



13th December 2023

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you all for supporting us through another year in boarding. Again, it has been busy year, with the restrictions of Covid behind us allowing for more events and activities.

Since the last newsletter, we have enjoyed Old Man' Supper which was held the week before seniors left. This is our traditional end of year boarding dinner that involves boys and staff from both houses. The 'old man' refers to the headmaster who originally ran boarding as an additional income stream, as well as to provide for the schooling needs of the wider rural community. He housed the boarders in the main school and at the end of each year, treated them to a 'Christmas-type' dinner out of his own pocket.

It was great to see the Dining Room fully functional and at capacity and our Acting Principal, Tim Oughton commented on how it was a wonderful way to celebrate finishing another year in boarding, and to acknowledge and farewell our leavers; in particular, our year 13 boys. The evening ended with a rousing haka to acknowledge and farewell all leavers.

On 24 November, we opened our boarding doors to next year's Year 9 students for a day of activities and for them to familiarise themselves with boarding life by 'sleeping over' for the night. Many of our senior boys will remember this first experience and, for many, it would have been when lasting friendships were forged.

The last school event of the year was the Junior Prizegiving, held on Thursday 7th December. I was very proud to have the privilege of shaking hands with several boarders who have achieved at the highest level academically, culturally and through sporting endeavours this year – well done boys.

2023/4 Staffing

Lucy Burns joined the Barnicoat House supervision team, adding to the fantastic work she does as matron and cleaner. Lucy has settled into the role and maintained the positive relationships she has with all the boys and staff.

Tracy McLaren has had a fantastic start to her tenure as Housemaster of Rutherford House. Combining this role with her position as the Learning Support Co-ordinator at Hampden Street School has been impressive and all the boys have benefitted from her care and thorough adherence to routines.

Boarding has also appreciated the positive input of old boy Punn Cowarin and day boys Luca Hippolite and Harry Gamble for their work in the kitchen. Ciaron Beasley will continue at Nelson College when he returns from his Christmas break in the UK; the boys have really benefitted from his expertise in strength and conditioning and his 'can-do' attitude.

We are fortunate to have stability in our staffing for 2024 with no staff leaving and I look forward to working again with our dedicated team.

Ngā mihi

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Tim Middleton
Deputy Principal and Director of Boarding

Nelson College Boarding Standards

As a hostel we are a community within a community and to successfully work together, we need to recognise our unique influence on our college and strive for:

1. Consideration for the feelings, beliefs, and happiness of others.
2. Cheerful obedience to the rules of the school and the house.
3. Trustworthiness and honesty.
4. Courtesy in dealing with others.
5. Personal responsibility in completing a task set or honouring a commitment and making a serious attempt to get the greatest gain from all Nelson College has to offer.

We ask for the continued support of all parents and caregivers in ensuring that our standards are adhered to.

2024 Key Contacts

Our boarding community has a close link to college. Many of our boarding staff members are also teachers at the school. We are all here to help support your son pastorally & academically.

Below are the contact details for key staff:

Barnicoat Housemaster – Simon Mardon – mn@nelson.school.nz

Rutherford Housemaster – Tracy McLaren – tracy.mclaren@hampdenstreet.school.nz

Below is a list of staff contacts relating to any academic concerns you may have regarding your son(s). Please contact your son's housemaster OR year level dean. Any concerns about pathways beyond school can be directed to our tertiary/careers' advisor.

Year 9 Dean: Samme Hippolite sh@nelson.school.nz

Year 10 Dean: Dan Moon mo@nelson.school.nz

Year 11 Dean: Helen Allen ha@nelson.school.nz

Year 12 Dean: Richard Townsend td@nelsonc.school.nz

Year 13 Dean: Simon Powrie pe@nelsonc.school.nz

Tertiary/Careers Advisor – Vikki Heays vh@nelson.school.nz

Standing Parental Consent 2024

Below are the links through to the areas of permission we request from you for 2024.
These consents must be completed each year before the boys' return.

