - 1st U15 200m, 2nd 100m & 4th 800m

Saumaki Saumaki - 1st U19 Shot Put

Sione Mafi - 1st U19 Discus and 2nd in Javelin

Finn Cathman - 1st U19 Triple Jump

Hogan Ward - 1st U16 800m, 1500m & 3000m

Fenlon Bayley - 1st U19 1500m & 3000m

S.I ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

A team of 9 boys headed south to Invercargill. Despite the weather being really unpleasant at times our boys competed well.

Marlin Brown - 4th U14 high Jump & 3rd 80m Hurdles

Fenlon Bayley - 6th U19 3000m & 7th 1500m

Sukuntha Balasuriya - 5th U19 400m & 800m

Taydin Hill - 5th U15 200m

Niall Foster - 4th U14 100m

A special thanks to Julian Matthews and Annika Pfitzinger for coaching and looking after our boys. New Zealand Secondary Schools Nationals is still to come in December.



Senior A Basketball: Back Row: Tony Anderson (Coach), Charlie Keen, Harry Restieaux, Robbie Lawson, Elijah Inwood, Alex Taylor, Sam Dempster (Coach)
Front Row: Rico Varricchio, William Daniel, Adam Barton, Sam John, Jack Mellor, Peyton Ritchie

BASKETBALL

SENIOR COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

After many players from the 2022 season graduated from Nelson College, the program was perceived to be in a rebuild stage by most of the country. However, new-to-school additions of Rico Varricchio and Elijah Inwood, and the development of other NC students added to the veteran group of Robbie Lawson, James Matthews and Adam Barton. Under the leadership of coach Sam Dempster, the group knew they had the talent to compete for a national championship.

The first true test of the team came at the inaugural Whakatū Invitational. The Senior A team competed against some of the best teams in the South Island, going undefeated against quality teams of Rangiora High School, Otago Boys, St Andrew's, and St Bede's.

The next step on the road to a national title was to qualify for the National Secondary Schools tournament at South Islands in Dunedin. After going undefeated in the pool stages, Nelson College matched up with a strong St Andrews team in the South Island quarter final. With an all-around complete team performance, NC closed out the game down the final stretch (getting revenge for the Junior final), resulting in automatic qualification for nationals. The biggest game of the tournament came in the semi-final, where NC

matched up with local rivals Waimea College. Despite Waimea being considered one of the best teams in the country, NC showed that they weren't as untouchable as many thought, in a dogfight of a game in which the usually composed Waimea was visibly rattled, NC narrowly lost by eight points. Despite the despairing loss, the team bounced back, beating St Thomas in the third and fourth game. Despite the overwhelming success at South Islands, nationals proved to be another level.



Representatives from Nelson College in the U17 Nelson Team, who were 2023 National Champions

The pool stage was tough and made even tougher with the absence of key contributor James Matthews (at Asia U16 competition) for the crucial first game. However, after finding confidence a couple of days into the tournament, the team pulled off a major upset against a strong St Patricks Silverstream team, showing the country that Nelson College has a powerhouse basketball program. Despite this, the team placed 5th in the pool. As a result, NC was placed in the 17-24 category, a mark that everyone knew the team was much better than. However, the team had found its groove and finished out the tournament on a five-game winning streak, highlighted by wins against competitive Dilworth, Feilding, and Mount Maunganui teams. Although the goal of a national championship wasn't reached, the tournament showed that the group at Nelson College is extremely talented, and will be competing at the highest level for years to come.

A massive thank you to the head coaches of both teams, Sam Dempster and Benjamin Hawthorne. Without their time, effort and sacrifice, NC basketball wouldn't exist. A further thank you to Andy Stevens, Tony Anderson, and Meg Matthews for all their work behind the scenes throughout the entire season.

Lastly, good luck to the group that will be returning next year, and all the best to the Year 13's that will be leaving the programme.

JAMES MATTHEWS ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

James Matthews has been busy this year training for his two favourite sports. He is so talented that he was selected in two New Zealand teams! James works really hard at school as well and is above average academically. He was selected in the New Zealand U18 Baseball team who played in the WBSC U18 Oceania Qualifier. They came second but had a historic win against Australia (first time a NZ team has beaten an Australian team). James was also one of three finalists for Baseball New Zealand Junior player of the year for the 2022/23 season.

James returned from Doha in September 2023 as a member of the New Zealand U16 Basketball team that competed in the FIBA U16 Asian Championships. It's a qualifier for the FIBA U17 World Cup in 2024. New Zealand had a narrow loss to Australia in the final and qualified for the World Cup !!

We are looking forward to watching this amazing young man on his pathway to being a future superstar. Congratulations James!!





Junior A Basketball: Back Row: Sam Dempster (Coach), Woody Keen, Che Weepu, Sonny Kaho, Kian Mellor, Ben Hawthorne (Coach) | Front Row: Nixon Marfell, David Mangar, Rihare Tanoa, Coby Davis, Cohen Ferguson, Lincoln Stebbings
Absent: Flynn Sargeant, Ashton Walker

JUNIOR COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

We normally have a Junior A squad of 20 boys and divide them into two even teams for the Wednesday night College competition. This year the skill level was high, and we just couldn't choose 20, so we chose 30 and entered three teams in the local Junior Division 1 competition. This meant we were developing a larger pool of Junior players for the future.

After a tough selection process, the coaches finally settled on their Junior A team to defend its 2022 South Island Secondary Schools title. After a year of learning and training under coaches Benjamin Hawthorne and Ollie Shallcrass, the Junior team left for South Islands full of confidence. In the pool stages NC comfortably beat St Bede's, and narrowly beat a strong Hillmorton High School team. In the quarter-final the team beat Kings High School, setting up a semi-final against local powerhouse Otago Boys'. However, key pieces of the Junior team such as Ashton Walker, Che Weepu, Flynn Sargeant and Rihare Tanoa had been training with the Senior boys all year and were ready for the challenge. NC beat out OBs in a close two point game, setting up a South Island final against St Andrews College. The final was back and forth for the entire 40 minutes, but unfortunately didn't favour Nelson College. Despite the loss, the tournament showed that the entire team had the potential to have further success in the NC basketball programme.

SOCIAL GRADES BASKETBALL

The popularity of Basketball has exploded in New Zealand over the past decade, with Nelson College taking part in the trend. With over 29 teams entering into local competitions, Nelson College Basketball teams have been shattering the stereotype that “Nelson College is just a Rugby school”.

After the competitive teams were selected, boys were able to make their own teams to play every Wednesday. We had 23 teams in social grades, and it was awesome to see so many NC boys out at Saxton every week. Thank you boys for displaying pono every week as you took to the court

Thanks to the parents, Senior boys and other helpers who made it possible to have these teams. Thanks to Tony Anderson who drove a shuttle bus to and from the Boarding Hostel every Wednesday so boys could play!



NC Navy Junior Team - winners of the Junior Division 1 competition



Cricket 1st XI: Back Row: Jon Routhan, Hogan Ward, Fenlon Bayley, Charlie Wilson, Fynn Roberts, Ryan Mirfin
Front Row: Sandith Nanayakkara, Liam Day, Sam John, Jamie Hampson, Kurt Ward

CRICKET

Nelson College 1st XI enjoyed a positive and successful Cricket season, claiming two of the four Inter-School trophies that were available across the season and competing strongly against all sides in the local premier competition.

The club competition kicked off in the Term 3 school holidays in 2022 and ran until the first week of March, with a new structure to the premier competition which saw the two-day format included for the first time in over five years. The First XI were determined to put last year's season of development behind them and compete consistently across the season. The two-day competition was a good opportunity to practice playing consistent cricket for our school fixture later in the season, and a strong showing in multiple games allowed the team to collect enough points to finish in 4th place. The T20 campaign was the highlight for the college with a strong win over Whakatū and a clinical performance against one-day champions Wanderers that meant the team finished 4th and were one win away from qualifying for the final. Overall, a good club season in a high-quality premier competition building strongly on the previous season.

The Inter-School season started for the College with a pre-season game against Auckland Grammar in the Term 3 holidays, where the College competed strongly against a high-quality opposition to lose by 30 runs.

However, the key part of the Inter-School season started at the end of January in Masterton for Quad. This involved games against Hutt International, Rathkeale College, and Marlborough Boys. This was a good opportunity to get back into the flow and style of Inter-School cricket and the team finished with a one-run win over Rathkeale College and two losses. The loss against Marlborough Boys fueled the fire for the return game in the upcoming Darcy Cup.

Our annual trip to Christchurch followed with the boys claiming the Herr McGerr Trophy from The Willows for the first time in over five years and they backed this up with a solid performance in a loss against St Bedes on Waitangi weekend. These games provided great preparation for the Darcy Cup with the college looking to claim the trophy for the first time in three years. First up was Waimea College at Saxton, where the boys put together a solid performance to progress to the final, with a five-wicket win. This booked a date with Marlborough in the final with the Year 13 boys wanting to finally get one over on the boys from across the hill for their time in the 1st XI. Nelson College posted a competitive total of 183 on a tricky wicket and then backed it up with the ball forcing Marlborough from 65 – 1 to 144 all out handing the boys a 39-run win and a first Darcy Cup for all members of the team. From winning Darcy Cup, the boys travelled to Palmerston North for the CD Gillette Cup Qualifiers. Due to unavailability and injuries, the boys weren't as competitive as they would have liked, however a much more successful 1st XI season than the last with plenty of positives moving into the future.



Across the season, there were a few standout performances:

- Charlie Wilson took 4 for 23 against The Willows in his 2nd 1st XI game to help the college win the Herr McGerr Trophy
- Fenlon Bayley took 4 for 18 in a T20 against ACOB
- Ryan Mirfin took 4 for 28 against St Bedes
- Harry Restieaux scored his first premier 50 against Wanderers
- Sam John and Jordan Kelso put on a 120-run partnership in pursuit of 174 against Waimea College
- Ben Neale bowled Nelson College to victory in the Darcy Cup with 3 for 17 off 10 against Marlborough

Finally, a big thanks to all those involved in making this season happen for every boy involved. Thanks especially to the parents who turned up wherever we played in the country to support us. To Alethea for all her hard work behind the scenes to ensure we can have success, and Isaac for managing the team week in and week out. Finally, a big thanks to Jon, for the passion, energy, and enthusiasm you've put into the job of coaching the team for the past two seasons. The effort you have put in has turned this team from a group of boys with little First XI and Premier cricket experience to a team with the potential to compete for club titles and Gillette Cup spots.





Cross Country Squad: Back Row: Oran Sim, Kurt Ward | **2nd Row:** Jamie Brown (Manager), Hogan Ward, Sam John, Fenlon Bayley, Taydin Hill, Tom Hoare
Front Row: Cole Thein, Phoenix Lasenby, Scott Brown, Finn Pickering, George Aerakis, Ben Smith

CROSS COUNTRY

Nelson College's history in cross-country and athletics has been strong for the past few decades with representation at the highest level nationally. In 2023 its popularity declined, although there are big things to come next year with some top Nelson coaches lining up to support the next generation of talent.

The 2023 cross-country season kicked off with the school race in mid-May. Domett is often known as the running house, taking individual titles in Seniors and Intermediate age groups, but the overall title was shared between Kahurangi and Monro who raked in the points. The short 1.8km course left runners dissatisfied but delighted to see all the boys getting out of their classrooms for some fresh air.

At Tasman Secondary Schools, Nelson College remained the dominant force in the region. Year 9's got their first taste of interschool competition at the college level and laid down the precedent for years to come claiming both the three and six-man titles, led by Phoenix Lasenby (4th). In the Junior Boys, Nelson College made up 2/3 of the small field easing their way to both team titles led by George Aerakis who also put in a podium performance (3rd).

NC's stellar senior squad saw three year 13's: Fenlon Bayley, Tom Hoare, and Ben Smith, compete in their last TSS running event. Star performer Fenlon had the most impressive display of the day, winning with a margin of 50 seconds. He was backed up by brave runs from Scott Brown (6th) and Tom Hoare (9th) to stake their claim on the three-man. The highlight of the day for many was our very own Cole Thein putting in a big shift that was recognised by all the boys who showed their support to cheer him around his 2km race placing 5th.

New Zealand Secondary Schools is the penultimate race at high school level. Hosted in Palmerston North at Massey University, a small group of boys travelled to either gain experience or attempt to right some wrongs. Oran Sims, Year 9, ran in his first nationals and ended well inside the top half (61st). Jack A'Court placed 88th in another big field in the Junior Boys. Fenlon Bayley finished his Nelson College cross country career with a disheartening result of 35th but credible after recently returning from a serious injury.

Fenlon Bayley



Football 1st XI: Back Row: Connor Goody, Tim Newson, Samuel Rual Hleng
2nd Row: Rob Anderson (Coach), Caden Cooley, Matt Donald, Erwin Grab, Charlie Cuff, Angus McAllister
Front Row: Willa Ly, Jay Anderson, Ethan Turner, Liam Goodger (Captain), George Thompson, Enda Doherty, Zac Bustin | **Absent:** Caleb Williams

FOOTBALL

This year the boys had a preseason trip to Christchurch at the end of Term 1, playing against St Bede's, Christ College, and St Thomas's. This experience provided a good overview of team performance. They beat St Bede's 7-0 and then had a 1-1 draw against Christ's College. In the final game, they lost 3-1 against St Thomas's.

In Term 2 brought National qualification games against other Tasman schools and the boys were keen to maintain the top spot. They won 4-0 against Marlborough and then completed a 7-0 win against Nayland. We won 3-1 against Waimea and Team Captain Liam Goodger led the team effectively.

In Wellington we played four games that started our final preparation for the National Tournament. Firstly against Rongotai College where Jay Anderson scored a convincing volley establishing lead. The game was played with good intensity and Rongotai scored a 1-1 leveller in the last minutes.

The next fixture was against Scots College, played on outstanding facilities in Newtown. The boys were keen to play this opposition who are linked with the English Premier League's Tottenham Hotspurs. The first half was a tight affair. In the second half the boys responded well to going behind with a poacher's goal from Samuel Rual Hleng. This was followed by a stunner from Angus McAllister and topped up by Caleb Williams who calmly finished a great move assisted by Connor Goody, the final score 3-1 to NC.

In the evening we travelled to North Wellington and played an organised and competitive team. Jay Anderson scored two goals establishing a two-goal lead

and Connor and Caleb scored with two long range efforts. Final Score 4-2 to us.

Our final game was against Onslow College where we battled traffic and windy conditions. We were caught out by the swirling wind and Onslow College snapped up an opportunity in the first minute. They responded well, and Connor Goody levelled the score. Final result 1-1.

Football Nationals in Christchurch this year were played on four outstanding grounds. The boys expected a tough tournament against the best schools in New Zealand. In the first game, the boys took the lead against the team that would reach the final. A great header from Tim Newson followed a solid pattern of play assisted by Jay Anderson. The boys were under pressure and St Paul's won the game 3-1. They battled hard for the rest of the group stage against St Peter's and Wellington College and in Round 4 had a healthy 2-0 lead. This was pulled back by Kings High in the last minutes of normal time and our boys were knocked out in the penalty shootout. The team led by Liam had to regroup and worked hard against Christ's. With perseverance comes reward and a good win against Timaru Boys rallied the players.

Well done everyone; you experienced a national tournament and represented your College with integrity and passion. It was great to see you perform on the Front Field too.

Finally, a big thank you to all the sponsors for your support.

Rob Anderson



FUTSAL

This game has become so popular that the local tournament had to be done over two days. In the Junior tournament we entered five teams. We allow boys to make their own teams and have a great day out playing with their mates. The Boarders entered a junior team for the first time and while they didn't win any games, the boys had fun playing a sport almost none of them had played before. Our other three teams were really competitive, but to make the final you had to finish first in your pool. Our NC Karenni team did this. The final was awesome and was tied at full time. We lost in the penalty shootout. Congratulations boys and a special mention to Freddie Thompson who agreed to be goalie for the shootout and made a couple of great saves!

In the Senior event we had six teams, again with a boarders team for the first time. They won a couple of games! The other teams were fighting it out in their pools and after some confusion as to who had made the semi-finals we had two teams who had to play each other. Our Chin & Nepalese boys won that game and went on to win the final. Congratulations boys.



Futsal Senior Team: **Back Row:** Joseph Ning Ching, Lian Pi Za Thang, Malachi Lawm, Samuel Rual Hleng
Front Row: Abinash Baraili, Phun Lian, Bawi Dawt Cen Hrang, Canaan Khup Chawn

GOLF

It was awesome to have Golf back on the calendar after a five year absence. Nelson College had a team of four and an individual compete in the Tasman Secondary Schools Golf Tournament. This event was a qualifier for Nationals and our team was keen to make the grade. It was a shame that it clashed with our sports exchange with Shirley Boys meaning a couple of our top golfers could not compete. Caleb Minson was the stand-out performer shooting a 5 over 77 over the round putting him in third place overall two shots back of the playoff. Caleb was supported by Vito Esposito, Finn Pickering, and George Aerakis. The team played well, but were unsuccessful in their goal, disappointed with the result. Although we were a very young and undeveloped team, the boys still fought and gave it their best shot. Playing with these boys socially and seeing how much talent is coming through has been an eye-opener and we hope the game continues to grow within the college. In August, Caleb travelled to Timaru to compete at the Under 19 National tournament where he missed the cut by a shot. Over the year Caleb has competed in many tournaments including Canterbury Age Groups, and Tasman under 19s where he placed second by a shot. Overall, he has put his best foot forward in the hopes of gaining a scholarship in the USA for the spring of 2024.



