

NEWSLETTER

NELSON COLLEGE

Te Kura Tamatāne O Whakatū



Kia ora koutou,

16 Feb 2024

We are now well and truly back in the business of focused teaching and learning after a very smooth, if a little warm, start to the year. Our school roll is larger than we were anticipating with 1062 students enrolled on day one. I see this as a very positive and encouraging sign; a Nelson College educational offering remains attractive to many families locally, throughout New Zealand and internationally.

Our new staff have also settled in well and several have commented on the friendly, welcoming, and collaborative environment into which they have entered.

Our new staff are:

Douglas Brooks – Science (from OneSchool Global)
Zachary Brown – Prep (from Nelson Christian Academy)
Tim Clack – Maths (from Nelson College for Girls)
Yvette Krohn – English (from Nelson College for Girls)
Carl Johnston – TIC Physics (from Burnside High School)
Robert McHardy – Learning Support Coordinator (from Howick College)
Nathan Munn – TIC Music (from Shirley Boys High School)
Brad Norris – PE (from Waimea College)
Dylan Wells – Maths & PE (Beginner Teacher)

Our 2023 NCEA results are most satisfying with our students performing well above the national achievement averages in Levels 1, 2, and 3. We also performed at a similar or above level for schools with the same Equity Index (EQI). Equity Index measures the socio-economic background of the total student population.

Approximately one third of our students achieved at Merit and Excellence standard in Levels 1, 2, and 3. We are determined to keep improving our academic standards and we will be setting subject targets so that our young men can have “stretch” goals.

Without goals, self-improvement is difficult so I would encourage all parents to take the time to discuss the importance of academic application and effort; good study habits can never be established too early, and they do make a difference beyond school.

Recently the Board ratified our mobile phone policy in line with the Government mandates. The Ministry of Education website provides guidelines which can be found in the following link; <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/digital-technology/cellphones/>

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who responded to our option preference last week. 90% of respondents favoured the “away for the day” option meaning students will be allowed to bring their mobile phones to school, but they must be switched off and stored safely for the duration of the normal school operating hours i.e. 8.45 am until 3.15 pm. This is the option the school will be adopting and from now on our school policy will be enacted.

I have never been a great supporter of government mandates in relation to teaching and learning (apart from a sound national curriculum and an effective assessment regime) but in the case of prohibiting mobile phone use during the school day, I believe students will be better off socially and learning outcomes will be improved.

Many schools, both in New Zealand and overseas, have already prohibited the use of mobile phones and, without exception, both students and teachers report improved outcomes. The reported benefits are manyfold.

They include;

- **Improved classroom focus and attention span**
- **Significant reduction of cyberbullying**
- **Avoidance of unnecessary time-wasting social media contact**
- **More face-to-face interaction and improved interpersonal skills**
- **Reduction in student anxiety and stress**
- **Reduction in cyber-security risks**

More interesting however, is that the great majority of schools reported improved academic outcomes and improved school culture and climate. Both teachers and students did not want to go back to the “mobile days”!

Thank you for your support of this policy and, again, I would encourage you to have a discussion with your son(s) about some of the benefits listed above.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tim Oughton

Acting Principal



parent portal new login

Sign into School Portal

1. Go to: Nelson College homepage click PORTAL
2. Click 'Sign In' and then choose your account type "Caregiver".
3. Caregivers with a Facebook, Google, Microsoft (or Hotmail) or a Yahoo account can use one of these options to sign in quickly and securely. The email address used with one of these services must be the same email address you have registered with the school.

Caregivers Sign in with Magic Code

Caregivers without a Facebook, Google or Microsoft or Yahoo account, can sign in by requesting a Magic Sign-In email. These emails are valid for 72 hours and you can request a new one at any time.

1. To receive a Magic Sign-In email, enter your school registered email address and click the send button.
2. You will receive an email that includes a Magic Sign-In link that you can click to sign in, as well as a Magic Sign-In code that you can use to sign in on a different device
3. Click the Magic Sign-In Link for the student you want to sign in for and you will be automatically signed in.

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Help Video: <https://youtu.be/S0vqnr0tuzU>



- Scan the QR Code to download. Or
- Search "schoolbridge" on your mobile AppStore or PlayStore.



Once you have downloaded the app, you can sign in using your school account information. Please contact the school if you need help with your account details.

Switching Between Your Students

If you are a caregiver with multiple students at the same school, you can easily switch between your children's accounts without having to sign out. Clicking the Switch Siblings icon allows you to quickly switch between the accounts for all of your children.

Please contact the Student Office if you have any problems with signing in.