1. [General Activities](#)
3. [Vehicle Permission](#)

School Dates 2024

website: <https://nelson.school.nz/our-school/general-information/>

The first term will begin on **Thursday 1st February 2024 for Year 9 only. All other year levels start Friday 2nd February.**

Years 10-13 boarders should arrive in their houses between 1.00 – 5.00 pm on Thursday 1st February.

Week 1: First Week of School

Monday	29 th January	Nelson Anniversary Day (school closed)
Tuesday	30 th January	Staff Only Day
Wednesday	31 st January	Staff Only Day (Year 9 boarders with older siblings arrive)
Thursday	1 st February	Year 9 Big Day In (all other boarders arrive)
Friday	2 nd February	All students in for staggered start.

Week 2: Second Week of School

Monday	5 th February	Full timetable
Tuesday	6 th February	Waitangi Day (school closed)
Wednesday	7 th February	Full timetable
Thursday	8 th February	Full timetable
Friday	9 th February	Full timetable

Important Nelson College Boarding & School Information Reminders

BYOD

website: [Technology in the Classroom | Nelson College](#)

Nelson College is a BYOD school with all students expected to bring a device to school to support their learning. If you're planning to buy your child a new device over Christmas, you can go to our website to get our recommendations for what to purchase. Please note that we don't specify a particular brand or model.

Be aware that our students get Microsoft Office 365 for free while they study at Nelson College. You don't need to buy this for your son(s).

Website/Electronic Access

The college encourages parents to visit our website <https://nelson.school.nz/> to keep up to date with current information. The website also provides a parent sign-in to our secure web environment, where parents and caregivers can access information to keep them informed of their son's learning progress, including attendance, timetables, report, achievement data and daily notices. Students will be able to access the same information as well as many learning resources and information via the portal. Any problems with not having access to these portals, please contact our student office.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are to be turned off and out of sight in class. Texting is not permitted during class time.

Phones will be confiscated and handed to the deputy principals & deans if these rules are not followed.

Attendance/Absences

All students are expected to be in their timetabled class. This will be monitored, and parents contacted when students are not present. If a boarding student is absent, it is important that the housemaster & school are notified. Please either complete the **Online Absence Form** or email attendance@nelson.school.nz or call the attendance line on 548 3099. Please leave the student's name, the reason for their absence and if known, how long they will be absent. On returning to school, boys need to collect a pink slip from the attendance office to show to their teachers. Full attendance guidelines: <https://nelson.school.nz/attendance-guidelines/>. Failure to provide a note will result in the student being disciplined and the parents contacted.

Parents who wish to take their son(s) on holiday during term time need to contact the year level dean.

Sick/Illness

Boarding students who feel unwell during the school day are expected to report to reception. Once assessed, they may then be admitted for care to the sick bay or sent back to their house under the care of the matron.

Unwell boys will be cared for initially by house staff in their boarding house. They will also be supported in making medical appointments when necessary. If boys are seriously unwell or need to be away from school for several days, they are expected to return home.

Appointments

Appointments should not be arranged during school time. If this is unavoidable, there is a procedure that boys need to complete before they are granted leave.

Students should bring a written request for leave to the attendance office for a pink slip, which they then show to their teachers.

Off Site

It is a college rule that no pupil leaves the school grounds at lunchtime unless they have the permission of the deputy principals. The neighbouring dairy and bakery are out of bounds during interval and lunchtime.

Change of Address

Please inform the Student Office sc@nelson.school.nz of any changes to address, phone numbers or email.

Leaving Procedures

All students leaving college during the year, at the end of year or transferring to another school, must complete formal signing out procedures. Leaving forms are available from the student office.

Stationery

[general information | Nelson College](#)

Our student stationery lists for 2024 are now available. Follow the 'stationery' link on the 'General Student Information' page. You can purchase these at any local stationery shop or online at Paper Plus or Office Max. Links to these websites are available under the stationery lists on the same page.

School Canteen

website: [Canteen-Menu.pdf \(nelson.school.nz\)](#)

The college sells a range of healthy and well-priced food for students. The canteen will open on Thursday 1st February. It opens during morning interval (11.00 am – 11.25 am) and lunchtime (1.25 pm – 2.15 pm). Please note students are not allowed off the school grounds during school hours.