Get 2 Go Challenge: Back Row: Alex Crisp, Fin Allen, Olly White, Ollie Rooney
Front Row: Rio Crisp, Toby Dukes, Oran Sim, Lawson Folly

GET 2 GO

The Get2Go Challenge is about getting outdoors, being active, giving it a go, and having fun with your team. Get2Go involves teams of eight Year 9 or Year 10 students participating in three activities – Stand Up Paddleboarding, Mountain-Biking, and Rogaining. The 2023 event was held on a stellar spring day at Rabbit Island. The Nelson College team was made up of Ollie Rooney, Oran Sim, Kian Mellor, Toby Dukes from Year 9 and Oliver White, Fin Allen, Rio Crisp, and Lawson Folly from Year 10.

First up the Nelson College team hit the Appleby fishing ponds for the Stand Up Paddleboarding. It was a little chilly to begin with and no one was super keen to get on the water. Two of our biggest participants ended up on a small paddleboard, quickly over-balanced and hit the water. The teams developed some good strategies and were confidently completing lap after lap. A total of 39 laps in total were paddled in the hour provided. Next, it was off to Conifer Park, Rabbit Island. Nelson College blitzed the MTB leg, pedalling a total of 48 laps. It took about one and a half minutes per lap on the undulating course. Lastly, all nine teams from across the region gathered for the Rogaine leg. A Rogaine is a points-based orienteering activity where participants can visit the checkpoints in any order. The Nelson College teams ran and navigated well, but ran out of time to find the last couple of elusive checkpoints.

Overall, Nelson College finished in second place on points. Everyone and every team were winners on the day. The event had a great vibe and provided an awesome opportunity to move through nature.

Alex Crisp



Hockey 1st XI: Back Row: Leo Yianakis, Lochlan Cockerell-Brandt, Jaxin Dicks-Winter
2nd Row: Alethea Stove (Manager), Kian Mellor, Oliver Coltman, Olly Avery, Hogan Ward, Dallas Kelso, Jamie Brown (Coach)
Front Row: Kurt Ward, Luke Jordan, Scott Brown, Josh Lovell, Kobe Gribble
Absent: Jordan Kelso, Blake Sinclair, Daniel Sturm

HOCKEY

Nelson College had a successful year in hockey, with their prep team finishing at the top, and the Junior Sky and Navy teams placing 2nd and 3rd in local leagues. Despite losing in the final to Garin College's 1st XI older team, the Navy team had beaten them earlier in the season. The depth of talent among young players is promising, and the season was filled with great performances.

Our young NC 1st XI team had a fantastic season, winning against Marlborough 4-0 and Shirley 5-2, as well as clinching the local Men's Div 2 comp with just one loss. We were runners-up in both the Top of South Trophy and Johnson Cup National Secondary Schools Comp, narrowly losing 1-0 to Kristin College. Although we slipped up in the final game, the season showcased many excellent performances and significant improvement from our young players. Special thanks to Coach Jonti and Alethea for their administration and management, and to Jordan, Oliver C, Scott, Jaxin, Blake, and Luke for their contributions to umpiring and coaching. Many boys represented various teams for Nelson as a Province individually both at U15 and U18 Nelson Levels. Kobe Gribble, Jaxin Dicks-Winter, Hogan Ward and Kurt Ward all represented the Nelson Men's B team, and Scott Brown represented the Nelson Men's A team. Scott Brown and Kurt Ward were also selected for the South Island U16 "Storm" team to play in the National U16 Hockey Experience in Cambridge in April where they were runners-up and were selected for the national tournament team to travel to the USA in 2024 with Scott also taking out the MVP of the tournament.

Well done to all our Senior and Junior players over the season and keep improving those skills going forward and having fun playing the game. Lastly a big thank you to Jordan Kelso and Oliver Coltman for their many years of service, participation and effort for Nelson College Hockey.

Jamie Brown



Mountain Biking: Back Row: Sam Dudley-Lewis, Lawson Folly, Campbell Folly, Rorie Harbinson, Sam Trass
2nd Row: Stanley Richardson, Sam Henderson, Fin Allen, Kael Matthew, Elijah Hassan
Front Row: Tudor Collett, James Maurice, Caleb Fuller, Mitch Laird, Carter Bisdee, Alex Merrilees

MOUNTAIN BIKING

It's been a great year for mountain biking at Nelson College with all the normal events back on the calendar.

Way back in Term 1 we had the Tasman Secondary School Championships at Silvan Forest. Students from Nelson College competed in Cross Country and Enduro, gaining a few medals along the way. Standouts have to be Lochie Bates and Finn Pickering getting first equal in U14 overall, taking turns at first and second across the Enduro and Cross Country races.

New this year has been the first mountain bike academy class running alongside more traditional sports such as hockey and rugby. Students have been working on getting familiar with common bike tools, checking and maintaining their bikes as well receiving skills coaching from Gravity Nelson. We hope to expand this class next year.

At the end of Term 3, 23 students went to the national secondary school champs in Marlborough. There were some pretty legitimate trails for cross country, downhill and enduro. There were decent climbs, tricky descents and even a decent double jump to keep the riders on their toes.

Campbell Folly was the highest category ranked rider with a 13th place. The next two days were all about downhill. The course was short but intense with rocks, roots, treacherous whoops and some pretty decent sized jumps. Top ten category placings were earned by Sam Henderson and Alex Merrilees. The final day was all about Enduro. There were three stages on offer with lots of dusty corners, roots and some pretty solid rock gardens. Sam Henderson came 12th in his category for another solid placing.

We are currently building up for our trip to The Gorge for juniors on activities day. Hopefully we will have significantly less punctures than last year!

Vaughan Watson



Rowing: Back Row: Peter Gould, Fionn Dineen, Arren de Waal, George Moloney, Cooper Nicholls
2nd Row: Christopher Geen, Oliver White, Murdoch Smith, Blair Lind, Hannes Jungehulsing, Oliver Hawkins, Harry Booker
Front Row: Ted Callaghan, Oliver Lock, Charlie Parker, Jaxon Taylor, Ethan Steele, Tom Irvine, Zachary Irving

ROWING

Maadi 2023 saw 2, 267 rowers from schools right across the country, with 430 races being rowed to get to the finals of 52 different events, and 156 medals up for grabs! As such it remains the largest secondary school sporting event in the southern hemisphere. It is a pretty epic feat to make it through to an A final at Maadi. First you have to place 1st or 2nd in your heat, and then often you need to race a semi-final as well before you get to the final. So big congratulations to these two boys - Murdoch Smith (Y10) and Olly White (Y10), who gained 4th place in the double, and Murdoch who also gained 6th place in the single. Although we got no medals this year, these boys did come home with a Top Ten pin And they are ones to watch for next year!

The full results from our Maadi crew this year are:

U15 double sculls: Murdock Smith & Olly White 4th

U18 novice double sculls: Ollie Hawkins & Charlie Parker 13th

U18 coxed quad sculls: Ethan Steele, Jaxon Taylor, Ted Callaghan, Ollie Lock and Blair Lind (cox) 13th

U18 single sculls: Jaxon Taylor 13th

U15 coxed quad sculls: Olly White, Murdock Smith, George Moloney, C Nicols and Blair Lind (cox) 17th

U15 single sculls: Murdock Smith 6th

Coach Brent Smith has ambitions for the rowers of Nelson College. As a competitive rower himself, he is keen to get Nelson College in the Maadi final in an 8 – so if you are keen to try rowing, get in touch with the Nelson Rowing Club – they need you!

We want to offer our thanks and deep appreciation to both the Nelson Rowing Club and coach Brent Smith this year for putting in all of the extra hours to provide support and expert training for our rowing boys this year. We also want to farewell our Y13 rower Jaxon Taylor, who has been rowing for the club since Y9.

RUGBY - AGE GRADE

The 2023 Age Grade Rugby season has come to an end with our teams performing well. We didn't manage to win any competitions this season, but we gave it our best. Congrats to our U17 Oxford team who did manage to win the U17 plate final. A big thank you to everyone involved in getting our teams out this year, particularly our coaches & managers who put in a lot of time and energy prepping our teams to play each weekend. Thank you to Chris Harvey, Bec McEwan, Alistair Cotterill & Oliver Avery who worked behind the scenes covering the roles of match manager, first aid, ground set up and cleaning our changing rooms. This is greatly appreciated.

Mark Cochrane

2023 RESULTS:

- 2nd XV won 5 out of 9 games.
- U17 Kahurangi finished 3rd in TRU U17 Competition
- U17 Cambridge finished 4th in TRU U17 Competition
- U17 Oxford finished 5th in TRU U17 Competition (Plate Final Winners)
- U15 White finished 2nd in TRU U15 Competition
- U15 Kahurangi finished 4th in TRU U15 Competition
- UK Sevens Team came 6th at the Rugby School U18 Invitational Tournament

SOUTH ISLAND U15 TOURNAMENT - LANSDOWNE PARK, BLENHEIM

- Lost to St Andrews College 22-35
- Lost to Kings High School 0-80
- Beat Marlborough Boys' College 22-15
- Lost to Waitaki Boys High School 19-22
- Finished 8th overall

U16 QUAD TOURNAMENT - CHRISTCHURCH

- Beat Christ College 40-7
- Beat St Andrews' College 47-22
- Beat St Bede's College 59-5



A huge thank you to all our coaches, managers, volunteers & club helpers. We are very fortunate to have so many passionate and committed people giving their time and skills to support our boys to play the game we all love. Thank you.

Mark Cochrane

HIGHER HONOURS

Congratulations to all these boys who were selected for representative teams in 2023:

- NZ Schools – Sione Mafi

- NZ Barbarians – Samiuela Moimoi & Saumaki Saumaki.

- Crusaders U18s – Sione Mafi, Blake Craddock, Samiuela Moimoi, Kobe Brownlee, Saumaki Saumaki, Oliver Gibbons & Harrison Inch.

- Nelson Bays U16 – Aiden Burke, Alize Cassidy, Brecon Jelfs-Berry, Christiaan Botha, Daniel Manson, Hugo Sorenson-Brown, Jack Potter, Jayden Aldworth, Lachlan Crombie, Miles McCarthy, Nate Haward, Norman Williams, Pale Pouli, Quinton Tuhakaraina, Robson Frampton, Shuun Yokoyama, Tawhiao Whitham-Tekotua, Te Tarake Allan-Kereopa, Tom Perkins, Will Horncastle & Wiremu Makea.



Sione Mafi at NZ Schools



Samiuela, Sione and Saumaki at NZ Schools Barbarians



Crusader U18s



Rugby 2nd XI: Back Row: Robbie Frampton, Nikau Robin-Seniloli, Kasen Laing, Rore Morgan, Christiaan Botha, Quinton Tuhakaraina, Wiremu Makea | **2nd Row:** Aaron Potter, Jack Trott, Tawhiao Whitham-Tekotua, Nate Haward, Lucca Traut, Will Horncastle, Linton Laiseni | **Front Row:** Jack Potter, James Tuuu Schwenke, Kobi Johnson, Connor Hulme, Jimmy West, Mles McCarthy, Hamuera Topia-Pene
Absent: David Akuhata, Jayden Aldworth, Te Tarake Allan Kereopa, Kobe Brownlee, Ben Campbell, Alize Cassidy, Lachlan Crombie, Michale de Beer, Max Doerfler, Campbell Folly, James Garnham, Jamie Hampson, Vincent Hine, Jj Jarrett, Fergus Jolly, Lachie Mackay-Smith, Naruki Maeda, Daniel Manson, Koebi Moser, Callum Robertson, Hugo Sorensen-Brown, Sheldon Walsh, Che Weepu



Nelson College U16A Team 2023



Rugby 7's Team: Back Row: Harry Inch, Connor Hulme, Fanua Fa'avae, Dane Leppien, Saumaki Saumaki, Nick Tootell, Teina Thompson | Front Row: Kaelan Grafton, Ollie Gibbons, Zyon Ford, Liam McKenzie, Finn Kilworth, Callum Robertson, Mikey Morrison

RUGBY 7'S

This year a Rugby 7's team was lucky enough to travel to the UK for the International U18 Rugby 7's Tournament held at Rugby School, England. This tournament is the second time Nelson College have played at Rugby School, the home of the game, but this year was special as they were celebrating 200 years since the game began. What an event it was! 20 teams were invited from across England and the world, and it made for a really special atmosphere with our boys meeting teams from Japan, Canada, Chile, England and many others. The tournament itself was run superbly with our every need catered for including being housed onsite in what felt like Hogwarts, at times. Rugby School is a very special place and this trip will be remembered for a long time to come.

Our team performed very well against tough competition, topping our pool and going through to the semi final stage. Unfortunately, we couldn't get past a very good Merchiston Castle School in our Quarter Final losing 14-24. We went through to the Plate Competition, making the final with a 38-10 win over The Grange School from Santiago, Chile. We played Mount St Mary's College, who we'd previously beaten in a close game in pool play, however this time they managed to beat us 19-24. We finished 6th place overall which is a solid result against quality schools. Michaelhouse from South Africa won the tournament and deservedly so.

Our boys also managed to experience some of what England has to offer, including visiting Buckingham Palace, going on the London Eye, riding the

tube, touring Twickenham Stadium, outlet shopping at Wembley, visiting Cambridge and eating far too many cooked English breakfasts! A huge thank you to the staff, coaches and parents who took the team to the UK, including Jono Phillips, William Moloney, Scott Gibbons and Richard McLaren. It is no small feat managing 14 teenage boys on tour, so thank you. Also to Brent Imrie at TourTime who put the schedule together for us and supported us while in England.

Mark Cochrane





Rugby 1st XV: Back Row: Blake Craddock, Quinton Tuhakaraina, Teina Thompson, Kobi Johnson | **3rd Row:** Saumaki Saumaki, Jimmy West, Storm Bolatuku, Kobe Brownlee, Linton Laiseni, Fanua Fa-Avae, Samiuela Moimoi | **2nd Row:** Matt Doonan, Jono Phillips (Coach), Callum Robertson, Liam McKenzie, Tom Perkins, Kaelan Grafton, William Moloney, Greg Foe | **Front Row:** Zyon Ford, Jamie Hampson, Oliver Gibbons, Sione Mafi, Dane Leppien, Harrison Inch, Finn Kilworth, Mike Morrison, Hamuera Topia-Pene

RUGBY - 1st XV

1st XV RESULTS 2023

MILES TOYOTA PREMIERSHIP:

St Andrew's College	Won	34-22
St Bede's College	Won	32-17
Christchurch BHS	Won	14-10
Marlborough Boys' College	Won	37-7
Timaru BHS	Won	58-10
Selwyn Combined	Won	45-17
Shirley BHS	Won	29-5
St Thomas's College	Won	31-29

SEMI-FINAL:

St Bede's College	Won	31-19
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FINAL:

Christchurch BHS	Lost	26-30
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97th QUADRANGULAR:

Whanganui Collegiate	Lost	28-35
Christ's College	Won	38-31

Played 12	Won 10	Lost 2
Points For 403	Points Against	232

The 2023 1st XV had a most successful season, even if they ended it with fewer trophies than the school is used to. The 1st XV only lost two games all season. Sadly, both were crucial. The first was on the first day of Quad, to an excellent Whanganui Collegiate team, and the second was in the Miles Toyota final, to a well-drilled and committed Christchurch Boys' High School. The 1st XV was a youngish team in 2023, consisting of three Y11's, 15 Y12's, and 11 Y13's. They won 10 games and lost two. They scored a total of 403 and conceded 232. A total of 29 turned out for the 1st XV during the season, with 11 earning their cap.

Seven players were selected for higher honours: Sione Mafi (New Zealand Secondary Schools and Crusader U18), Samiuela Moimoi and Saumaki Saumaki (New Zealand Barbarian U18 and Crusader U18), and Harry Inch, Blake Craddock, Kobe Brownlee and Oliver Gibbons (Crusader U18). The 1st XV was very lucky to keep the core of their successful coaching group. This being Head Coach Jono Phillips, again supported by Mike Fraser (Forwards) and Marty O’Cain (Backs). Greg Foe was added to the talented mix as trainer and defence coach. Old Boy Sakaria Taulafo (Zac) lent his considerable international experience to the forwards. Matt Doonan continued as team physio, ably assisted by runner Scott Gibbons. William Moloney became manager after the retirement of the team’s Kaumātua, Peter Grigg.

Pre-season was a little disjointed due to the 7’s tour to Rugby School, UK. However, the team came together on a trip to Wellington (St Pats Town, Rongotai) and in a game of three halves in Christchurch (St Bede’s, St Thomas’).

The Miles Toyota Premiership was reduced to 10 teams in 2023. The 1st XV went unbeaten in the round-robin stages, winning all nine games. There were a few notable road wins, with those against St Andrews, Christchurch Boys, and St Thomas’ being the best of them. The 1st XV played St Bede’s at home in the semi-final, leaving it late to secure a 31-19 win. In the final, again played on the front field, the team lost a see-saw battle with Christchurch Boys High, 26-30. It was an enthralling match, watched by a large crowd, with vocal support for both teams.

This year’s Quad was at Wellington College. It was a great occasion with large crowds of both Old Boys and current students. The 1st XV lost their first game against Whanganui Collegiate, 28-35. They had fought their way back to parity but succumbed to a late try. The 1st XV played Christ’s College on the second day, scoring early, before finding themselves 5-21 down. They then scored 33 unanswered points to win 38-31.

