



29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Kia ora koutou

I hope this newsletter finds you well after the 2 week break with your sons. As we move into term 2, the pace quickens with NCEA assessments, winter sports and the myriad of co-curricular opportunities on offer to the boys. I encourage all our young men to get involved and try new things, as the experiences on the sports field or on the stage are often the ones that help set us up for later in life.

Simon Mardon and I had the pleasure of taking boarding on the road to AgFest in Greymouth at the end of last term and we were fortunate to be placed in a marquee for our exhibition when STAC pulled out due to the weather (their loss!) It was a great opportunity to connect with many of our West Coast families and the Old Boys who stopped to reminisce and find their name in the register. There was some interest from prospective parents so watch this space as our West Coast contingent continues to grow.

Among the coming and going of various international students, it was great to welcome back Oliver Kirk who is one of our USA Rugby Foundation scholarship recipients. Oliver made a huge impact at Nelson College last year (both on and off the rugby field) and he has been warmly received back into Rutherford by the boys. I have received positive feedback about the boarders who went on the Social Sciences Faculty Vietnam and Cambodia trip in the holidays – a fantastic once in a lifetime trip that those students will always remember.

We continue to take our meals in Rutherford, as the Dining Room refurbishment project enters its final stage. This short-term disruption will come to an end in the last week of May when we return to the Dining Room, not only for the boarders, but for Nelson College to host both the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Quadrangular Tournament and the National Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition.

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the support of Nelson College for Girls who hosted our international students in the Easter Holidays, and we look forward to reciprocating when the girls stay at NC at the end of term 2. Finally, we are looking forward to our annual Boarding Open Day on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. This is an opportunity to open our doors to prospective parents and for them and their sons to see the wonderful opportunities boarding at Nelson College can offer. The morning has been scheduled to coincide with the 1<sup>st</sup> XV playing against Christchurch Boys' High school in what should be a great game after they pipped us in the Miles Toyota premierships final last year. Please pass on the dates to friends and family who may be considering boarding – the flyer is attached below.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Boarding Open Day:

An Invitation to Nelson College Boarding Open Day May 18

Scan the code or register your interest at [nelson.school.nz](https://nelson.school.nz)



Key Speakers  
Tours  
1st XV v ChCh Boys High School

Week 4 – Year 10 Literacy and Numeracy Assessments

## NCEA MATTERS

There have been a handful of incidents of plagiarism across the senior cohort lately. With the advances in AI, the temptation for boys to take the easy route is stronger than ever. Please remind your sons that time management and open communication with their teachers will prepare them to put their best foot forward when it comes to internal assessment time.



## 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 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.

**"Away for the Day"** – all students are now fully aware of our phones policy and procedures and have become used to the routine. Phones are to be switched off and in bags between 8.45 and 3.15. If confiscated, phones are securely held by the Attendance Officer for the day and returned after school. If confiscated for a second time, phones are securely held and returned after school on the following day. If confiscated for a third time, this is regarded as continual disobedience and results in a stand down from school for 1 day. Boarders have mostly adapted well and have worked out that leaving their phones in the hostel removes the temptation completely.

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