Sandra Cahill: sc@nelson.school.nz



Return of examination material:

2023 results are available for students to login via their [NZQA accounts](#) and available to parents on the [Parent Portal](#).

- Return of examination material is now submitted in a digital format or scanned. Details about the return of examination material can be found [here](#).
- Information on viewing exam answers for students who completed an exam digitally can be found [here](#).

Reviews and reconsiderations

If a student has a query about a result he should firstly talk to his subject teacher.

Information on considering [review or reconsideration](#) of their results for NCEA and Scholarship external assessments. This includes exams, submitted subjects, and portfolios.

- The reviews and reconsiderations links are in the Learner login now.
- The last date a student can send the online application is:
 - o NCEA: Wednesday, 21 February 2024
 - o Scholarship: Thursday, 9 March 2024.
- Financial assistance to waive the fee for reconsideration is available for eligible students. They can download and print a copy from their student login, or you can distribute the copy attached. For Scholarship papers, the address used must be the address on the form. Students can email the form to reconsiderations@nzqa.govt.nz or send to the address on the form if submitting physical material.

Queries regarding any of the above please contact either:
Principal's Nominee - Leonor White lw@nelson.school.nz Or
Student Office Manager - Sandra Cahill sc@nelson.school.nz

sports office snippets



Welcome to a new year full of sporting opportunities! Our 1st XI cricket team has been very busy. Read all about that below.

Please ensure your son is reading the daily notices, and listening at assembly to the notices to make sure he doesn't miss out on the many opportunities we offer.

A COUPLE OF HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR...

- Congratulations to Kurt Ward scoring 121 v Rathkeale College during Quad, Niall McLeod who took 5 wickets against Willows, Jarryd Nicholls (78) and Kurt Ward (54) against Willows.
- Congratulations to Marlin Brown and Oran Sim who competed at Colgate Games producing some great results
- What about those Touch boys! 19 Nelson College boys were involved in Touch Nationals and the Nelson u16 team are National Champions!

SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Your son should have signed up for the following sports – but its never too late!

- Volleyball – Yr 9, Yr 10 and Senior social
- Cricket – Teams available in College grade to join

For all sports enquiries, please contact Alethea se@nelson.school.nz

cricket



Our 1st XI Cricket team have been busy this summer. Nelson College hosted our annual Quadrangular Tournament, with Rathkeale College (Masterton), Hutt International Boys School (Wellington), and Marlborough Boys College. The weather played its part, displaying all the things we love about living in Nelson! Victory Square hosted all the games and we would like to thank Wakatu Cricket Club for allowing us to use their facilities. Although the results didn't go our way, there were some great highlights, with Kurt Ward scoring 121 against Rathkeale College; Dallas Kelso was consistently good with the bat; our bowling attacks had moments of brilliance.



quadrangular



the willows v nelson college

MATCH REPORT: The Willows v Nelson College 4th February 2024

The Nelson College Fixture is a match that is always highly anticipated, for many reasons, but mainly because Nelson College is our founder Mike Dormer's old school. Nelson College brought a strong side to The Willows, captained by Kurt Ward.

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat and were soon in early trouble at 56/4 – the position worsened to 68/5 before Louie Garry and Micha Walther joined in a sixth wicket partnership of 107, to add a great deal of respectability to The Willows scorecard, both players scoring 51, with Louie Garry not out at the end. The balance of The Willows batsmen were guilty of not applying themselves, in batting conditions that are always favourable.

For Nelson College, it was a strong bowling & fielding effort, and if they had held onto the chances offered The Willows scorecard would have been much worse. The standout bowler for Nelson College was Niall McCleod who bowled superbly for his 5-35 from 9.4 overs, his effort in essence set up the Nelson victory, he was well supported by G Aerakis who took 3-2 from 6 overs.



185 was never going to be enough for The Willows XI to defend, on the excellent Willows batting surface, and Nelson College made a very strong start with a 77- run opening partnership, with J Nicolls scoring 78, and H Ward supporting with a bright and breezy 54.

This start set the Nelson College up for victory, with D Kelso 31, Nelson College reached the target with 10 overs to spare.

A thoroughly commanding performance by Nelson College and a well-deserved victory for the second season running. Louie Garry topped off a good all-round day with figures of 3-33 for The Willows. Our thanks must go to The Nelson College 1st XI, for the way in which they conducted themselves, their dress standards, and the spirit in which they played the match.

The Willows acknowledges the support of Isacc Day & Merv Ward for their mentorship & support of this group. Our thanks also to parents and supporters who travelled to The Willows to support the Nelson College 1st XI.