Finally, a thank-you to the team’s whānau, supporters, sponsors, teachers, and well-wishers. The players understand the sacrifices others make so that they can commit their energy to the 1st XV. They wish to thank all those who made that possible.

William Moloney





Sailing Team: Back Row: Bruno Page, Jay Brixton
Front Row: Joao Ventura, Finlay Lawes, Henry Millar, Harry Reith

SAILING

Seven Nelson College sailors attended the Secondary Schools Team Sailing National Championships in the first week of the April holidays.

The boys trained hard and raised funds to get themselves to this national event, which was held at Algies Bay.

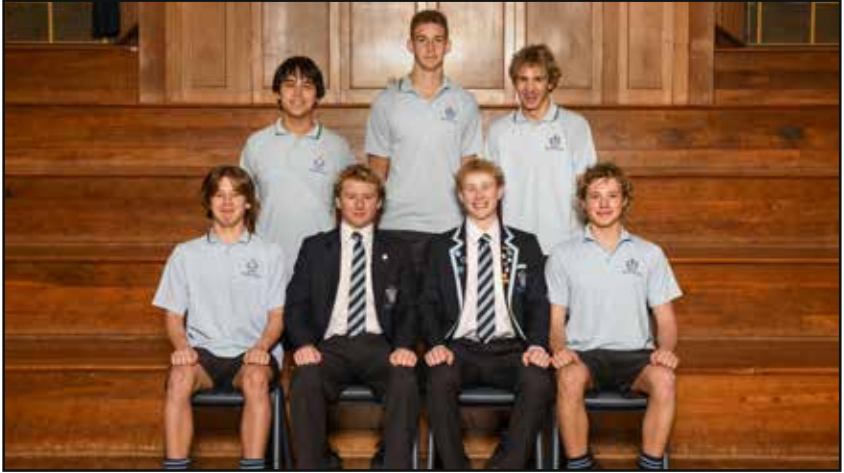
The team was a mix of Senior and Junior boys (from Years 9 to 12): Bruno Page (Y11), Finlay Lawes (Y9), Harry Reith (Y10), Henry Miller (Y12),

Jay Brixton (Y11), Joao Ventura (Y9), Ty Incendy (Y9).



The boys sailed well in difficult conditions and were led by Team Captains Henry Miller and Bruno Page. Parent Nicki Lawes provided some much-needed support.

Difficult weather conditions postponed the start however the boys rose to the challenge when they finally got on the water and finished joint first on points in the Bronze Fleet, being unbeaten for the final two days of sailing – 10 wins in a row. Congratulations boys on some fantastic teamwork and team sailing.



Swimming Team: Back Row: Jasper Sneddon, Mac Frankish, Corey Tremblay
Front Row: Max Stanton, Chase Banks, Oliver Morton, Finn Bryant

SWIMMING

2023 has seen the return of a much bigger swimming presence at Nelson College. It was great to see lots of competitors swimming at the school's swimming champs alongside Nelson College for Girls, in term 1. We all managed to get wet whether we were in or out of the pool as a storm, complete with thunder, made its appearance! Congratulations to Oliver Morton (Senior Champion), Chase Banks, (Intermediate Champion) and Lucas Bell (Junior Champion).

We were also fortunate to have several national level swimmers compete at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships in Wellington in July. This was the first time in recent years that NC has been able to field a team for this event and it was great to be able to showcase our school swimming spirit - particularly in the team relay events. The swim team placed 10th overall across all of the New Zealand's boy's schools. This was a great achievement, and there was a great deal of pride felt when we saw our NC swim caps up on the big screen.

Many of the swimmers also took out top 10 finishes in their individual events. Several of our competitive swimmers also swim for their local clubs and were able to build on their success with top 10 places at the National Age Group Champs and the New Zealand Short Course champs. We look forward to building on these performances in the coming years as the sports department works towards developing competitive swimming further at Nelson College.



Senior A Touch Team: Back Row: Ben Anderson (Coach), Rore Morgan, Lucca Traut, Max Mallory, Kobi Johnson, William Daniel, Simon Anderson (Coach), Tony Anderson (Manager) | **Front Row:** Tane Stephens, Archie Geddes, Wiremu Makea, Callum Robertson, Daniel Manson, Ryan Mirfin, Shunn Yokoyama

TOUCH

It was so good to have Touch back on the sporting calendar after so many cancellations due to COVID. In the past, Nelson College has been very competitive nationally. We have started our rebuild back to that. In March we sent a team to South Islands Secondary Schools Touch Tournament and performed well with a young side. A few boys were unable to attend due to the Rugby 7s team being in the UK at the same time.

The boys are super keen to carry on building the team and with 16 teams entered in the weekly College competition this term we will be back to a high level soon.

At the time of writing this, the team has begun their training for NZ Secondary Schools Nationals which is in Rotorua mid-December. Good luck boys.



Senior Underwater Hockey Team: Back Row: Hamish Dukes, Sam Dukes, Guyon Janssen, James Stevenson, Oliver Morton
Front Row: Chase Banks, Zack Rowberry, Nick Peterson, Samuel Holmes, Kees Mant
Absent: Jay Brixton, Toby Dukes, Alexander Janssen, Tait Mellor, Tamati Russell, Tom Schaper, Jasper Sneddon, Max Stanton, Riley Ten Hoorn Boer, Jett Williams

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

2023 has been another successful year for Nelson College UWH with impressive performances, camaraderie, and dedication from our talented players and coaching staff.

In July, the teams travelled to the Central Zone Schools qualifying tournament held in Wellington. With great determination, successful performances were seen throughout the round-robin with neither team conceding a game. In a close final the Senior team came away with silver against Wellington College A. However, the Junior team took gold with an impressive game against Wellington College Jr. This ensured both teams comfortably qualified for the National Schools Competition held in Auckland in September.

The Nationals tournament saw both teams compete against the top eight schools in NZ. Both teams progressed to the semi-finals with a satisfying win against Wellington College for the Senior Team. Despite some close final games, the tournament culminated with the Senior and Junior teams placing 2nd nationally.

Samuel Holmes (Senior) and Toby Dukes (Junior) were both named MVPs for their respective teams. Zack Rowberry, Samuel Holmes, Jasper Sneddon, Toby Dukes, and Riley Ten Hoorn Boer were all named in the Tournament Teams (top 10 players within their grade).

Our team's success would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our coaches and managers, who devoted countless hours. Particularly coaches Kit Vining and Sam Hoppood, and managers Jacinda Stevenson and Candice Ten Hoorn Boer who played a crucial role in supporting our teams throughout the year.

We look forward to more exciting hockey from our talented players in the coming years. Our underwater hockey legacy continues to grow, and we are immensely proud of our teams for their exceptional hard work, performances and sportsmanship throughout the season.



Volleyball Senior A: Back Row: Jay Neal, Cameron Mullett, Connor Packer, Maaka Hall
Front Row: Leon James, Garrick Wong, Ethan Ryland, Manaia Roberts, Sonam Tamang

VOLLEYBALL

It was an up and down season for the Senior A boys this year. Some tantalising glimpses of what they were capable of early in the season, that were maintained through local tournaments. Unfortunately these didn't come to forefront at Mainlands and NZ Secondary School Nationals tournaments of the year. There was lots of passion and effort, but we were just missing the execution in critical moments. With seven of the 10 boys returning next season, we are looking forward to seeing how the team perform.

In Term 1 we had eight Junior teams who played in the weekly College grade. We have just selected our two top Junior teams to represent Nelson College at South Island Secondary Schools Junior Tournament in Dunedin in November. We also have six other social teams playing weekly, so the future is bright.

Massive thanks to Dylan Wells for coaching and Jennifer Duff for managing the Senior A team.

MOTOCROSS

Luke Heaphy has had another successful year as he followed his passion for his motocross racing around New Zealand. Some of his placings alone this year have seen him placed 7th in the U19yrs and 23rd in MX2 for New Zealand Nationals (a huge achievement after dislocating his shoulder a week out from the first round), 4th South Island Champs, 1st Nelson Champs, 5th New Sand Champs and 4th Nelson Supercross. A huge accomplishment for a secondary school student from the South Island travelling mainly to other locations to compete against full time older professional riders.

Next year looks to be an exciting one as he looks to take a Gap year and potentially move to the North Island so he can train and compete with the best riders in New Zealand and look for a factory team ride with a goal to compete in either Australia and/or America.

Alethea Stove

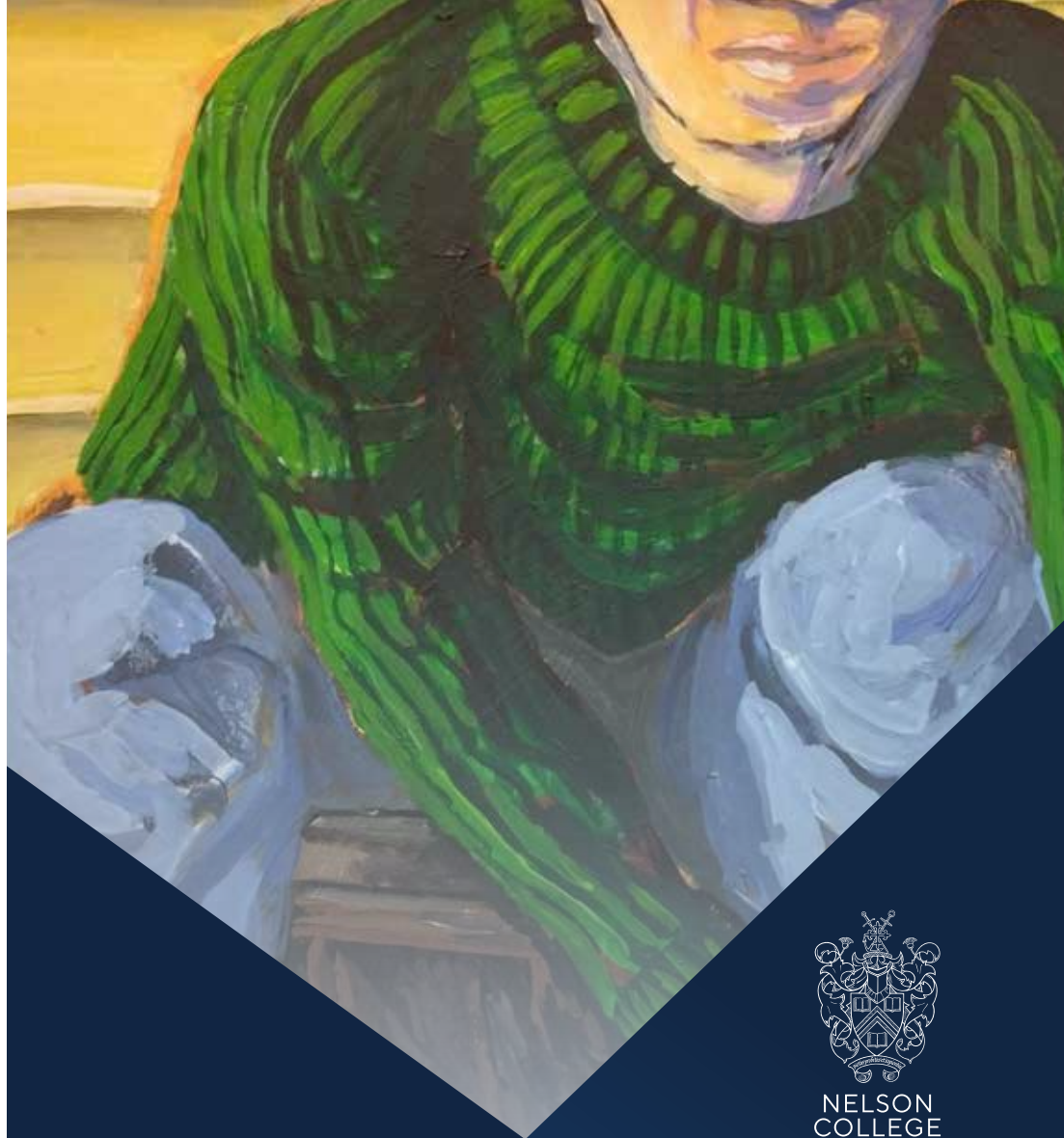


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TE KURA TAMATANE O WHAKATO

CO-CURRICULAR



CULTURAL AWARDS 2023

TE AO HAKA PERFORMING ARTS

HE TOHU KAIRANGI
Awarded to a student of Te
Ao Haka/Māori Performing
Arts at excellence level
Luca Hippolite

TE HAKA A TĀNERORE
contribution to Kapa
Haka
Ngākau Moka-Tengu

DRAMA

VENUETECH CUP
George Vesty (Y7)

NELSON REPERTORY
CUP
Tristin Compton (Y11)

THEATRE SPORTS
JUNIOR REGIONAL
COMPETITION
Runners up 2023
**Oliver Diamond,
Tully King-Turner,
Jack Prentice,
Harry Playford (Y9)**

VISUAL ARTS

MATHEWS CUP -
diligence and dedication in
Photography
Adam Bone (Y11)

ART WASNEY AWARD -
diligence and dedication in
Art Painting
**Nikau Robin-Seniloli
(Y12)**

DESIGN CREATIVE AWARD
- diligence and dedication in
Art Design
Kieran Simpson (Y12)

MUSIC

MOST IMPROVED
JUNIOR
Tully King-Turner

BRASS PLAYER OF THE
YEAR
JP Moynihan

WOODWIND PLAYER OF
THE YEAR
Jay Brixton

THE WHITEHORN CUP
Solo Singing-Vocalist of
the year
Ngākau Moka-Tengu

STRING PLAYER OF THE
YEAR
Oliver Morton

DRUMMER OF THE YEAR
Ned Rainey

GUITARIST OF THE
YEAR
Orin Harbinson

CONTRIBUTION TO
JUNIOR JAZZ BAND
Blake Sinclair

DOUGLAS CUP
Charlotte North

STANNARD CUP
Grace Roberts

BEGGS MUSICWORKS
CONTRIBUTION TO
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
Zachary Irving

WILLIAM C. FROST
TROPHY - overall
contribution to
Nelson College
performance
Ned Rainey



David C Driver: Excellence
in Visual Arts: **Rory Hall**



David C Driver: Excellence
in Music:
Ngākau Moka-Tengu





Academic Committee: Back Row: Arturo Neale, Kees Mant, Darcy Lawrey, Walter Moloney | **3rd Row:** Oliver Morton, Michael Lee, Matt Donald Guyon Janssen, Ollie Taylor, Ben Smith, Pyay Oo | **2nd Row:** Richard Brudvik-Lindner, Max Harrington, Nikau Adams, Cameron McKenzie, Adam Barton, Benjamin McDonald, Ethan Carde, Charlie Cuff | **Front Row:** Harry Reith, Mattias Bower, Nick Peterson, Edward Henderson, Sam Ben, Max Stanton, Sandith Nanayakkara

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

The Student Academic Committee has had another productive year, working on various initiatives and events to support academia at Nelson College. A dedicated group of members has consistently contributed to the success throughout the year. Some of our specific achievements include:

- Establishing a homework group during school hours to support Junior year groups with their studies.
- Collaborating with Nelson College for Girls to organise a House Quiz at Nelson Intermediate School - it was a great experience working with NCG and creating something enjoyable for our future students.
- Hosting an Academic Week in August, featuring debates with teachers, science demonstrations, and a whole-school quiz.
- The House Spelling Bee was another success, with committee members organising and overseeing the event as part of the house competition.
- Several committee members spent a significant portion of the year researching and advocating for the introduction of Psychology as a subject within Nelson College.
- A group of students also developed and managed a successful Mathix competition for Junior students to participate in.
- Successfully running the Peer Tutoring Programme throughout the year.

The success and variety of these events have been highly rewarding for everyone involved. There has been great teamwork, with many building leadership skills. The contributions from the members, along with the support from teacher Richard Brudvik-Lindner, have left a hopeful outlook for the committee's future years.

Nick Peterson



Peer Tutors: Back Row: Oliver Morton, Walter Moloney, Darcy Lawrey, Kees Mant | **3rd Row:** Michael Lee, Matt Donald, Guyon Janssen, Ollie Taylor, Ben Smith | **2nd Row:** Richard Brudvik-Lindner, Max Harrington, Nikau Adams, Cameron McKenzie, Adam Barton, Benjamin McDonald, Ethan Carde, Charlie Cuff | **Front Row:** Harry Reith, Pyay Oo, Nick Peterson, Edward Henderson, Sam Ben, Max Stanton, Sandith Nanayakkara

PEER TUTORING

In 2023, the Academic Committee again set its sights on implementing the Peer Tutoring Programme to assist students of all years in achieving their academic goals. In a year full of disruptions, the Peer Tutoring Programme provided those seeking assistance the chance to catch up on work they had missed, get homework assessments in on time, or achieve final marks for excellence. In an impressive show of commitment, over 25 students stepped up to offer their help. Individual tutoring was a great success with a variety of students from all years pairing up with suitable tutors that had particular strengths in the subjects they needed.

The programme also collaborated with Nelson College Prep where groups of tutors from the committee would visit weekly and work with students on extension maths work. This bolstered Prep student's understanding of complex mathematical processes that will become the foundation of future mathematics courses. The peer tutoring team hopes that initiatives like this will continue in future years and inspire others to make academics at Nelson College equitable and inclusive. This programme hopefully made a sizeable impact on these students' experience at Nelson College and allowed them to reach their full academic potential.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

It's been an active year for the Environmental Committee with much progress being made. The crew continued to plant native trees at the back of the school focusing on the bank above the top field. The predominant species planted were kowhai, coprosma, mahoe, cabbage trees and kanuka, the majority of which were donated by Nelson City Council with others being raised from seed by students.

