

# NEWSLETTER

NELSON COLLEGE

Te Kura Tamatāne o Whakatū



25 July 2024

*Kia ora tātou,*

Thank you to our staff, students, and community for the warm welcome I've received this past week. The pōwhiri on Monday was a powerful testament to the strength of our community and the importance of nurturing relationships. The waiata performed by the Nelson Girls' and Nelson College kapa haka group – Ngā Aho Rau, was truly impressive and set a positive tone for the journey ahead. I hope everyone had a refreshing winter holiday and your son/s are excited about the term ahead.

There are many events coming up in the next few weeks, to name a few, our curriculum evening, Year 11-13 Parent/Teacher evening, course selections, plus there are many sporting and art events coming up that we will talk about in due course. It's great to see so many opportunities provided here.

It has been an absolute pleasure for me to meet many of our students in classrooms, at the gates, and around the grounds. I have been struck by their respectfulness and courtesy, reflecting a deep sense of pride in being part of Nelson College.

As we dive into Term 3, traditionally a busy academic period, our focus shifts towards summative assessments. The hard work and foundations laid in the first half of the year now come to fruition with more internal assessments leading up to our assessment week and end of year exams. I encourage all our boys to approach these assessments with their utmost effort.

Each challenge they tackle not only tests their knowledge but also strengthens their neural connections, crucial for their long-term success in many different areas. It's through facing difficulties that character is built and essential skills for the future are developed.

Parents, your continued support and encouragement during this critical time are invaluable. Your involvement in your son's education plays a pivotal role in their academic journey. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

To our students, remember that every effort you put in now contributes to your growth and development. Don't hesitate to seek support from teachers and peers when needed and know that we are here to help you succeed.

Wishing all our boys the very best as they navigate through the challenges and opportunities of Term 3. Together, let's make it a productive and rewarding journey.

Ngā mihi nui Ngā mihi nui,

Richard Washington  
Tumuaki/Principal

Manaaki/Care, Pono/Integrity, Kairangi/Success

## pōwhiri for tumuaki richard washington

This week we welcomed our new Tumuaki Richard Washington to the Nelson College whānau. Read more about the pōwhiri in the news article below



# Heartwarming Welcome for Nelson College's New Principal



## 'Heartwarming' welcome for Nelson College's new principal

Richard Washington has taken up the role after four years as deputy head at an international school in South Korea.

Stuff / Jul 22

## Age-grade basketball legacy in the making

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JACK MALCOLM

Nelson's age-grade basketballers have won back-to-back National Championships.

After winning the U17 title last year, the team travelled up to Wellington last week to repeat the feat in the U18 nationals.

But, with a significant number of players from last year's squad ineligible due to their age, it was essentially a brand-new team that took the court for Nelson.

Led by Hayden Jones, who was one of the members of both U17 and U18 teams, Nelson went undefeated through the competition before smashing Manawatu 112-66 in the final to clinch the title. Having trailed 27-17 at the first quarter break, the team came back in the next three to take a 15-point lead into halftime before running away with the game.

With 35 points in the final, Hayden was also named the tournament MVP as well as in the all-star five tournament team alongside James Matthews, the only other player in both U17 and U18 teams.

The pair have just returned from making history with New Zealand's U17 Team in Turkey with the highest finish in an age-grade World Cup by making the semi-finals before losing to Team USA.

And it was a trip from hell to get back home in time to play, with delays meaning they arrived in Wellington just 70 minutes before they took the court for the team's first game.

Storming through the competition, Hayden top scored for his team in four of the six games where he took the court, with James close behind.

The duo have been a driving force in creating a legacy for Nelson age-grade basketball in recent years, with a wealth of success for both their region and their schools.

They've also seen more active involvement with the Giants this season, with Hayden getting considerable minutes while also rewriting the record books as the team's youngest starter earlier this season.

But basketball is a team game, and it was a well-rounded performance from the Phil Jones coached U18 side.

The team's highest score came in pool play, where they coasted past North Otago 131-73 with Akito Collins top scored with 27 points with seven players in double digit points.



Hayden Jones was named the U17 National Championships MVP after leading Nelson to back-to-back titles. Photo: Basketball New Zealand.

Their closest game was against Tairanga in an 107-86 win with 28 points to James, 22 to Hayden and 21 from Jerome Sinclair.

Cheer Phil Jones says he and assistant coach How Beynon were confident they were going to be a challenger for the title ahead of the competition.

"It was probably a surprising aspect for me how comfortably we won most of our games.

"We had input from everyone, all 12 [players]. Hayden and James are the two anchors of the team, but they were really well supported by everyone else."