2024 touch youth nationals

We had two mixed teams, one for the U16 category, the other for U18, representing the Nelson area. Drawing players from Motueka, Richmond, Nelson, and surrounding regions, our squads comprised a total of 19 talented boys. Our U16 boys emerged as the National Mixed Champions, while our U18 counterparts secured an impressive 5th place, winning the Plate final.

Despite their outstanding performance, the U18 team narrowly missed out on a top-four finish, falling short due to a points count back. Despite this disappointment, we couldn't be prouder of our boys and the exemplary sportsmanship they displayed.



For all the latest rugby news and to register, visit:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/nelsoncollege/>



house competition

Keep your eyes on the daily notices for news of big upcoming events including Athletics at Saxton on 29th February, Haka and Cross Country.

House Calendar 2024		
Confirmed dates will be advised at the start of each term		
Term	Start Dates	House Event
ONE	12 th February	Touch
	19 th February	Chess
	29 th February	Athletics
	7 th March	Swimming
	11 th March	Hockey
TWO	7 th May	Haka
	16 th May	Cross Country
	20 th May	Volleyball
	6 th June	Basketball
	20 th June	Spelling Bee
THREE	5 th August	Debating
	9 th September	Football
	17 th September	Rugby Sevens
FOUR	20 th October	Quiz
	25 th October	Choir
	Headmasters Cup	
	11 th November	Dodgeball
	18 th November	Ki-o-Rahi
	25 th November	Ultimate Frisbee
	2 nd December	Softball



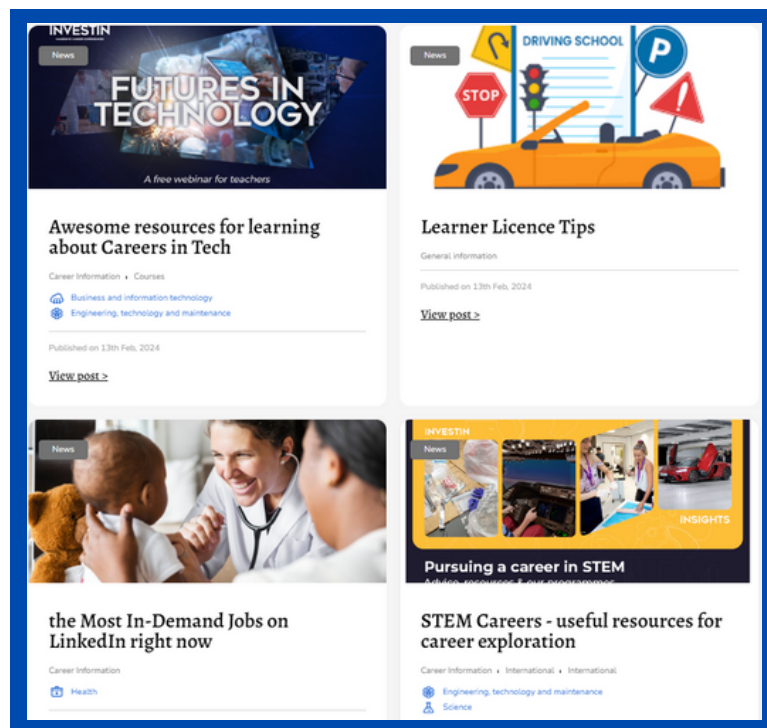
This year we are excited to launch our Nelson College Careerwise web page.

You can find it through our website OR simply click on this link to go straight there:
<https://nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/>

This page will be the one-stop shop for all of the information and registration for our careers events.

Click on the event you are interested in for further information and registration button.

The page will also house other relevant information from the Careers Hub.



We encourage you to subscribe to our page - and then you will get email notifications when new events are loaded. Super easy!

We have quite a full calendar already this term with visits booked in from employers, representatives from industry, university Liaison visits and some career exploration events.

Keep checking the daily notices and your emails for further updates and information.

Mon Feb 19	Tues Feb 20	Wed Feb 21	Thu Feb 22	Fri Feb 23
Intro to Uni 1.30pm - Library Information about what to expect when considering uni. For Y13 and interested Y12 students	Intro to Uni 6pm Staffroom Information about what to expect when considering uni. For whanau/parents of Y13 and interested Y12 students	Students Against Drunk Driving Launch (SADD) 10.45-11.45am Library For students who have registered All ages		

Mon Feb 26	Tues Feb 27	Wed Feb 28	Thu Feb 29	Fri Mar 1
<p>Intro to Massey 1.30pm - H1 Information about study options at Massey.</p> <p>For Y13 and interested Y12 students.</p>	<p>19 Feb Intro to Victoria 1.30pm H1 Information about study options at Vic.</p> <p>For Y13 and interested Y12 students.</p>			<p>BECA Wonder Day 9am – 12.30pm BECA, Nelson Interactive morning with engineering professionals for students who are considering studying Engineering at Uni.</p> <p>To register: https://nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/post/35</p>

Remember to check your @nc email address regularly for events!