In Term 3, the Committee organised a successful combined planting day with the Nelson College for Girls Environmental Group. After a successful session, the combined group enjoyed a sausage sizzle supplied by Mitre 10.



Planting is just the easy bit and the dedicated committee gave up many lunchtimes to weed and free up plants to optimise growth conditions. The school nursery got another freshen up, although with the sale of Westmount, a new nursery will need to be developed next year.



Darcy Lawrey and Ryan Thelin attended an Enviro Leaders camp earlier in the year to set out goals, and several committee members were involved in a Climate Change Hackathon run by Wakatu Incorporation where students from schools around the region floated ideas to mitigate climate change effects.

A plan has been developed to revitalise the College's recycling systems, which will be implemented in Term 4.

The Environmental Committee would like to thank all the staff that have been involved in Environmental Committee activities and Nelson City Council for their support and donations of plants.

Johnnie Fraser

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING

On 27 October, Nelson College and Prep students competed in the Future Problem-Solving National Finals. Prep students Troy Kelso, and Ryan Quin, competed in the creative writing sections of the competition, known as Scenario Writing. In the two sections of the competition Troy placed 1st and 2nd nationally, and Ryan placed 2nd and 3rd in New Zealand.



Max Harrington, Michael Lee, Jayden Coetzee and Niko Neale

In his writing, Troy imagined a world where people drown in fast fashion, as influencers continue to prompt people to buy and discard clothing, produced in sweatshops in the developing world. Ryan's scenario followed the plight of a young brother and sister, joining the ranks of displaced people hiding out in forests after robots and artificial intelligence made 75% of the world's workforce redundant.

These were topical issues addressed by these young men; their writing was sensory, rich, and empathetic.

Our Year 10 team of Jayden Coetzee, Michael Lee, Max Harrington and Niko Neale (Year 8) competed in two competitions on throwaway society and consumerism. Their solution was to develop multi-use plastic polymers, that could be broken down into their atomic components, and endlessly reassembled into different items, reducing waste. This work placed the boys 1st nationally.

Ollie Taylor, in Year 13 competed as a Senior individual. His winning solution was designed to combat fast fashion waste. Ollie won his section and is National Senior Champion. Ollie has an outstanding record in the FPS programme. Since Year 7, he has gained four World Titles. He has also placed 4th an 5th internationally. He has many national titles, is an outstanding creative and critical thinker and is the College's most successful FPS student in the school's 25 years of involvement in the competition.

Sarah Watts



MATAKITAKI LODGE

Matakitaki (Mataki) lodge has provided a functional base for 56 years from which to seek out adventure and create enduring memories.

A large number of students have taken up the challenge and completed some epic journeys at Mataki this year.

Throughout the year students have displayed a high level of perseverance and teamwork to hike high above the bush line and onto the open tops.

While at Mataki, students are given learning opportunities to manage themselves in the outdoors, support their classmates, and develop an appreciation for our natural environments which leads to practicing good environmental care.

Mataki continues to provide unique and essential educational opportunities that would be very difficult to replicate in our usual classroom environments.

‘Hikina Te Mānuka’ – Take up the challenge!

At Mataki students connect on a personal level and have plenty of opportunities to continue their development of interpersonal and teamwork skills. Students prepare their own meals while camping out and much like a Master Chef team challenge, the same raw ingredients produce a variety of interesting dishes and varying degrees of success. Beginning with a ‘sparrow fart’ start, most trips include an ascent above the bush line where plenty of collaboration is required to share the load and distribute gear in order to reach the objectives. Campsites are selected, and accommodation is erected – not five star, but the million-dollar views are.

I congratulate all students for the efforts they've put into their Mataki camp throughout the year and the positive contributions they made on their trips. So many great things were achieved because of this.

Thank you to our instructors Mr Robert McDonald and Mr Martin Love for their skills, knowledge, patience, and positive attitude during the year. Thank you to Mr Peter Grigg 'Griggy' the lodge caretaker and greeter. Also, thanks to all the staff who were involved in 2023, they continue to play a significant role in the success of our programme.

It is always a delight when students tell me about their plans for more adventures into the wilderness after having completed their Mataki experience. The outdoors is a wonderful place to look after one's physical and mental wellbeing. Hopefully Mataki Lodge has provided a good foundation, built on previous outdoor skills or otherwise inspired students to continue with recreation in our wonderful outdoors, and do so respectfully and safely with the skills gained from Mataki. I hope that students of 2023 will take away fond memories of their time at Mataki just like thousands of other Nelson College students that have gone before them.

"It is not the mountain that we conquer, but ourselves" – Sir Edmund Hillary

Grant Billcliff

**'Te toto o te tangata, he kai; te oranga o te tangata, he whenua' –
While food provides the blood in our veins, our health is drawn from the land.**





GYM CLUB

Around five years ago, Physical Education teacher John Glazier experienced a dramatic body transformation. He lost a total of 30kg and doubled his fitness. He did this to be a more active father to his three young children and to add focus and engagement to his teaching. The results were so positive for him that he wanted to share this with as many people as possible and so the 'Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies' gym group was born.

The group has met every lunch break in the weights room for the last four years and has continued to gain popularity. The students report added confidence and more focus in class, especially in period five where they feel refreshed and alert. Mr Glazier makes sure everyone is training correctly and even helps students create their own personalised training program and nutrition plans.

John Glazier

DEBATING

Debate club 2023 got off to a strong start with a win for our Juniors at the annual Kahurangi Marlborough regional competition. We had three teams from NC compete in this event against local schools; Nelson College for Girls, Nayland College, Garin and Waimea College. To take out that top prize was a fantastic achievement by our Y10 debaters. That winning team was made up of Michael Lee, Max Harrington and Max Stanton (in speaker order).

In Terms 2 and 3, we held interschool debates to keep the momentum going. Nayland College generously hosted in Term 2, then it was our turn in term three. It was great to be able to hold these events in person again after having to take a hiatus due to COVID.

In Term 3, House debating kicked off, and this year Chaytor took out the win for the Juniors, and Monro for the Seniors.

Later on in Term 3, there was a teachers vs students debate on the motion that 'Nelson College and Nelson College for girls should merge into one school over two campuses'. The teachers were fortunate to win this one as Ollie Taylor (Y13), Michael Lee (Y10) and Max Stanton (Y10) put forward some strong arguments. Thank you to Ollie Taylor for taking the initiative to organise and run this event.

The final big event of the debating year was the Kahurangi Marlborough Impromptu Cup. While NC did not take out the trophy for this event, our team of seniors, Tristen Daly and Nikau Adams debated well and won half of their debates.

We have met regularly as a club on Friday lunchtimes for impromptu and limited preparation debates, to play debating games, and have non-structured sessions.

It has been great to see the number of debaters and debating events grow in 2023.

Fiona Keyanonda





Chesspower: Jayden Coetzee, Angus Tennant-Brown, Max Harrington, William Jackson

CHESS

Plaudits to the chess program at Prep which has led to a solid cohort of Year 10 students in chess activities this year. 2023 started enthusiastically for chess playing in February with the two-day house tournament for all seven houses and three boards per house. Convincing honours for back-to-back Senior and Junior wins again went to Kahurangi. Will they keep up their streak? Team players were Seniors Sam Holmes, Oliver Morton, Oliver Fallon, and Juniors, Max Harrington, Finn Dallas, and Harry Playford.

There are two grades of school chess competition in NZ. NZ Chess Power is the grade for all players regardless of level, in which Nelson College has taken regional honours many times in the last decade, and, before Covid, consistently gained 3rd place in Nationals. In 2023 Chess Power hosted a regional in May at Riwaka School. Players were Sam Holmes, Charlie Tennant-Brown, Max Harrington, William Jackson, Oliver Morton, Zinzan Vonk, George Maugham, Jack Prentice, Jayden Coetzee, Harry Playford, Angus Tennant-Brown, James Wills, Oliver Diamond, and Michael Lee. The best performance was from Sam Holmes, unbeaten in seven games, with Charlie Tennant-Brown next at 4.5 wins. The team gained 2nd place and thus secured five seats at the Chess Power Nationals in October. The follow-up Chess Power Regional in August at St Joseph's School saw Max Harrison win six out of seven games. The next highest performer was William Jackson on five wins out of seven games, chased hard by Jayden Coetzee half a point below. Debut performance by Lennart Wedig, thank you. The team succeeded in its goal of gaining a sixth seat at Chess Power Nationals but was unfortunately unable to travel. Watch out next year!

The higher grade, NZ Chess Federation, is a more rarefied competition. New debut coach, Ramiro Riachi from Nelson Chess Club, ably assisted by Dan Dolejs, adjudicated the July NZCF Regional Tournament. Nelson College entered two teams: Team one comprised Sam Holmes, Aiden Parks, Oliver Morton, and Max Harrington, and Team two; Jayden Coetzee, William Jackson, Harry Playford, and Charlie Tennant-Brown. The competition was tough and Team one won 3rd place. This unfortunately was insufficient to win the team a place, as they had done last year, at the NZCF Nationals in October.

Nevertheless, gaining the highest wins through competitions this year, Sam Holmes and Max Harrington, respectively, are awarded the Nelson College Senior & Junior Chess Champion Trophies in 2023.

Of special note is Adrian Park's conscientious support and dedication to Nelson College Chess 2023. While a Preparatory School student Aiden attended a great many lunchtime chess sessions in the Nelson College library. To cap it all, he was confident and willing to play above his age in the top team that Nelson College entered in the NZCF Regional Tournament. And so, Aiden is awarded the Nelson College Trophy for Service to Nelson College Chess, 2023.

Stuart Roxburgh



Chess: Back Row: George Maughan, Oliver Morton, Oliver Fallen, Jasper Sneddon | **3rd Row:** Samuel Holmes, Jayden Coetzee, James Wills, Charlie Cuff, James Ben, Michael Lee, Tristen Daly | **2nd Row:** Charlie Tennent-Brown, Max Harrington, Liam Heaphy, Nikau Adams, Joe Harrison, Angus Tennent-Brown | **Front Row:** William Jackson, Oliver Diamond, Max Stanton, Yuto Ono, Sam Ben, Harry Playford, Jack Prentice

LIBRARY

It was in November 2022 that we first heard of “ChatGPT”, and within six months of the launch of this new artificial intelligence tool, many students and staff are using it to speed up their communications, assignments, and digital output. The horse has bolted and we have to work with it. It has inadequacies, strengths and downfalls and we, as educators, need to watch its development, keeping up to date with its performance. The need for students to have good information literacy and media literacy is even more important today than ever. The importance of being able to read, critique and evaluate is vital in today’s world. Librarians are on board and are also exploring how we can use this tool and how it might impact on the information seeking behaviour of our students and staff.

A highlight this year was the visit from South Auckland author/teacher David Riley. David did a presentation talk to some of our year 9/10 boys followed by a writing workshop. His talk was pitched at just the right level with examples that resonated with our students, and he developed a great rapport with them. The writing workshop was fantastic with our boys fully engaging with David and the students produced their own impressive quality writings.

Nelson College sent two teams to the Readers Cup quiz where we placed mid field and had a lot of fun with the other teams from the Top of the South. Still to come is the Battle of the bibliophile’s competition where a group of our student librarians are going to compete. This will be the first-time students from our school have entered this New Zealand-wide reading competition for Year 10 students.



Readers Cup Team

New this year was a shift to an online booking system for the library’s two bookable spaces along with the creation of a staff professional development book collection and a dedicated space for the health and wellbeing book collection. An online form for recommendations and feedback has also been added to the library webpage.

In April, a group of Year 9 and 10 English students went to Nelson College for Girls Library for “The amazing race: Library edition.” Here mixed teams completed a mixture of physical activities, quizzes and creative fun centred around non-fiction books.

A read and review reading challenge was run for students and this challenge was also run for staff.

“Spike” a live Tuatara from Victoria University visited the library in May as part of the mini lecture series on climate change and biology. The library has also hosted numerous events including a Maths competition, staff versus students’ debate, Warhammer club, career and tertiary study information sessions and an author and illustrator talk by Carol Garden and Jenny Cooper. Recently a knitting club was launched and



The Amazing Race



Spike the Tuatara

now the “Trippn’ ballz knitting crew” meet weekly to learn the craft, gain inspiration from Miss Nicholls knitting skills and see if Mr Fraser is going to achieve his dream of knitting a full, Aran-style cabled jersey.

The library has a thriving group of student librarians, and we wish to thank them for their efforts and others who have supported Nelson College Library in 2023.

Looking ahead, we are excited about

the opportunities the future holds and are committed to nurturing curiosity, lifelong learning, and a love for the written word.

Disclaimer – last sentence was written by ChatGPT.

Caroline Henderson



Librarians: **Back Row:** Finn Palmer, Michael Lee
2nd Row: Catherine Foster, Jayden Coetzee, Sam Ben, Max Harrington, Arturo Neale, James Wills
Front Row: Fox Kienzle, Harry Reith, James Ben, Harrison Green, Max Stanton, Kieran Simpson

STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY

In August of last year (2022), Nelson was struck and devastated by a 1 in 100 - year flooding event. In response to the widespread damage around the region, I knew there must be people out in the community who were struggling to clean up their properties and get their lives back on track. I knew more support was urgently required. I set about coordinating a response involving secondary school students from several schools and communities around the region. It started with a few phone calls and emails, but once I gained the support of the Student Volunteer Army, the response was propelled to a community-wide level. Through hours of door-knocking, countless Zoom meetings, and several national media interviews, we amassed a group of over 90 volunteers. The response we saw over the following weekends was incredible. I was genuinely overwhelmed by the generosity of the Nelson community with volunteers amassing from all ages and walks of life. The community spirit was evident throughout the response with volunteers mucking in removing flood-damaged items and showing their presence to reassure the residents. In a time when wheelbarrows and shovels were in high demand, our generous volunteers turned up to give their time with a smile, and an attitude that was sure to create a positive difference in the flood-stricken community.



I'd like to thank my coordination team including past Nelson College pupils, the Student Volunteer Army, Civil Defense and the Nelson City Council for supporting the initiative. There is no doubt that together we have made an incredible difference in the lives of many Nelsonians.

Volunteers really do make a difference. There are so many deserving causes that need help. I encourage everyone in the community, to find an issue you think you could do a little bit to help with. It only takes one person to start a positive movement of change in the community. The rewards of volunteering are endless, the camaraderie, the boost to self-esteem, and the doors it opens in connecting you with people who are making amazing things happen. It's beyond rewarding to witness a tangible difference in the community.

Matt Donald

STUDENT POWER



BIKE REPAIR STATION FOR NELSON COLLEGE

After some rigorous fundraising - mufti days, a junior disco and sausage sizzle, our bike repair station was finally installed at the start of Term 3. A bit like the ones the City Council installed at the Codgers Recreation Hub and along the Maitai, the stand has several different tools and an inbuilt foot pump.

Deputy Head Boy Darcy Lawrey saw the need for a bike repair station and decided to act, suggesting it to the student council. "I'm a big believer in kids finding their own way to school, being able to bike and walk and take the bus," he says. "It's honestly a shame to see students driving in their cars by themselves when realistically they live a pretty short distance from the school. With congestion and climate change, the more people who can use active transport, the better."

Student Council Chair Edward Henderson threw his weight behind the project, organising fundraising initiatives and drumming up support.

"This year, we thought we'd really like to use that money to help improve school life and put it towards something that would make people's days easier and give back to the students. We have heaps of kids that bike to school, so we thought it'd be an awesome thing if we could get one," he said.

The school's Senior Leadership Team were fully behind the project from the get-go and gave the students their blessing to make the idea a reality. The repair station stands in our bike shed and we hope it will save many a boy from having to wheel his bike home after a long day's learning. Well done everyone on pulling together to provide such a great asset for the school.



Taku Kara Tīpuna – The Regional Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competitions.
Photos: Melissa Banks.

WHĀNAU

NGĀ MANU KŌRERO Ā ROHE, Ā MOTU

The regional Māori speech competitions were hosted by Nelson College for Girls with support from Nelson College. It has been a little while since we have had a COVID free competition so it was great to be restriction free this year.

Competing for Nelson College this year were;

Junior English - Reign Cassidy-Htain

Junior Māori – David Akuhata (2nd place overall)

Senior English – Ngākau Moka-Tengu (1st impromptu speech)

The boys represented the school with pride and although they didn't take any of the overall titles we certainly make our presence known with aplomb.

KĪ O RAHI

The TSS Regional competition was held at Nayland College this year. The games were a lot of fun and an opportunity to mix and mingle with our peers from Nayland, Waimea, Motueka and Te Kura Kaupapa. As this is a mixed senior competition and with no time to practice with our NCG team mates we

missed out on the final which was won by Waimea College. It motivates our students to do better next year.

The TSS Kī o Rahi junior boys division was won by Nelson College last year. This year's competition will also be at Nayland College in November and we hope to play well to retain this title.

TAKU KARA TĪPUNA – THE REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS KAPA HAKA COMPETITIONS

This was the second iteration of the Regional competition and Ngā Aho Rau (combined NC & NCG kapa haka) were keen to retain the title gained in 2021. With over 140 hours of training and the utter dedication and commitment of a top tutorship team we achieved that this year winning every category available. A total of 12 taonga for NCG and NC trophy cabinets. This has qualified Ngā Aho Rau for Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua National competitions to be held here in Nelson in 2024.

