



12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Kia Ora Koutou,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Welcome back to boarding at Nelson College; and a special welcome to all our new boarders and their families. It has been a great start to the year, with our new international students arriving on Anniversary Day to receive their orientation and all other boys coming back on the following few days to beautiful weather and the rhythm of school life. Hopefully all timetables are finalised now as we enter Week 3 and commence the real business of teaching and learning.

Last week we held our Leadership Assembly, and it gave me great pride to see our boarding Tuākana or Prefects receiving their badges. This week is the Academic Assembly, and we will again see boarders being acknowledged by the entire student body. On a more informal note, the boys enjoyed throwing themselves down the hydroslide at Tahunanui last week and we look forward to the other activities outlined below.

As I signalled in my end of year letter, we will again be taking our meals in Rutherford, as the Dining Room refurbishment project enters its final stage. After the glimmer of hope we were given by the contractors, the possibility that we could still be operational as the roof replacement was carried out has not eventuated. The catering team have the recent experience to draw on and I am confident that the transition back into Rutherford will be met with the usual 'can-do' attitude from your sons. We are assured that the interruption is, unlike last year, only short term and we will be back into a fully refurbished Dining Room by mid-May.

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the work of all the supervisors, matrons, catering staff and in particular, our Housemasters, Tracy McLaren and Simon Mardon in ensuring a smooth start to the year. Both Tracy and Simon maintain the necessary blend of high standards, attention to detail, compassion and care that makes boarding the unique experience it is for the boys.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Trampoline Park Trip

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Kaiteriteri Beach Trip

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Richmond Action Centre

### NCEA MATTERS

Our senior boarders' results for 2023 were very good. We congratulate all boys for their efforts and results. I will share the summary of pass and endorsement rates at each level when the Principal's Report from NZQA is finalised in the coming weeks.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

All Year 13 leaders play a key role in boarding, working with staff to organise events as well as mentoring younger boys in a 'big brother/tuakana – little brother' relationship. The following boys were recognised at Full School Assembly last week and named to House Tuākana positions for 2024:

Congratulations to these boys -

<b>Barnicoat House</b>	<b>Rutherford House</b>
Isaac Johnstone	Braedyn <u>Rosanowski</u>
George Chapman-Cohen	Ben Wellman
William Coles	Andy Yao



## REMINDERS FOR YOUR SONS

As the term progresses and assessments begin, we will be reminding the boys of the following:

**Organisation** = Knowing when deadlines are, when pinch points will occur, and what challenges may be presented by extra-curricular commitments.

**Communication** = Keeping teachers, coaches and supervisors informed of any pinch points well in advance so that they can be managed. There is always a solution to challenges that arise but the onus is on students to keep the people working with them informed.

**Consistency** = Working away at things all of the time so that workload pressure does not pile up. "Little and often" is a wise approach to take when faced with exam preparation, or long-term assessment tasks.

### Attendance System

The school emails out attendance concerns to day parents directly to make parents more immediately aware of any patterns of concern as they develop. In boarding, these emails will go to Housemasters in the first instance, who will continue to follow up concerns directly with students as has previously happened. Parents will be informed about attendance concerns by Housemasters if a pattern develops.



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Below is an updated list of key school contacts:

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