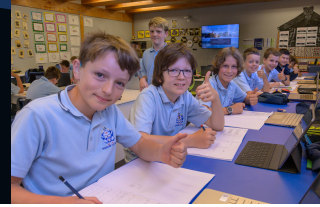
academic colours



Congratulations to our Year 12's and 13's who received an award.

The importance of recognising hard work and dedication cannot be understated and we are proud of their achievements. We would encourage all our students to talk to their Deans about how they might one day be the one to cross the stage and receive an award.

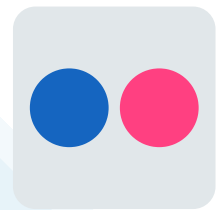




Prep started the year by welcoming the new Year 7 boys to the school with a haka on the front field and, as is our custom, a welcome handshake.



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ESOL VOLUNTEER READERS NEEDED!



DO YOU HAVE THE TIME TO COME AND
READ ONE ON ONE WITH ESOL STUDENTS?

Email ag@nelson.school.nz

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Highland Pipe Band

LIKE THE SOUND OF BAGPIPES & DRUMS?

Come and learn with the
City of Nelson Highland Pipe Band

- ✦ Bagpipe lessons offered here at Nelson College while you learn, then join the band
- ✦ Drum lessons held on Monday evenings

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Ages
9 to 11
12 & 13
14 to 16



Monday @ Kaiteri (4:30-6:30pm)

Start Date: 12th of February

Wednesday @ Codgers (4:00-6:00pm)

Start Date: 14th of February

Thursday @ Richmond (4:00-6:00pm)

Start Date: 15th of February

7-week program of skills coaching, trail riding and good times!

**Beginners to advanced riders
welcome!**

Ages 8 - 15 years old



BOOK ONLINE: www.krankinkids.co.nz

Enquiries at info@krankinkids.co.nz



2024 Term 1 - Summer Social Hockey

Wednesday 21 February to 27 March 2024 - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs

Register online at www.nelsonhockey.org.nz

Competitive Mixed & Social Mixed grades

6.00pm - 1/2 turf - 8 a side
30 minute games
Six week season

For teams of parents, kids, workmates and/or friends
Teams to have matching uniforms or we can supply bibs if required.

\$220 per team

Direct debit to 03-1354-0452914-16
Social and team name as reference

Registrations close 14th February 2024



Any questions please contact:
Daniel Hobbs
rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz



2024 Term 1 - Year 7+8 Social League

Six week program Monday 19th February to 25th March 2024

4:00pm to 5:00pm - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs

\$30 per player

Six a side, half turf, 20 minute games

We are hoping to have enough teams enter to play twice per day

Teams can enter as girls, boys or mixed.

Equipment provided by Nelson Hockey

Play with your mates or your school.

Direct debit with reference of 'name' and 'youth' to:
03-1354-0452914-16

Registrations close:
12:00pm, Thursday 15th February

For further details, contact:
Daniel Hobbs
rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz

Special Promotion - For schools that register a **FULL TEAM**, we will be offering a 50% discount per child



Regional Development Manager - Daniel Hobbs
rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz or phone - 03-5479988



2024 Term 1 - Year 9+10 Full Field Program

Six week program Monday 19th February to 25th March 2024

4:00pm to 5:00pm - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs

\$50 per player

11 a side, full turf, hockey games
Teams can enter as girls, boys or mixed.
Equipment provided by Nelson Hockey
Play with your mates or your school

Direct debit with reference of 'name' and 'youth' to:
03-1354-0452914-16

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2024 Nelson Hockey Junior Program I

Thursday 22nd February to 28th March 2024 - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs

Register online at www.nelsonhockey.org.nz

Kindy Sticks:

3 & 4 years old, fun fundamental skill games
3.45pm - 4.30pm
\$40 for six week program

Fun Sticks:

5 & 6 years old, learn the basics of hockey, some fun games
3.45pm - 4.30pm
\$40 for six week program

Mini Sticks:

6 to 8 year old, skill development and game
4.30pm - 5.30pm
\$45 for six week program.

Kiwi Sticks:

9 to 13 year old, skill development and game
5.30pm - 6.30pm
\$50 for six week program

Please make payment using child's name as reference to:
03-1354-0452914-16

Registration spaces are limited and will close 15th February



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