As well as competing at the National competitions next year Ngā Aho Rau will travel to Hawaii and Los Angeles for a cultural exchange with schools in those areas. It is a great reward for the time committed to competitive kapa haka. Our thanks to Matua Tom, Teaj, Bailee, Matua Wayne, Api and all of our wonderful whānau who have helped along this journey.

Nā Matua Wayne







OUR STUDENTS



NELSON
COLLEGE
TE KURA TAMATANE O WHAKATO

YEAR 7



7BL | Glen Bussell: **Back Row:** Henrik Zachariassen, Charlie Wilson, Ashton Brough
3rd Row: Charlie Ball, Ethan Maurice, Charlie Townsend, Lucas Petrie, Marlo Martin, Ollie Stump | **2nd Row:** Glenn Bussell (Teacher), Carter Benbow, Callum Rees-Small, Tait Mellor, Joseph Manaena, George Vesty, Ryan Newbury, Damien Langford
Front Row: Jim Baskett, Harry Grade, Harold Tan, Harrison Hogan, Tyler Gouws, Senan Doherty, Ben Thomas, Joel Velluppillai | **Absent:** Joe Kitchener, Arlo Espenan, Ryo Kelver



7EN/MR | Dian Edmondson (T1) | Helen Marshall (T2): **Back Row:** Hyunmin (Robert) Mann, Oliver Foord, Noah Leslie, Callum Bryant | **3rd Row:** Joe Moulder, Joshua Todd, Tyler Laing, Benjamin Padilla Victorica, Seraphim Gavrilov, Miller Pattison, Campbell Houghton | **2nd Row:** Dian Edmondson (Teacher), Brandon Walker, Monty Chadderton, Thorne Smith, Nathaniel Morris, Jacob Jaekel, Joshua Brace-Gardiner | **Front Row:** Julius Chambers, Hunter Young, Boston Talley, Nicholas Fry, Willoughby Scutt, Liahn McKenna, Oliver De Kock | **Absent:** Benjamin Jennings, Harrison Trass



YEAR 8

8LN | Laine Hobson: **Back Row:** Liam Dunbar, Samuel Boyce, Robert Green-Brock, Ethan Lu | **3rd Row:** Ryan Quin, Eddie Glasgow, Sebastian Holer, Cameron Parsons, Rafael Ardiles-Hiller, Daniel Lee | **2nd Row:** Toby Stanton, James Boocock, Harrison Roberts, David Nguyen, Caleb Boshoff, Mateo Ardiles-Hiller | **Front Row:** Benoit Mussely, Oliver Gallagher, Jamie Smith, Charlie Booker, Troy Kelso, Arthur Johnson, Vann Durry | **Absent:** Tom Morters, Anthony Turnbull, Benjamin Crew, Samuel Trass



8SW | Sarah Watts: **Back Row:** Josh Lewers, Oliver King, Christopher Geen, Hugo Fraser | **3rd Row:** Caetano Le Gros, Adam Holder, James Best, Xavier Dickson-Paterson, Aiden Park | **2nd Row:** Sarah Watts (Teacher), Tamati Russell, Cole Mulder, Oscar Slack, Robbie Molineux, Drake Williams, Jimmy Costley Neal | **Front Row:** Ewan Hajdu, Alec McLaren, Tyler Smith, Niko Neale, JD Edmonds, Will Saville, Ashton Proctor
Absent: Zac Fleming, Oliver Petrie, Hazuki Nakano

YEAR 9



9RU | Apitoni Filiai: Back Row: Cyprus Tanoa-Robinson, Romeo Vailea, Ludo Anderson, Jose Wells, Aisake Finau, Ahurei Devon-James | 2nd Row: Apitoni Filiai (Teacher), Manuel Page-Kokiri, Enzed Ngapera, Sonny Kaho, Claxton Lawrence-Adams, Reiahumanaru Pouri-Lane, Margaretta Trewavas (Teacher) | Front Row: Tawhiri Wilson, Lincoln Stebbings, Ashen Hill, Nixon Marfell, Calais Matenga, Lochie Bates
Absent: Jonah Atoa, Kyle Hancock, Kereama Mapu, Taniora Ropiha, Nikau Stephens-Semmens, Roman Streeter-Mantell, Wickliffe Tafia, Dante Thompson, Legend Walker



9CHBH | Will Bosnich: Back Row: Jackson Bruning, Jamie Wareing, Rocco Petterson, Oran Sim, Finn Barker, Mahe Reilly | 2nd Row: Will Bosnich (Teacher), Ty Incendy, Tasman Hicks, Tim Kerer, Marlin Brown, Alex Card | Front Row: Jack North, Joshua Fraser, Tommy McLean, Luca Etheridge, Moss Harvey-Dewar, Brynn James
Absent: Mac Frankish, Mahuru Hawkins



9CHRX | Stuart Roxburgh: **Back Row:** Spencer Schwass, Andrew Van, Harrison Johnston, Sam Irvine, Preston Warren | **2nd Row:** Stuart Roxburgh (Teacher), Max Plotnitski, Devlin Moss, Edward Ngaroi-Robinson, Lucian Kaa, Lex Luscombe
Front Row: Lochy Morris, Oscar Molnar, William Jackson, Lucas Osmond, Kodi McGillan, George Lewis
Absent: Alex Merrilees, Christian Hadfield



9DOCB | Cobus Botes: **Back Row:** Cobus Botes (Teacher), Angus Tennent-Brown, Sebastian Hegarty, Charlie Tennent-Brown
Front Row: Ike Anderson, Oscar van Dien, Toby Dukes, Jayden Parker, Leith Copson
Absent: Lennox Jayes, Rohan Moon, Seth Rolton, Jerome Tapili



9DOCY | Kieran Cleary: Back Row: Henry Cung, Jasper Jaekel, George Maughan, Luke Beuker | 2nd Row: Kieran Cleary (Teacher), Dylan Bell, Sol Beaglehole, Zack Williscroft, Tom Schaper, Max Murdoch | Front Row: Sam Crook, Bodie Ingerson, James Maurice, Jack Patrick, Sammy Tanswell-Smith, Oliver Jones
Absent: Lucas Bell, Dylan McKay



9KAPC | Phil Costly (Left T1) | Nico Boswick (T2): Back Row: Ryder Murray, Finn Harrington, Tiago Harper, Harry Playford, Dimitri Bell, Jasper Sorensen-Brown
2nd Row: Phil Costly (Teacher), Joshua Rual Hleng, Benson Rowney, Sam Ibbotson, Connor Savage, Lachlen Harvey, Lachie Sanson
Front Row: Phoenix Lasenby, Van Tha Do Ru, Oliver Diamond, Riley Fowler, Khem Koroi, Charlie Pratt, Justin Ashmore
Absent: Lal Pek Hlu, BJ Maguigad, Seth Rolton



9KATB | Luke Toynbee: **Back Row:** Tai Andrew, Vinn Smith, Ace Andrews-Taylor, Jackson Foskett, Cyrus Braden
2nd Row: Luke Toynbee (Teacher), Flynn Simkin, Macabee McLean, Shaun Xu Morgan, Sami Atalah Armstrong, Harley-Hayes MacDonald
Front Row: Arlo Radford, Timothy Mac, Sonny Crockett, Joshua Goody, Tai Harvey, Noah Brady, Lincoln Homan



9MOHT | Wayne Hippolite: **Back Row:** Nixon Marfell, Romeo Vailea, Ashen Hill, Ahurei Devon-James | **3rd Row:** Apitoni Filiai (Teacher), Aisake Finau, Ludo Anderson, Jose Wells, Awatea Rahui, Cyprus Tanoa-Robinson | **2nd Row:** Manuel Page-Kokiri, Reiahumanaru Pouri-Lane, Claxton Lawrence-Adams, Sonny Kaho, Kereama Mapu, Tule Temuna, Enzed Ngapera, Kalaneti Saumaki | **Front Row:** Tamati-Jay Topia-Pene, Jackson Solly, Zeb Te Aute, Lincoln Stebbings, Lochie Bates, Tupou Pasikala, Calais Matenga, Solomone Pouli, Tawhiri Wilson | **Absent:** Wayne Hippolite (Teacher), Jonah Atoa, Kyle Hancock, Taniora Ropiha, Nikau Stephens-Semmens, Roman Streeter-Mantell, Wickliffe Tafia, Dante Thompson, Legend Walker, Ayden Tuwairua



9MORD | Joshua Reynolds: Back Row: Ben Cinzah, Tully King-Turner, Jack Prentice, Joel Chum | 2nd Row: Joshua Reynolds (Teacher), Jett Williams, Gen Mogami, Kian Mellor, Liam Soper
Front Row: Beau Wadley, Hale Holmes, Fox Kienzle, Jasper Smith, Cove Myers
Absent: Dante Bjerring, Goya Parata, Kade Perry, Tarka Wellenreuther



9ROAH | Alex Hassan: Back Row: Anh Nguyen Nguyen, Sebastian Padilla Victoria, Arlo Gunn, Alex Thompson, Ben Gibb, Ollie Rooney, Otis Hannigan
2nd Row: Alex Hassan (Teacher), Lochy Webster, Brock Vedder, Ronan O'Donnell, Jacob Manaena, Sam Dudley-Lewis, Zinzan Vonk
Front Row: Bailey Rozier, Ryder Gestro, Zac Jolly, Jaiahn Hadlow, Leni Niven, Luca Rundle, Joao Ventura



9ROMY | Radka McKendry: Back Row: Douglas Miller, Bu Reh, Tyler Chadwick, Hugo Koelble, Hunter Tarapipipi
 2nd Row: Radka McKendry (Teacher), Mitch Laird, Macs Allen, David Scott, Phillip Scott, Josh Whiting
 Front Row: Scott Marshall, Finlay Lawes, Corbin Piripi, Lamont Hornbeck, Jacob Gallagher, Gabe Hughes
 Absent: Trent Ingerson, Finn Pickering, Nerehana Scott-Dysart



10CHGE | Stephen Garside: Back Row: Kahn White, Jayden Coetzee, David Mangar, Michael Lee, Niall Foster
 Front Row: Yosh Rodley, Cooper Nichols, George Aerakis, Max Stanton, George Moloney
 Absent: Lincoln Fisher, Jackson Fraine, Kelan Radcliffe, Harry Reith, Tāne Stephens, Sean Stewart, Jack Aukett

YEAR 10



10CHVW | Vaughan Watson: Back Row: Harrison Wheatley, Blake Bruning, Fletcher Young, Hunter Warner, Isaac Milner, Alejandro Nazarit Carabali
2nd Row: Vaughan Watson (Teacher), Riley Tootell, Reza Rahsepar, Murdoch Smith, Kaden Tunnicliff, Lucas Swarbrick
Front Row: Jem Coursey, Cohen Ferguson, Isaac Wynne, Denver Hale, Logan Hedges, Kylie Mina, Isaac Milner



10DOET | Catherine Elliot: Back Row: Lucas Stump, Ben Brews, Pah Si, Remi Falwasser, Caleb Hooper, Khoon Quare | 2nd Row: Catherine Elliott (Teacher), Ple Reh, Ezra Henderson-Kelly, Max Reeves, Joseph Bryant, Finn Sorensen
Front Row: Samuel Thomas, Hunter Mendoza, Peter Gould, Carter Shuttleworth, Sam Bode-Mitchell, Ryan Crompton
Absent: Ricoh Cancian-Taitua, Wiremu Paul-Miru, Aaron West, Yi-En Hsieh



10DONS | Mickaela Nicholls: **Back Row:** Josh Lovell, Devon Robinson, Arthur Gillespie, William Kearney
2nd Row: Mikaela Nicholls (Teacher), Arturo Neale, Fin Allen, Benjamin McDonald, Wian Visser, Rory Shand
Front Row: Rio Crisp, Jonatan Castillo Cruz, Cameron Ross, Lawson Folly, Jean Castillo Cruz, Fergus Jolly | **Absent:** Colin Crew, Benjamin Truelock, Nathan Morgan-French



10KARR | Robin Ringwood: **Back Row:** Finn Palmer, Liam Chappell, Rorie Harbinson, David Za Thang, Jake Scranney, Morgan Williams
2nd Row: Robin Ringwood (Teacher), Taydin Hill, Max Harrington, Riley Ten Hoorn Boer, Olly White, Charlie Porlym, Luka Martin
Front Row: Alessandro Jackson, Galilae Ivatt, Jimmy Bell, Tom Hyde, Rocket Richards, Eddie McMurtry, Kai Morice
Absent: Zach Doyle, Marcus Frampton, Rei Nakadaï, Richard Wardle, Tamayo Raizen



10KASG | Catherine Staig: Back Row: Harry Cooper, Chamod Balasuriya, Archie Weaver, Quaid Taylor, Finn Dallas, Zaffryn Wickham, Liam McGettigan
2nd Row: Catherine Staig (Teacher), Themika Hatharasin Kodithuwakkuge, Ollie Bastion-Holmes, Rodney Winitana, Blair Lind, Alec Bothwell, Phillip De Leon
Front Row: Liam Greaney, Roman Wilkinson, Jule Garnier, Jasper Rahal, Will Lasenby, Thawng Bawi Do Ru, Tommy Moloney | **Absent:** Lucas Ball, Jesse Dickson-Paterson, Leon Dyson, Valentin Korneev, Alder Mosquera Cuero, Hma Ngaih Mawi, Lian Lian



10MOJC | John Conly: Back Row: Nathan Ly, Cooper Hatton, Typhon Ulutupu
2nd Row: John Conly (Teacher), Kingston Tepu, Taisei Kono, Carlos Wilkie, Luca Benighaus, Roman Johanson
Front Row: Alexander Janssen, Thomas Robertson, Dan Mawdsley, Alvin McPherson, Maxi Holer
Absent: Angus Blackwell, Arthur Lesser, Luca Benighaus



10MORU | Viv Ruwhiu: **Back Row:** Harold Mapu Fetu, Cooper Bradley, Rhema Curry, London Pinkham, Joey Aukafolau
2nd Row: Rihare Tanoa, Coby Davis, Paihia Kaho, Rewa Burke, Maaka Hall, Izayah Tuitupoukutu, Apitoni Fili'ai (Teacher)
Front Row: Fabian Guthrie, Rico Groome, Reign Cassidy-Htain, David Akuhata, Bailey Paul, Rocco Campbell, Joseph Tuuu Schwenke
Absent: Viv Ruwhiu, Israel Finau, Tiki Mikaere, Nathan Morgan-French, Te Aho Pohutuhutu, Michael Phelan



10ROBW | Jamie Brown: **Back Row:** Zane Mortimer, Ryiko Comber, Aedan Bruce, Sam Winn | **2nd Row:** Jamie Brown (Teacher), Isaac Vercoe, Woody Keen, Thorin Kerby-Macdonald, Noah Brehaut, Hugo Hopkins | **Front Row:** Carter Bisdee, Quan Nguyen, Louis Grossman, Hunter Royds, Joe Boyce, Joe Halliwell
Absent: Roman Hubbard, Jasper Pierce, Jack Sice, Ryan Du



10ROYE | Andrew Yorkstone: Back Row: Ewan Chadwick, Blake Sinclair, Jasper Sneddon, Maika McKenzie, James Wills
2nd Row: Andrew Yorkstone (Teacher), Junichiro Nagata, Nyjah Howe, Ethan Fitzgibbon, Tamaroa Topia-Reihana, Haru Yamaguchi
Front Row: Luke Jordan, Angus Ouston, Luke Wastney, Luca Bianchi, Campbell Gallagher, Caleb Shallcrass
Absent: William Bradley, Freddie Thompson, Ashton Walker, Jake Finch, Charlie Harvey

YEAR 11



11CHAG | Cristina Armstrong-Hernandez: Back Row: Gursimar Singh, Sam Ben, Tevita Pasikala, Limeng Kourk, Fletcher King
2nd Row: Cristina Armstrong-Hernandez (Teacher), Jay Anderson, Sharjil Khan, Elijah Inwood, Devlan Stewart, Callum Rigg
Front Row: Kobe Gribble, Bawi Cung Hlawnceu, Miles McCarthy, Oli Langdon, Van Bik, Jaxon Palmer-Bensemam | Absent: Tanzeel Ahmed, Juan Ramirez Toro



11CHRA | Rob Anderson: **Back Row:** Roman Petterson, Obi Stevenson, Joshua Wynne, Isaac van Zijll de Jong
2nd Row: Rob Anderson (Teacher), Bryce Lai, Preston Bartlett, Will Horncastle, Campbell Folly
Front Row: Pyay Oo, Jj Jarrett, Archie Geddes, Oliver Goldsworthy, Jack Connolly
Absent: Solomon Harvey, Jack Swain



11DOKD | Fiona Keyanonda: **Back Row:** Fiona Keyanonda (Teacher), Hogan Ward, Tyler Moore, Bayley Edmonds, Ayush Pradhan
Front Row: Scott Brown, Max Barker, Hatch Davies, Jackson King, Tyler Hutchinson, Sam Dukes
Absent: Reuben Glintmeyer, Miro Lawrey, Fynn Roberts, Asher Thomas, Kurt Ward