Learning Support

website: [Learning Support | Nelson College](#)

The school Learning Support Coordinators support students with learning differences. The majority of students requiring extra learning support are identified at school – either by the college or by the student's contributing school. If you have any questions, please contact Robert McHardy by email (ry@nelson.school.nz) when school resumes in February 2024.

Co-curricular

website: www.nelson.school.nz/co-curricular

Music Information Evening

Thursday 8th February ... 4pm in the staffroom

At Nelson College we want to see all students involved in a range of co-curricular activities. We believe that this is an important part of their development and education. There are a wide

range of opportunities in sports, arts and service/leadership to get involved in. Contact our staff on the co-curricular page to find out more.

2024 Nelson College Boarding Fees & School Expenses

BOARDING FEES AND EXPENSES	
<p>Deposit to secure a boarding place A deposit of \$1,000 (NZ) is to be paid when accepting a boarding place at Nelson College. This deposit is credited to the student's invoice for boarding fees. In those cases where the acceptance is subsequently declined by the parent, the deposit may be forfeited except at the discretion of the Director of Boarding. This must be paid by 20th November of the year preceding entry</p>	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>Full Board Boarding Fees are \$16,200.00 per annum including GST and will be charged over the nine months, \$1,800.00 per month. The first payment will be on 20th February and last payment 20th October. You may receive two accounts every month for your son. One account is the 'Boarding Account' which includes all charges related to boarding and includes boarding fees, house canteen, house photos etc. The second account is the 'Day School Account' which includes all charges relating to sports trips and subs, school trips etc associated with the Day School. Incidental/Damage Charges Where damage occurs as a result of lack of thought or deliberate vandalism, we will look to recover the replacement/repair costs from those responsible. Pocket Money Parents should take responsibility for any private expenses & pocket money by setting up a bank account for their son which they can access with their EFTPOS card.</p>	<p>\$16,200 \$1,800 charged per month, over 9 months</p>
<p>The <u>Boarding Account (& Fees)</u> and <u>Day School Account</u> charges are due to be paid, with your son's name clearly as the reference, by 20th of the following month by either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Payment • Internet Banking • Credit Card (will incur a 1.7% bank fee) 	
<p>You can choose to make weekly, fortnightly, or monthly payments.</p> <p>Account payment in full for the full year – (Boarding Fees Only) Boarding Fees for the full year can be billed in March for immediate payment. If full payment is made by 20th March 2024, this attracts a fee rebate of \$150 including GST.</p>	
<p>NELSON COLLEGE BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER</p>	<p>03 0703 0365073 003</p>
<p>If you have any queries, please contact the Finance Office. Email: finance@nelson.school.nz</p>	

TIMA HEALTH LTD

DR ROBERT STUBBS

DR SUSAN STUBBS

DR ROB HAYES

General Practitioners

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Dear Parent/ Guardian or Care Giver of new Nelson College boarders,

For over 32 years we have developed a very good relationship with the Nelson Boys College as the General Practitioners for the boarders.

While your son is at Nelson College, provided he is a New Zealand resident, you are welcome to enrol him at our surgery in order to receive the Ministry of Health subsidies.

Please note that enrolment can only be at one doctor/practice therefore if your son is enrolled here but visits the family doctor when at home, they may charge their non- enrolled (casual patient) fee.

If you would like your son to be enrolled with our practice, please contact us when he starts or at any stage during his college years here.

Kind regards,

The Team at Tima Health

All **teens** from year 9 at school until their 18th birthday are eligible to receive **free dental treatment** (excluding international students). These **dental services** are funded by the Ministry of Health. Many parents and children are unaware of this free service!



Free dental services include:

- Regular checkups
- X-rays
- Fillings
- Extractions (orthodontic extractions excluded)
- Preventative treatments like fluoride or fissure sealants

Call us now on 03 548 3971 or Book online www.accessdental.co.nz



Best wishes for a warm, relaxing, and safe summer with your boys at home. We look forward to reconnecting again in February when we will resume working in partnership with you in supporting your son's development into adulthood.

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