While the team may spread out as they travel to university, with several players like Hayden and James, who is still in year 12, expected to pick up scholarships to America, the team still has more chances to etch their names further into the history books with one final age-grade competition.

The U20 nationals are the last age group tournament available to young basketball players in New Zealand and there's a chance the Nelson team can reconvene their U17 players back into the squad to make a formidable side.

There's even a chance Hayden, who is in year 13 this year, can play with the American college season starting after the tournament.

While Phil hasn't really thought about what his role with the team may be moving forward, having spent all his annual leave travelling to tournaments around the country this year, he says he will take some time over summer to think about it.

He wanted to thank the team's sponsors for their support, as well as team manager Meg Matthews, who he says is a driving force for the team's strong performances on the court with her work behind the scenes.

# uniforms



NZ Uniforms has taken over the supply of our school uniforms. They are located at 8/38 Estuary Place, Richmond, and their opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm.

NZ Uniforms online store can be found [HERE](#)

The new uniform design is compulsory for Year 7 and Year 9 students from the beginning of 2025. Students in Years 8 and 10-13 can continue wearing the old uniform for one more year, but only new uniform items will be available for purchase. By 2026, all students must transition to the new uniform.

## Key Dates

2025: Year 7 and Year 9 students in the new uniform

2026: All students in the new uniform

For any inquiries, you can contact NZ Uniforms at 03 928 0757. Thank you for your cooperation and support during this transition period.

We are accepting donations of quality used uniforms to help those without through the next 12 months. If you have any items to donate, please drop them off at reception.

**Donate quality  
used uniforms  
- now's your  
chance!**

# attendance



One of the things we are continuing to focus on this term is student attendance.

As always, if your son is going to be absent, please notify the College by one of the following procedures:

Completing the [Online absence form](#)

Email: [attendance@nelson.school.nz](mailto:attendance@nelson.school.nz)

Phone: 03 548 3099 Ext 851

Last term saw a lot of early illness. Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be difficult at times. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora have changed their guidance for schools and parents. It is no longer necessary to keep your son at home with mild symptoms. If you are unsure please get in touch with us or follow this link [Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school - guidance for parents and caregivers \(info.health.nz\)](#)

We will be in touch with more information regarding our attendance procedures and how you can continue to help your son achieve success with this during the term.

# sports office snippets



Term three is another busy one, with our winter codes continuing weekly, and some big events coming up. Wednesday night basketball continues for about six more weeks. Winter Tournament week at the beginning of September is a big one for us with teams travelling all over the country to compete.

Congratulations to James Matthews – read about his International Basketball success below. 4th in the World is amazing. James then flew 40 hours home to join up with the Nelson U18 team, which included seven NC boys and they won Nationals.

Good luck to our swim team who start their National Competition today.

The last five weeks have been a ride. Traveling to Turkey with team mates that I have become really close to over the last three years, and experiencing more than just a world cup: visiting Gallipoli and meandering through the busy markets of the Grand Bazaar.



As preparation for the World Cup, we played in the Istanbul Cup, against Australia, Turkey and Egypt, winning the inaugural trophy, and boosting our confidence going into the main tournament.

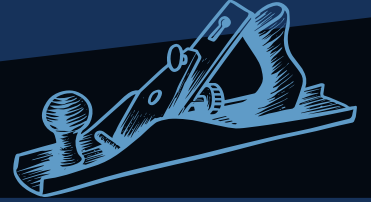
Placing 4th in the world is definitely my highlight. We believed we could before we left. And we trusted the process. It was great being part of a team that made NZ age-group history.

Then straight after our last game in Istanbul, and with a couple of flight disruptions and 40 hours of travelling, we flew straight into Wellington where I joined my Nelson U18 team mates for Nationals, six of whom are in the Nelson College Senior A team with me: Elijah Inwood, Jack Mellor, Ashton Walker, Rihare Tanoa, Luke Inglis, and Brodie Materoa, along with our school Assistant Coach Huw Beynon. And in Wellington we made Nelson age-group history, successfully defending the national championship that we had won in 2023, bringing the trophy back to Nelson again. We believed.

James Matthews



# fine woodworking



They say the craftsman makes two people happy...himself and his customer! These young craftsmen have plenty to be happy about and it's easy to see why. Here are Year 10's Ollie, Hugo, Zack and Lochy with the trinket boxes they finished last term.

The project gave the boys the opportunity to perfect their box joints and to use a variety of woods to great effect in some intricate inlay work. We all remember our woodwork projects, but how many of them are finished to such a high standard and worthy of heirloom status? In creating these boxes, the boys have not only made a treasured memory, but a family jewel that's sure to be around for many a year to come!