11DOPD | David Purdie: **Back Row:** Tyler Tarapipipi, Charlie Calderbank, Caleb Velluppillai, Zach Hardiman
2nd Row: David Purdie (Teacher), Alex Paul, Brecon Jelfs-Berry, Leo Derks, Travis Dawkins
Front Row: Michael Duncan, Caleb Fuller, Kay Reh, Taw Reh, Thomas Romanazzi
Absent: Joseph Hill, Samuel Howell, Boe Reh



11KAAC | Alex Crisp: **Back Row:** Dallas Kelso, Memphis Munro-Dhillon, Max Wallace, Joseph Herron, Tevita Koroi | **2nd Row:** Alex Crisp (Teacher), Alex Taylor, Christiaan Botha, Niall McLeod, Nikau Adams, Harry Gamble
Front Row: Callum Robertson, Finn Bryant, Benjamin Sutherland, Isaac Sangster, Bawi Dawt Cen Hrang, Shoei Ito | **Absent:** Alec Hollingworth



11KACS | Chris Allen: Back Row: Shayal Pradhan, Ashton Cooley, Hugo Sorensen-Brown
 2nd Row: Chris Allen (Teacher), James Matthews, Jack Mellor, Kenji Kondo, Albert Prasad, Leyland Fisher
 Front Row: Millen Campbell, Max Mallory, Tommy Zathang, Bruno Page, Jp Moynihan
 Absent: Arav Choudhary, Cody Correia, Liam Smith



11MORL/LA | Nicola Lawes/Heledd Restall: Back Row: Tori Robin-Seniloli, Apo Bolatuku, Yozarn Peeni, Dallas Johnson, Seth Munro
 2nd Row: Nicola Lawes (Teacher), Elias Wilson, Tawhiao Whitham-Tekotua, Hay Dempsey, Soane Musika, Tristin Compton, Heledd Restall (Teacher)
 Front Row: Damon Laing, Jack Ford, Khryler Stevens, Wiremu Makea, Te Tarake Allan Kereopa, River Simpkins, Samuel Kiriona
 Absent: Alize Cassidy, Saul Terrell-Hall, Quinton Tuhakaraina, Quinn Welsh, Siaoosi Fifta, Ezra Hawkins, Nohorua Kalani, Pale kuo Ola ba he lotu Pouli Pouli (P), Leweni Alifereti



11MOST | Deborah Stuart: Back Row: Aiden Burke, Samuel Rual Hleng, Luca Hippolite, Jack Potter, Otis McPherson
2nd Row: Deborah Stuart (Teacher), William Daniel, Nataal Carman, Tom Perkins, Vincent Hine, Luke Kenny
Front Row: Kherwyn De Leon, Max Cinzah, Jay Brixton, Hamish Williamson, Danny Felber-Randall, Chris Lian
Absent: Ollie Hawkins, Riel Aquino, Miko Delos Santos



11RODH | Jessica D'Ath (Left T2) | Greg Holmes (Started T2):
Back Row: Jack Campbell, Jaxin Dicks-Winter, Hamish McLeod, Maximilian Stenzel, Jonah Hlichal
2nd Row: Jessica D'Ath (Teacher), Vincent Konecny, Corey Tremblay, Eli Darling, Theo Fenner Costa
Front Row: Mike Ching, Andy Phan, Andres Viveros Enrriquez, Adam Bone, Alfie MacNeil



11ROJK | Fred Kramer: Back Row: Charlie Crosbie, Sokun Vongvean, Hsu Reh, James Barton, Shuun Yokoyama
 2nd Row: Fred Kramer (Teacher), Ryan Thelin, Charlie Busch, Lucien Hill, Arren de Waal
 Front Row: Ollie Keen, Baw Reh, Daniel Manson, Omar Qawas, Jarryd Nicholls
 Absent: Josh Churchill, Nate Lewis, Travis Neethling



12CHBK | Richard Brudvik-Lindner: Back Row: No Reh, Lochlan Cockerell-Brandt, Simon Booth
 2nd Row: Richard Brudvik-Lindner (Teacher), Jay Neal, Connor Hulme, Harrison Green
 Front Row: Kael Matthew, Connor Heaphy, Flynn Edridge, Toni Lombardi, Ethan Ryland
 Absent: Mirac Akbaba, Max Ball, Dylan Browning, Cory Stewart, T K Topia-Reihana

YEAR 12



12CHCA | Jeremy Classen: Back Row: Kobi Johnson, Jack Macklan, Shayne Hendry
2nd Row: Jeremy Classen (Teacher), Luca Austin-Savage, Brandon Hughson, Louie Hale,
Wilson Huata-Findlay
Front Row: Mike Morrison, Enda Doherty, Kishan Chand, Astin Gibbins, Rhys Goodger
Absent: James Ben, Jack Bull, Max Hagenson, Ethan Johnstone, Aayan Saleem



12DOKE | Deborah Kelly: Back Row: Deborah Kelly (Teacher),
Alexander Montano Rodriguez, Lucas Tobin, Joe Harrison, Ronal Angulo Cruz
Front Row: Ricky Jacobsen, Anup Adhikari, William Greer, Max Wilkinson,
Hayden Sharland
Absent: Sol Allen, Thomas Goode, Cleve Roma



12DOSV | Klaudia Severn: **Back Row:** Jayden Rutledge, Cam Singer, Charlie Cuff, Brody Anderson, Devon Anderson
Front Row: Grayson Eves, Charlie Brock, Tamu Domoni, Cullen Millar, Henry Miller
Absent: Daniel Bayley, Tristen Daly, Michael Dehar, Benji Hellyer, Andre Henderson, Jimmy Noonan, Ethan Steele, Oliver Truelock



12KABF | Grant Bilcliff: **Back Row:** Phun Lian, Malachi Lawm, Tim Newson, Deklen King-Turner, Carter Burt
2nd Row: Grant Bilcliff (Teacher), Enzo McFarlane, Ted Callaghan, Connor Packer, Robbie Lawson, Ned Rainey
Front Row: Marib Bhatti, Charlie Parker, Ryan Perry, Ollie Lock, Sandith Nanayakkara
Absent: Paris Ivatt, Cameron Mullett, Charlie Weaver, Robbie Frampton, Daniel Mancer



12KAMR | Denise Moran: Back Row: Denise Moran (Teacher), T J Piripi, Sonam Tamang, Zach McIntyre
Front Row: Kieran Simpson, Orin Harbinson, Aung Thin, Oliver Morton, Lucas Tanswell-Smith
Absent: Flyn Jack



12MOMI | Kirk Milligan: Back Row: Tom Irvine, Jimmy West, Fanua Fa'Avae
2nd Row: Kirk Milligan (Teacher), Lucca Traut, Liam Heaphy, Harry Restieaux
Front Row: Jayden Aldworth, Norman Williams, Oliver Gibbons, Henry Roberts, Guyon Janssen



12MOSM | Stu McLean: **Back Row:** Zahn Gardyne, Cseysi Uele, James Tuuu Schwenke, Kasen Laing | **2nd Row:** Stu McLean (Teacher), Koebi Moser, Linton Laiseni, William Tuitakau, Bailey Matangi, Nikau Robin-Seniloli
Front Row: Tudor Collett, Autahi Healey, Sam Hendorson, Ashton Hewitt, Reggie Sim De Boer, Hamuera Topia-Pene
Absent: Christian Lennon, Saumaki Saumaki, Daniel Sturm, Teina Thompson, Jet Bruning,



12ROHS | Dan Hanson: **Back Row:** Dan Hanson (Teacher), Lian Pi Za Thang, Kobe Brownlee, Kaelan Grafton, Walter Moloney, Michael de Beer
Front Row: Canaan Khup Chawn, Aden Beaumont, Jamie Manson, Laurenz Unger, James MacGibbon, Zac Bustin
Absent: Pha Reh, Vincent Leweni



12ROSH | Samme Hippolite: Back Row: Jose Cordoba Viveros, Leon James, Jay Tagivakatani, Elijah Hassan, Stefan Vadura-Lane

2nd Row: Samme Hippolite (Teacher), Stanley Jamieson, Cole Kennedy, Jack Trott, Harrison Inch, Shael Campion

Front Row: Gabriel Grubham, Magnus Fraser, Logan Gelling, Oscar Begg, Zachary Irving

Absent: Sakuntha Balasuriya, David Garcia Gongora, Ryan Mirfin, Charlie Wilson

YEAR 13



13CHJG | John Glazier: Back Row: Aaron Spitzenberg, Ian Hayes, Jonah Farrant, Sam John, Finn O'Leary, Hunter Brewerton, James Scott

2nd Row: John Glazier (Teacher), Joey MacNeil, Nick Tootell, Michael Jones, Milo Coldren, Luke Heaphy, Kees Mant | Front Row: Caleb Williams, Ben Smith, Oliver Coltman, Kouta Irwin, Oz Rottenberg, Jamie Hampson, Nathan Co

Absent: Gryphon Binnie-Genet, Sahildeep Chahal, Lucian De Bruyn, Josef Fierek, Arjun Mangar, Hayz Sharples, Ethan Smith, Lucus Te Tai



13DOCU | Sam Currie (Left T2), Rachel Culberson (Start T2):

Back Row: Finn Kilworth, Vinnie Parlane, Cam McMiken,
Liam Lloyd | **2nd Row:** Sam Currie (Teacher), Rory Hall, Fenlon Bayley, Ed Hite,
Darcy Lawrey, Josh Coleman

Front Row: Joseph Ning Ching, Vito Esposito, Dane Leppien, Blake Craddock,
Hamish Dukes, Abinash Baraili

Absent: Neh Thoo Lien, Kyle Mackay, Micah Mitchell, Alex Palmer, Boe Reh, Pray Reh,
Robin Zathang



13KAVN | David Van der Velden: **Back Row:** Oliver Fallen, Nick Peterson,
George Thompson, Stefan Capatina, Jordan Kelso, Samuel Holmes, Zack Rowberry
2nd Row: David van der Velden (Teacher), Liam Day, Liam McKenzie, Erwin Grab,
Adam Barton, Caden Cooley, Finn Cathman | **Front Row:** Rico Varricchio, Willa Ly,
Elijah Fahey, Jakob Patricio, Omar Beer, Ethan Turner, Tom Hoare

Absent: Alexander Bainbridge, Masroor Bhatti, Joshua Booth, Harry Fox, Jesse
Hollingworth, Jaxon Taylor, Issac Ula, Luca von Engelbrechten, Ethan Williams



13MOCL | Jesse Clifton: Back Row: Alfaraz Shah, Callum Robertson, Noah Hunt
2nd Row: Jesse Clifton (Teacher), Edward Henderson, Matt Donald, Storm Bolatuku,
Rore Morgan, Cairo Faaeteete-Masina
Front Row: Callum Love, Logan Dunn, Ollie Taylor, Nirvana Mosen, James Stevenson
Absent: Vaima'a Dempsey, Zyon Ford, Ethan Hughes, Ollie Jones, Lewis Karetai, Soni
Lefale, Samiuela Moimoi, Ngākau Moka-Tengu, Noah Orłowski,
Chanse Papuni-Woollaston, Thi Ha Tin, Max Walker, Koru-Akei Wheki



13ROGY | Quinton Gately: Back Row: Ben Ng, Preston Holder, Lachie Mackay-Smith,
Nick Lovell, Charlie Keen, Ali Milligan
2nd Row: Quinton Gately (Teacher), Ethan Carde, Angus McAllister, Ben Roff,
Hunter Kendrick, Cameron McKenzie, Caleb Reid
Front Row: Xavier Buckland, Keian Brown, Connor Goody, Liam Goodger,
Fergus McNeilly, Noah Malpot, Cody Stringer
Absent: James Gabites, Benjamin Neale, Stanley Richardson, Lucky Singh, Cole Thelin



BOARDERS

BAFE Barnicoat | Johnnie Fraser: **Back Row:** Jack A'Court, Jake Clark, Che Weepu, Andrew Fincham, Hamish Pratt | **2nd Row:** Johnnie Fraser (Teacher), Harrison Molineux, Max Malone, Sheldon Walsh, Nate Haward, Titus Schaefer, Peyton Ritchie
Front Row: Eruera Madden, Chase Banks, Sebastian Vratil, George Horridge, William Molineux, Luke Schwartz, Will Chapman-Cohen
Absent: Olly Avery, Dylan Hennessy, Oliver Robertson, Noah Wiechern, Shin Yamaguchi, Li Lin, Riki Nakamura, Jack Mangos, Nikolai Reisner, Lennart Wedig, Yuki Tada



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2nd Row: Simon Mardon (Teacher), George Chapman-Cohen, Pak On (Don) Wai, Hin Kuen (Garrick) Wong, Sione Mafi, William Coles
Front Row: Bhee Pissamai, Ollie Moriarty, Yuto Ono, Chatchai (Jerry) Kiattikhunphan, Monty Chapman-Cohen, Jimmy Linklater
Absent: Quinn Avery, Devon Clarke, Lachlan Hall, Angus Wiechern, Yuta Hata, Ren Kishi



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Absent: Andrew Havill, Braedyn Rosanowski, Dongha (Lex) Cha, Yutaro Kadonaga, Apitsada (Leon) Kankanankul, Yuqi (Mike) Li, Hong-Ting Wu, Oliver Kirk



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Front Row: Harry Booker, Kosei Sekigechi, Toby Inch, James Garnham, Mattias Bower, Yiming (David) Xing, Mikey McGibbon
Absent: Lachlan Crombie, Fionn Dineen, Tom Eatherley, Felix O'Connor, Kohga Hasegawa, Shinya Kohno



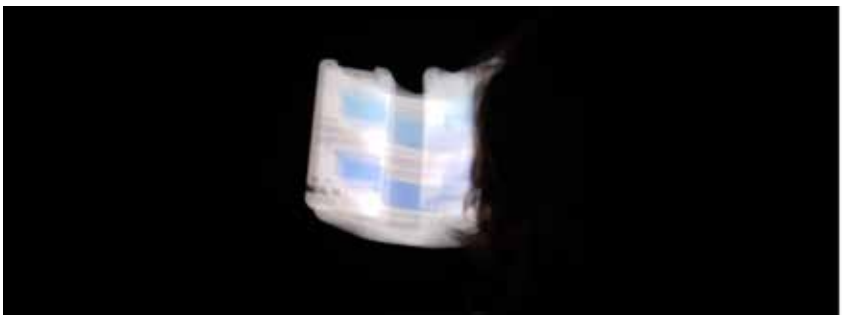
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Jerry Kiattikhunphan | Y13



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6th Row: Kalaneti Saumaki, Reggie Sim De Boer, Kasen Laing, Yozarn Peeni, Ollie Taylor, Izayah Tuitupoukutu, Enzed Ngapera, Wiremu Makea, Zahn Gardyne, Autahi Healey, Rhema Curry, Reiahumanaru Pouri-Lane, Tule Temuna, Dallas Johnson, Claxton Lawrence-Adams

5th Row: Apitoni Filiia (Kaiarahi i Te Reo), London Pinkham, Te Tarake Allan Kereopa, Khryler Stevens, Tudor Collett, David Akuhata, Harold Mapu Fetu, Jack Ford, Joey Aukafolau, Hamuera Topia-Pene, River Simpkins, Cooper Bradley, Manuel Page-Kokiri, Kereama Mapu, Stu McLean (Teacher)

4th Row: Heledd Restall (Teacher), Damon Laing, Jose Wells, Aisake Finau, Ashen Hill, Romeo Vailea, Solomon Pouli, Nixon Marfell, Awatea Rahui, Cyprus Tanoa-Robinson, Ludo Anderson, Reign Cassidy-Htain, Bailey Paul, Samuel Kiriona, Jesse Clifton (Teacher)

3rd Row: Nicola Lawes (Teacher), Coby Davis, Rihare Tanoa, Sam Henderson, James Tuuu Schwenke, Apo Bolatuku, Tori Robin-Seniloli, Seth Munro, Nikau Robin-Seniloli, Cseysi Uele, Ashton Hewitt, Koebi Moser, Tristin Compton, Lochie Bates

2nd Row: Tupou Pasikala, Lincoln Stebbings, Zeb Te Aute, Ahurei Devon-James, Jackson Solly, Fabian Guthrie, Tawhiri Wilson, Tamati-Jay Topia-Pene, Joseph Tuuu Schwenke, Rico Groome, Rocco Campbell, Calais Matenga, Margaretta Trewavas (Teacher)

Front Row: James Stevenson, Nirvana Mosen, Alfaraz Shah, Zyon Ford, Storm Bolatuku, Cairo Faaeteete-Masina, Matt Donald, Rore Morgan, Callum Robertson, Edward Henderson, Noah Hunt, Logan Dunn, Callum Love

TUAKANA/PREFECTS 2023



Student Leaders:

Back Row: Cairo Faateete-Masina, Ed Henderson, Darcy Lawry
Front Row: Vito Esposito, Ngākau Moka-Tengu, Matt Donald (Head Boy), Callum Robertson



Tuakana/Prefects: **Back Row:** Caleb Williams, Jamie Hampson, Copter Patikansakul, Jordan Kelso, Caleb Minson, Noah Malpot
Third row: Nick Peterson, George Thompson, Liam Goodger, Lachlan Hall, Ethan Turner, Kees Mant, Joey MacNeil, Fergus McNeilly
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Absent: Finn Kilworth, Soni Lefale, Connor Goody

SENIOR BALL

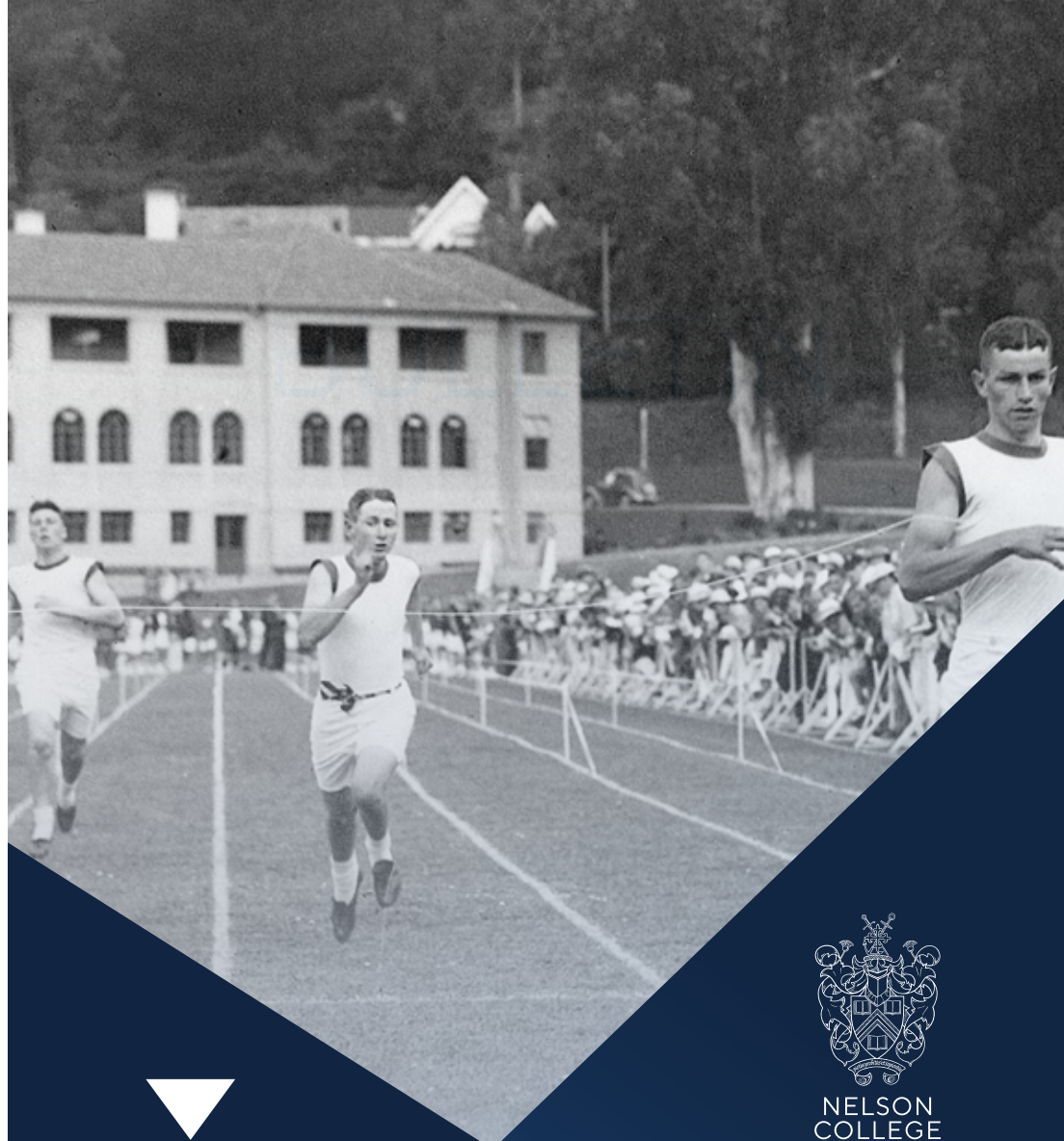
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THE BULLETIN

Nelson College Old Boys Community

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Old Boys,

Thank you for taking the time to read the Bulletin. I hope you find it informative and a good guide to what is happening at our College.

NCOBA allows us to reconnect with people we know well, meet new Old Boys and share our common experiences. Lifelong friendships, the people we knew, the antics that we got up to and some knowledge and skills acquired along the way, are all part of who we are now. We are always interested in new ways for you to engage with fellow classmates or to support the College. School days are a unique time in our personal histories and the strength of our ties to our College never ceases to amaze us. These truly are 'the ties that bind'.



The big project for the Association this year has been the very successful upgrade of our Front Field which had over the years, without proper maintenance, begun to show signs of a good deal of wear and tear. The cost of the upgrade was around \$400,000. We put in new drainage and irrigation and are very happy to report that the field held up well over the winter. We are extremely grateful to all Old Boys and supporters for their financial contributions, without that help we could not have achieved what we have. A huge thank you to Iain/Angus Graham, our project manager and executive member, who did a magnificent job in managing the upgrade and who put in many, many hours of his time.

The Association has committed to maintaining the field for the next five years. Without maintenance the field will slowly but surely deteriorate and we would end up where we started. That means that we again have to approach Old Boys for further financial assistance so please keep an eye on our Facebook page for information as to how you can help us out.

While talking about money we are always open to receiving donations from Old Boys for either our general funds or for a specific fund or project.

The College continues to perform well both academically and in co-curricular activities, e.g. sport and music. The Association is committed to helping out the sporting and music programme where we can.

Thank you for your continued interest in what is going on at your old College. Please make sure to join our online community so you can stay up to date with all the news and events.

Best regards to all of our NCOB family and friends.

Chris Harvey (1965-1969)

President NCOBA

JG MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP

This year's head boy and recipient of the J G McKay Award, Matt Donald, being presented with his certificate by President Chris Harvey (1965-69) at the 2023 AGM. The Scholarship was first awarded in 1961. The aware is in memory of Mr J G McKay, who was a Master at Nelson College from 1906 to 1944. In gratitude for his services to the College and for the deep impress for good which he left on the boys who passed through it in his time, the Old Boys' subscribed a considerable sum of money with which to endow a Scholarship to his honoured memory.



It is their hope that succeeding generations of Nelson College boys will respect and cultivate the qualities of manliness, industry and integrity which his life so richly exemplified.

Have you registered to our online community?

Register here:

<https://community.nelson.school.nz/NCOOnlineCommunity>



Check out Nelson College Old Boys worldwide with LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram.

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NCOBA Executive 2023

President:
Chris Harvey (1965-69)

Treasurer:
John Brydon (1976-80)

Headmaster:
Richard Dykes (til T3)
Tim Oughton (from T4)

Executive:
Paul Bromell (1981-86)

Kieran Cleary (staff)
Iain Graham (1969-73)
Rob McKegney (1966-70)
Paul Sturrock (1980-84)
Richard McLaren (1991-97)

BRANCH NEWS

Nelson Branch

The Nelson Branch has had a busy year with completing the upgrade of the Front Field, you can read more about this on page 192.

As well as holding the opening ceremony celebrations for this, they have also held a successful Association AGM, and welcomed many Old Boys and visitors back to the College throughout the year.

We were privileged to welcome back Mr Trevor Page (1933-36) (pictured right) at Easter this year. Trevor is possibly our oldest Old Boy? at 103 years old. Trevor came down from the Hawke's Bay where he lives, to celebrate his sister's 100th birthday in Nelson, and while he was here, paid a visit to his old College!

Next year we are looking forward to hosting the 98th Quadrangular Tournament in June. Please make sure your details are up to date in our new online community database, so you can receive all the news and updates as soon as we have them!

If you haven't registered, jump online here:

<https://community.nelson.school.nz/NCOOnlineCommunity>



Wellington Branch

Thank you to Tom Fuller (2004-08), our new Branch Representative for Wellington. Tom is currently working in Wellington, and raising his young family, but has kindly offered to help with connecting Old Boys based in Wellington. If you have ideas about what you would like to see happen at the Wellington Branch, please contact us, and let's see if we can make it happen!

We had a fantastic event held in Wellington for the 97th Quadrangular Tournament, with more than 70 Old Boys attending from around the country, and world! Thank you to Tom for assisting with organising this.

QUAD 2024
25-27 JUNE

Hosted by: NELSON COLLEGE

More info to come next year.

Christchurch Branch

This year's dinner and AGM was held on September 7 at the Elmwood Trading Company. Hosted again by Marty & Naomi Fuller, the venue and hospitality was to their usual high standard. We had a good turnout of OB's, some coming along with their partners. Once again, our elder statesman was Tom Leighs (1947-1951). It is a rare year he doesn't come along, and Tom always provides excellent company accompanied by some good yarns.

Our guest speaker for 2023 was Richard McLaren, one of the College Deputy Principals. He spoke really well, and his talk was warmly received by all. It was more of a conversation with the audience than a speech, and he won us all over. It certainly went in his favour that he was both an OB and a member of Chaytor House.

As usual, we had a good uptake of the raffles offered, and the prizes were eagerly taken. A selection of wine, t-shirts, meal vouchers, and drink bottles had been donated by various members. We also ran a silent auction that offered three nights' accommodation at a bach in Kaiteriteri.

Another good year, and we look forward to 2024. Perhaps I will see you at Quad next June.

Richard Poff (1971-75) – Chaytor

Auckland Branch

The Auckland Branch held a successful luncheon at the end of last year, with lots of catching up between old boys.

They were treated to Sir Don McKinnon (1952-53) speaking and sharing his memories of Queen Elizabeth II, along with Mr Richard Dykes with the College news, and Iain Graham (1969-73) giving an update on the Front Field Upgrade.



Keep an eye out on social media and in your inbox for news of other functions happening in Auckland in 2024.

2013 REUNION

Class of 2013 - 10 Years On

Over Labour weekend some members of the graduating class of 2013 met in Nelson to catch up on 10-years since leaving college. Alumni travelled from all over the South Island, North Island, and even Australia to reconnect and enjoy a dinner, a few beers, and a nostalgic jaunt down Bridge Street.

For all involved, both those who could attend and those who were unable to, a highlight was seeing the breadth of what the boys had been up to in the decade since leaving school. Across Nelson, other regions of NZ, and countries the world over, there were builders, marketers, athletes, fisherman, doctors, lawyers, software engineers, and everything in between.

While paths had differed since our time at Nelson College, stories from a decade ago came thick and fast like they were yesterday. There were stories of teachers and classes, of sporting triumphs and disappointments, of co-curricular shenanigans and social faux pas, but all were shared with a nostalgia and fondness of the town we grew up in and the people we grew up with.

Thanks to all who were able to make it back to reconnect and belt out a few of the old college songs; I'm already looking forward to the next one!

Jacob Bignell (Head Boy of 2013)





Lockwood Smith, Colin Gibbons (1958-60) and Sir Don McKinnon (1952-53) at the opening

MUSEUM OPENING

Old Boy opens NZ War Memorial Museum in France

Sir Don McKinnon (1952-53) has been leading the project of creating a museum space in Le Quesnoy, France for the last 12 years as chairperson of the New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust – Le Quesnoy (NZMMT-LQ) , and the New Zealand Liberation Museum – Te Arawhata opened in October 2023. The town was liberated by New Zealand soldiers late in WWI, and this is a way of honouring them, for New Zealanders to have a place to visit.

Don says; “We are the only ones that do not have a significant place of our own on the Western Front... it’s something that’s missing in our history.”

The project has been supported by the Le Quesnoy Mayor, and the town community.

Wētā Workshop has been key to creating the displays. The design for Te Arawhata - the ladder has played such an important part in the story of the Liberation of Le Quesnoy, it is no wonder it has inspired the creative realisation of Wētā Workshop’s visitor experience.

Hundreds of Kiwis travelled to the small town in north-east France for the opening of the museum on October 10 and 11.

“The museum acknowledges a friendship that began over 100 years ago, highlights the importance of learning from the past to support a better future, and commemorates the 12,500 Kiwis who died in France and Belgium during World War One,” says Sir Don McKinnon.

OLD BOYS CONNECTING



1. Walter Iles (1946-51) and Mason Lund (2015-19) connecting at the NCOBA AGM in May.



2. Paul Sturrock (1980-84), Roger Gibbons (1961-65), Adam Gluyas (1976-80), John Towns (1958-61) catching up at the social after the AGM.

3. Old boys and supporters enjoying a BBQ after the opening of the Front Field.

4. Members enjoying getting together after the AGM.

5. Old team mates John Harwood (1950-53) and Paul Blumsky (1949-53) sporting their NC colours.

6. Just some of the strong contingent of Old Boys' supporters at Quad '23 at Wellington College. This group were third formers in 1963, and reunited at Quad '23.

7. Showing family support for NC. Sione Mafi, with his little brother and mum, Laumanu Mafi, and Samiuela Moimoi.

8. The Perkins brothers catching up at the Old Boys' Quad Function '23.

9. Two old boys who came all the way from South Australia to Quad '23. Jon Ashworth (1963-67) and John Hammond (1955-60).

10. Graham Kershaw, Grant Smith and Hugh Kingham (all 1963-67) at Quad '23.

11. Old boys connecting in Sapporo, Japan. Andrew (1996-2000) and Nick Goodman (1993-94) with Caleb Coventry (2013-17), who is playing in Japan.

12. Both 1969-73, Gavin Pickering and Iain Graham caught up in Horsham, UK where Gavin is based.





OLD BOYS: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

[Jarrod Aberhart \(1998-2002\)](#) left Nelson College as Deputy Principal in July this year. Jarrod started on staff in 2008 and has held many roles, including Deputy Principal, Acting Principal, Business Studies, Economics, Social Studies, English and PE Teacher, as well as an IT Lead and more. Jarrod has taken on a new challenge at the Ministry of Education.

[Toby Munro \(2008-14\)](#) co-owner of the Tides Hotel Bar and Eatery in Nelson was named second best in country by TripAdvisor in their Travellers' Choice Best of the Best Awards for 2023.

[Ian McDonald \(1976-79\)](#) published an autobiography in August this year, titled Life Isn't Fair, and features his time at Nelson College.

[Keegan Fisher \(2010-14\)](#) recently graduated with a masters in aviation from Massey University and is now based in Nelson and is working as a pilot for Air New Zealand.

The Nelson College 1st XI were lucky to have a presentation in the middle of a game against Waimea by author Ronald Cardwell, on his book written about Old Boy test Cricketer, [Douglas Freeman \(1931-33\)](#). His book, titled "Doug Freeman: Schoolboy Test Cricketer" was published in February.

Following the election, [Rohan O'Neill Stevens \(2014-17\)](#) was appointed Deputy Mayor by Mayor Nick Smith to 'provide balance', and had a period of acting Mayor during the year.

On February 9, 2023, [Jang Keun-suk \(2003\)](#) donated 100 million Korean won to help 2023 Turkey–Syria earthquake through Korea UNICEF Committee.

[Nigel Wilson \(1968-72\)](#) was awarded the Health Research Council's Beaven Medal for excellence in translational health research at the Royal Society Te Apārangi's Research Honours in November 2022. For more than 30 years, Associate Professor Nigel Wilson of Starship Children's Hospital has juggled working on the frontline as a paediatric cardiologist with carrying out groundbreaking research to help children in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands battling rheumatic fever and the damaging heart disease it can cause.

[Joe Arnesen \(2005-07\)](#) is co-owner and director of LJM Tiny Homes in Australia. This year they were awarded Australian Tiny House Builder of the Year at the inaugural Tiny House Industry Awards in August.

[Michael Lauer \(2017-21\)](#) represented New Zealand at the U21 Golf Croquet World Championships in Tauranga.

[Connor Ward \(2009-13\)](#) was named as one of NZA's top mortgage advisors for New Zealand in 2023, putting him in the top 3% nationwide. He is also director of the company Financing Futures.

OLD BOYS: GOOD SPORTS

Basketball

[Max Darling \(2013-16\)](#) has helped to steer the Canterbury Rams to the team's first National Basketball League title in more than 30 years. Max, at 198cm tall, plays forward. [Finn Delany \(2009-13\)](#) signed a two year deal with the NZ Breakers.

Volleyball

[Josh Mead \(2015-19\)](#) was part of the National Volley Blacks team, who competed in an eight-game tour in Chile in August this year. The next focus will be preparing for the Asian Champs in 2025.

Rowing

[Brook Robertston \(2005-11\)](#) was named in the 2023 Men's Sweep Squad, and won another National Title at the 2023 NZ Rowing Championship, in the Men's Premiere Pair with partner - Matt MacDonald. Doing this all while having a newborn to co-parent! His goal is to get to the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Football

All White [Callan Elliot \(2015\)](#) has left the Wellington Phoenix this year.

Christchurch United again reign supreme in New Zealand club football, captained by [Matt Tod-Smith \(2012-16\)](#).

Cycling

[Finn Fisher-Black \(2015-17\)](#) took out a shock win in Sicily after a comeback from a broken leg earlier in the year.

Skiing

[Billy Dravitzki \(2014-18\)](#) competed in the NZ Para Alpine World Champs team.

Rugby Round Up

TASMAN MAKO

[Luca Inch \(2015-19\)](#),
[Ethan Blackadder \(2008-12\)](#),
[Anton Segner \(2017-19\)](#),
[Quinten Strange \(2010-14\)](#),
[David Havili \(2012\)](#),
[William Havili \(2014-16\)](#),
[Mitch Hunt \(2009-13\)](#),
[Graham Urquhart \(2013-17\)](#),
[Leicester Fainga'anuku \(2013-17\)](#),
[Tom Marshall \(2004-08\)](#),
[Taine Robinson \(2015-17\)](#),
[Netani Baleisomosomo \(2020-21\)](#),
[Michael Curry \(2011-12\)](#)

HAWKES BAY

[Isaac Salmon \(2011-14\)](#)

CANTERBURY

[Mitchell Drummond \(2010-12\)](#)

MANAWATU

[Tima Fainga'anuku \(2011-15\)](#)

CRUSADERS

[Quinten Strange \(2010-14\)](#),
[Ethan Blackadder \(2008-12\)](#),
[Mitch Drummond \(2010-12\)](#),
[David Havili \(2012\)](#),
[Leicester Fainga'anuku \(2013-17\)](#)

HIGHLANDERS

[Luca Inch \(2015-19\)](#),
[Mitchell Hunt \(2009-13\)](#)

BLUES

[Anton Segner \(2017-19\)](#)

MOANA PACIFICA

[William Havili \(2014-16\)](#),
[Michael Curry \(2011-12\)](#),
[Tima Fainga'anuku \(2011-15\)](#)

ALL BLACKS

[David Havili \(2012\)](#),
[Leicester Fainga'anuku \(2013-17\)](#)

[Ethan Blackadder \(2008-12\)](#)

IRELAND

[James Lowe \(2006-10\)](#)

MANU SAMOA

[Michael Curry \(2011-12\)](#)

TONGA

[William Havili \(2014-16\)](#),
[Tima Fainga'anuku \(2011-15\)](#)



NCOBA President Chris Harvey opening the newly developed Front Field at the first 1st XV game of the season against St Bede's College in May

NC FRONT FIELD UPGRADE - ALMOST COMPLETE!

"Ya Dreamin' Mate - You'll never pull this off."

Just one of the comments made when the Nelson College Old Boys' Association said they wished to upgrade the Front Field. As we all know, we now have a Front Field we can all be proud of.

This has been an amazing combination of Old Boys and the Community working together to make this project possible. Yes a lot of hard work and commitment by a few but without the support of Old Boys, this would not have happened. A \$400,000.00 project of which Old Boys donated \$148,000.00. We cannot thank our Old Boys Network enough.

A huge thanks to the Old Boys Executive and Lucy for initially coming up with the idea and supporting the development team throughout this task. A special mention must go to our President, Chris Harvey, for his morale and physical help from start to finish. This truly has been a community project and reiterates how important our College is within our region.

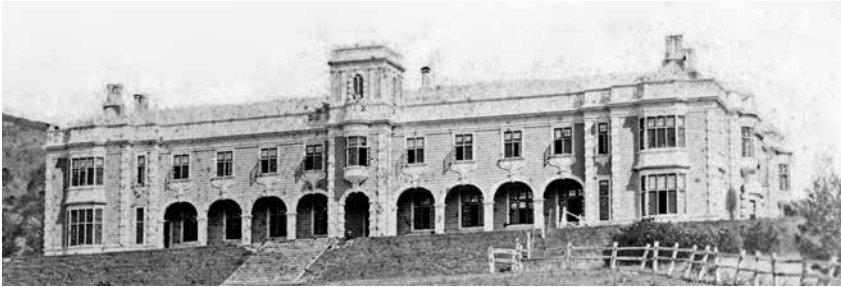


Our first game of rugby on the field was played after a week of rain. Seven inches in fact. The field drained and stood up well. Our winter continued to be wet and at no stage did the field turn to mud. The Old Boys have committed to maintain the field for a five year period. We just need to find the funds for this. A very generous offer from Heath Wilkins (1985-87) Birdhurst Holdings, of 10 tonne of Gypsum fertilizer showed how others can assist us with the upkeep.

Please contact NCOBA Liaison Lucy Jackson, if you wish to assist in a similar way or make a financial contribution to the field maintenance fund. Let's keep working together to keep Nelson College at the top.

Many thanks to you all
 Angus Graham (1969-73) Project Manager

THE OLDEST STATE SCHOOL



The 1861 Wooden building. When opened, the largest building in the colony. C1865

By Alan Turley (1951-55)

Nelson College is recognised as the oldest state secondary school in New Zealand. But how does this relate to schools such as Christ's College (established 1851 at Lyttleton) and Whanganui Collegiate School (established 1854), both before Nelson College (1856)?

It is further complicated by Wesley College, which opened in 1844 at upper Queen Street, Auckland, as the "Wesleyan Native Institution" – it provided for pupils of all ages, including adults. What followed was several years of struggle at different locations and various periods of complete closure. It was not until 1876 that the name Wesley College was adopted and the college located to Three Kings, Auckland, prior to its final location in Paerata in 1922. Wesley College was and still is a private school with affiliation to the Methodist Church.

There was a similar situation with Te Aute College, founded in 1854 by Governor Sir George Grey as a predominately "native school". Well endowed with land in Hawke's Bay, it has been subject to lengthy periods of closure which complicate its claims to longevity. Neither of these two schools appears to have had state registration as secondary schools during their early years.

It is accepted that Nelson College is the third oldest continuously operating college in New Zealand, after Christ's College and Whanganui Collegiate School – both of Anglican church affiliation. These three state registered schools were joined by Otago Boys High School (1863), Wellington College (1867), Auckland Grammar School (1869), Otago Girls' High School (1871), Napier Boys' High School (1872) and Christchurch Girls' High School (1877). With the abolition of the provincial governments in 1877 and the release of their education endowment funds, a number of new secondary schools sprung up. Thames High School, Timaru Boys' High School, Christchurch Boys' High School, Southland Boys' High School, Whangarei Boys' High School and New

Plymouth Boys' High School all opened their doors between 1880 and 1882. These pioneer schools and those which followed were largely modelled on English public schools. Other schools were established during the pioneer period, particularly in the Auckland district, but for various reasons failed to continue and were disestablished. Some of these re-formed later under different names and with different structures and status. During this period most schools had been reliant on the 1877 endowment grants, tuition fees and boarding fees for their financial sustenance. They were essentially private schools with independent boards of governors.



The earliest known photograph of staff and pupils. C1865

Around the turn of the 19th century, it was the government's expressed policy that secondary education should be free and available to all - the same as primary education since 1876. The government introduced its Free Places Scheme in 1903. It provided state funding to those schools which admitted free of charge students who had passed the state entrance examination.

Of the 25 so called endowment schools who were eligible to participate in the scheme, 15 accepted in order to receive the funding. After considerable pressure and much soul searching, including the threat that the state would open a high school in Nelson in opposition to Nelson College, most of the remaining schools capitulated and joined the scheme, with the exception of Christ's College, Whanganui Collegiate, and some other church schools. These have remained private schools to the present day.

It had been a concern that some schools would lose the special nature and character of their school. However, those schools which acceded, including Nelson College, were able to keep their special characteristics including control and ownership of their boarding departments. Single sex schools and schools with church affiliation were allowed to remain as they were. Over subsequent years further moves to state uniformity were introduced. In spite of this, more private schools, especially church affiliated schools, began to appear, as did state co-ed high schools.

Nelson College was the oldest school to join the Free Places Scheme. Effectively now under state control, it was dubbed the oldest state secondary school in New Zealand – a distinction which it continues to enjoy. Likewise, Christ's College rightfully enjoys its recognised place as New Zealand's oldest secondary school.

OBITUARIES

The Nelson College Old Boys' Association respectfully acknowledges the passing of the following Old Boys.

To ensure Old Boys are recognised please send any notifications to:
lj@nelson.school.nz.

2022

Robyn Beckingsale (wife of ex HM Barry Beckingsale), passed away on October 15, 2022, aged 80 years. Robyn was heavily involved in boarding at the school, and the couple lived on site in the early 1980s.

Thomas Raymond (Ray) Reesby, (1944-48) passed away 29 August, 2022 in Auckland, aged 90.

Ian Charles Waterson, (1955-57) passed away suddenly on 2 November, 2022. Ian won several swimming championships while at Nelson College.

Philip Alan Terry Calwell (1963-65), passed away October 23, 2022, aged 74 in Christchurch.

Dr John Henry Douglas Campbell (Doug) (1948-52), passed away May 22, 2022.

David John Gilchrist (1957-61), passed away March 16, 2022

Stephen William Porter (1990-94), passed away on 8 April 2022 in New South Wales. After leaving Nelson College, Steve studied law at Hull and lived in the UK for 18 years. He then moved to Australia for nine years where he continued to work as a solicitor, most recently in his own practice. Attendees at his NZ memorial service included several Fell House Old Boys.

2023

Robin Guy Williams (1942-48) passed away 4 February, 2023. Was Major General in the NZ Army. Malayan Emergency, 1948-1960 AWMM, Vietnam War, 1961-1975 AWMM, Malayan Emergency, 1948-1960 AWMM.

William Dagleish Cannington (Bill) (1952-57), passed away in Napier, 03 January, 2023.

Peter Grove Riley (1950-51), passed away in Nelson on 09 January, 2023, aged 86.

Norman Stanley Thawley (1943-45), passed away in Nelson on 17 January, 2023.

Denis John Richardson (1949-53), passed away February 25, 2023, aged 86 years, in Nelson.

Kevin Claude Corrin (1955-60), passed away March 27, 2023.

Kevin Newton Tunnicliff (1937), passed away April 25, aged 102 in Nelson.

Ross Frederick Currie (1970-71), Passed away April 23, 2023, aged 67, in Nelson.

Donald Burnside Stevens (1963-66), passed away May 3, 2023, in Nelson.

Rodger Ronald Bashford (1955-58), Passed away 6 May 2023, aged 81 and 1 day, in Nelson.

Billy Guyton (2008), passed away suddenly on 15 May, 2023 in Nelson. Billy was a former Blues, Hurricanes and Crusaders halfback, and Tasman

Mako player. Most recently Billy had been working as an assistant coach with Tasman's Farah Palmer Cup side.

Bryan Robert John Baigent (1983-87), passed away 22 May, 2023, suddenly in Christchurch, aged 54.

Roger David Morrison (1944-45), passed away on 22 May, 2023, aged 94 in Hokitika.

John Robertson White (1950-54), passed away on 2 June, 2023, aged 86 in Nelson.

Roger Fendall King (1942-43), passed away on May 31, 2023 in Nelson, aged 94.

Dennis Charles Joseph O'Donnell (1966-67), passed away on 11 May, 2023 in Queensland, after an illness.

Keith Lewis Williamson (1954), passed away on 17 May, 2023 in Tauranga.

Christopher Dan Williams (Dan), (1954-57) passed away 14 April, 2023 in Plimmerton.

Richard Douglas Rout (1946-50), passed away 21 May 2023 in Blenheim.

Peceli Loyawa (2000-01), passed away 04 June 2023, in Fiji.

Hugh Cameron Foster-Barham (1950-51 & 54), passed away 30 May, 2023 in Nelson.

Rev Timothy Charles Hurd (1986-1990), passed away 27 May 2023 in Dunedin.

Kevin Teal Marshall (1964-65), passed away suddenly on 2 June 2023 in Nelson, aged 73.

Tom Elger Inglis (1957-61), passed away on 5 June, 2023 in Motueka.

Te Maunu Paul Stephens (1950-51), passed away on 27 June 2023, aged 87.

Barry Douglas Hart (1947-48), passed away on 28 June 2023, aged 90 in Nelson.

Brian O'Hara Smith (1944-47), passed away March 2023 in Wellington

Christopher Colin Guard (1960-63), passed away 21 July, 2023 in Nelson.

Carl Mumm (1951-56), passed way on 21 July 2023, in Nelson, aged 85 years. Carl was a Prefect in 1956 while at College, and worked for many years as a radiographer at Nelson Hospital.

Graham Thomas Nelson Cook (1964-65), passed away 22 June, 2023 aged 74, in Nelson.

Lyll Augustus Eden (1942-45), passed away 27 July, 2023, aged 94 years, in Wakefield.

John Patrick Joseph Strand (1972-75), passed away 27 July, 2023, aged 64 years in Nelson.

Brian William King (Former Staff) (1966-1999), passed away August 7, 2023 in Nelson. (See obituary on page 200).

Brian Anthony Palamountain (1949-50), passed away 5 August, 2023 in Nelson, aged 88 years.

Lawrence Stanley Cooper (1954-55), passed away 13 August, 2023 in Nelson.

Neville Alec Percy Baldwin (1950-52), passed away 11 August, 2023 in Nelson.

Peter James Jeffrey (1976-80), passed away in Rush, County Dublin, Ireland, aged 60 years on 11 August 2023.

Francis Harry Marshall (1955-58), passed away on August 20, 2023, in Nelson, aged 82.

Geoffrey Terence Broad (1958-63), passed away 16 March, 2023, aged 77 years, in Lower Hutt.

Marshall, Seddon James (1950-51). Passed away 25 August 2023. He was one of the leading residual home builders in Nelson. Under the non de plume Mr Fix It, he conducted a live weekly radio show over Radio Nelson for many years. He served for 23 years as a Nelson City Councillor, including periods as Deputy Mayor, believed to be the second longest

serving elected Councillor in the history of New Zealand. Seddon Marshall was a true friend to all those who knew him, and an outstanding member of the Nelson community.

Arthur Charles Palmer (1946-47), passed away 6 September, 2023, aged 91 years, in Nelson.

Fredrick Orton Shallcrass (1952), passed away 5 September, 2023, aged 86 years, in Nelson.

Brian Maurice Stedman (1934-38) passed away 20 September, 2023, aged 102 in Christchurch. Brian was a strong and loyal supporter of the NCOBA, and was President of the Christchurch Branch in the 1960s, and was a Vice President. He was involved in many fundraising activities, and assisted with the 150th Jubilee.

Graeme Peter Alexander Dee (1953-57), passed away 4 October, 2023 in Wellington, aged 84 years.

Thomas Stanley Eyre Coote (1982-84), passed away suddenly on 21 September 2023, in Nelson, aged 55 years.

Graham Leslie Wehner (1955-56), passed away on 17 September, 2023, aged 82 years.

William Alan Currie (1945), passed away 29 September, 2023, in his 93rd year in Nelson.

Roger Dale Hunter (1960-66) passed away 7 October, 2023 in Sunshine Coast, Australia, aged 74.

George Murray Guy (1949-54) passed away 15 August, 2023.



The Nelson College rose

*'Tis not for home or merry sport
We raise this joyful lay,
Though well we love the field and court,
And home friends far away.
We'll shout and make the echoes ring
With jubilation long,
Our College is the theme we sing,
And this shall be our song.*

*Then hail your Alma Mater, boys,
Send forth a loud hurrah.
With three times three shout lustily,
Floreath Nelsonia!*

BRIAN KING OBITUARY - NC STAFF 1966-1999

By Neil Anderson

Brian began his time at Nelson College in 1966, coming from Lincoln College.

In 1968 he was the house tutor for Rutherford House, living in the Trafalgar Street flat provided for him.

With Brian having some skill in being a renovator he worked to improve this accommodation working within the boarding budget.

While continuing to teach at Nelson

College, Brian grew his reputation, becoming assistant housemaster in Rutherford House in 1974 and becoming Rutherford Housemaster in 1978.

Brian was also Senior Housemaster (now called Director of Boarding) and helped organise the sports night concerts. Brian also managed the Saturday school athletics and the Death Match House Athletics on Mondays.

At the same time Brian became the Head of the Health and Physical Education Department and taught English to Year 11. During this time Brian also was master in charge of Rugby, Athletics, Swimming and Gymnastics.

Everything worked very well when Brian was in charge.

When Nelson College was running the school Cadet training, Brian took over the quartermaster position for the outdoor education camps. He was chief cook for all staff and 200 pupils.

Here's what people said about Brian:

"He had a strong sense and understanding of values and displayed high levels of them." "Brian was generous with his time and knew how to support others. Valid strong advice was always available."

"Strong social structure was built for staff and students in the boarding situation, and he had people's back. He was loyal and displayed his loyalty to Nelson College repeatedly."

Brian was described as the right honorable Mr B W King in the Rutherford house student run magazine the Atom.

As a teacher Brian was well organised and had excellent classroom management. He told great yarns or stories. An ability he maintained throughout his life.

On one notable occasion Brian took on one of the members of the Board of Trustees. Brian's persistence and ability to debate won through and the Nelson College gymnasium is the size it is because of Brian.

Alongside his teaching Brian was also known as the Bee King and kept several beehives. Brian was also an excellent gardener, and gladly shared this knowledge with many Nelson College students. We are lucky to have had a man of such high value in our lives. Nelson College and its staff and pupils were much richer in many ways because of his wisdom, loyalty and honesty.



PREPARATORY SCHOOL 120 YEARS

1903-2023

Nelson College Preparatory School celebrated 120 years in September with an intimate celebration. Old Boys and even a past teacher came back to visit, and spent some time in the classroom with the current students. A welcome in the form of a haka was performed on the Front Field, followed by a visit to the Scriptorium museum.

The size of the Preparatory School has increased from one class to four over the years and has been located as far afield as Fairfield House before currently being housed in our modern facilities at Nelson College.

A highlight of the day was seeing our then Acting Headmaster Richard McLaren (1991-97) reconnecting with his Prep teacher, Mr Chris Clark (also an Old Boy - 1952-57), and hearing the great stories shared by past students.

(Pictured below left).

Richard says, "I have a memory in particular that pops up of one of our musical concerts that we held in conjunction with Nelson College for Girls. I remember seeing Mr Clark there and being very involved in the music side of things. I loved music and seeing him share that as well, encouraged me to continue on."

Nelson College Preparatory School
1923



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