Also pictured is Chamod Balasuriya with his completed carpenter's toolbox. Note the beautifully turned handle, box and dove-tail joinery and of course a beautiful finishing touch of the elephant inlay design. Another family heirloom and a treasured memory of time spent at Nelson College!





## national brass championships

The NBS Nelson City Brass Band recently secured second place in the A Grade section of the National Band Competition. Nelson College boys Liam Heaphy and Ned Rainey were amongst the performers with Harry Reith providing support. The competition was fierce and Wellington Brass took first place. Well done boys!



## cricket



- 6 x teams in 6 local competitions
- 65+ players
- 22 weeks+
- Online reach of over 1000 people p/w
- Matches and tournaments with multiple colleges nationwide
- Nelson Griffins Rep side half are ex NC
- All premier mens sides have ex-NC players
- Old Boy Josh Clarkson current Blackcap

### NELSON COLLEGE CRICKET

2024/25 Sponsorship opportunities to help with travel costs, equipment and initiatives to help grow our Cricket program



#### Gold - From \$2000

- Naming rights of the Premier XI in the premier mens grade
- Logo on the front of all training shirts and singlets
- Logo on all social media posts, online fixtures/results, newsletters



#### Silver - From \$750

- Logo on the back of all training shirts and singlets
- Logo on all social media posts, online fixtures/results, newsletters



#### Bronze - From \$250

- Name on all social media posts, online fixtures/results, newsletters

Please email [bn@nelson.school.nz](mailto:bn@nelson.school.nz) if you are interested in supporting Nelson College Cricket in the above or any other way





The Nelson College Trust Foundation is seeking two nominees for the parent representatives, and nominations are open now until September 16, with voting by the end of September.

If you, or someone you know, could add value in this space, then please put forward your name & contact details to Lucy Jackson, the Foundation secretary: [lj@nelson.school.nz](mailto:lj@nelson.school.nz)

For further information or insights, please check out the Trust's web page, and feel free to contact any of the existing Trustees listed on the website. <https://community.nelson.school.nz/NCTrustFoundation>



## NELSON COLLEGE TRUST FOUNDATION CALLING FOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS

The two current Parent Representative Trustees are retiring, and the Trust is seeking nominations for TWO POSITIONS.

If you would like to find out more, please reach out to our outgoing Parent Reps;  
Janine Pomeroy: [janine@synergize.nz](mailto:janine@synergize.nz) or Euan McIntosh:  
[euan.mcintosh@forsythbarr.co.nz](mailto:euan.mcintosh@forsythbarr.co.nz) and visit our website for more info:  
[community.nelson.school.nz/NCTrustFoundation](https://community.nelson.school.nz/NCTrustFoundation)

*The Nelson College Trust Foundation was established by Trust Deed in 1978 to provide a vehicle for charitable giving to the College, governed by representatives of the College family, and is managed by 10 Trustees.*

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[lj@nelson.school.nz](mailto:lj@nelson.school.nz)

*Nominations close: September 16, 2024*



# library



## tots readers cup

At the end of June, two teams of five Year 9 students from Nelson College participated in the Top of the South Readers Cup competition. This event is a challenging team quiz based on six selected books that the students have been reading over the past few months. Ten schools from across the Top of the South competed, with Nayland College taking home the Cup this year.

The day kicked off with a substantial morning tea, setting a positive tone for the event. Our students performed admirably, finishing in the midfield. The Readers Cup is a fantastic opportunity for teenage book lovers to come together and enjoy some competitive fun.

## student achievement



**POST CARD**

In term two, I went to America for the Future Problem Solving International Conference. The conference was held in Bloomington, Indiana for five days. Many different countries sent groups to the conference, including Australia, Singapore, France, Portugal, Thailand, and China. There were also groups from many of the US states as well. I competed in a division of the competition known as scenario writing. In scenario writing, your task is to write a 1000-word story within two hours that is based on a short prompt you are given on the day. Your story must outline the problems and solutions that the future society faces, as well as paint a descriptive and engaging story for the reader. There were lots of different activities being held throughout the event, such as talent shows and meet-and-greets. Overall, I came in 8th place in scenario writing for my age group. I really enjoyed meeting new people and enjoyed every second of my time in Indiana

Troy



troy kelso





## john's gym club

John Glazier's gym club is in its fifth year and going from strength to strength (sorry couldn't resist!). Each lunchtime, there's a queue around the block of young men who are eager to get in shape, feel better and boost their confidence. As if that wasn't enough, now they have their own singlets, which according to John makes it feel way more official!



Grant Stirling



Grant Stirling

Best of all is he now has a group of 'Gym Leaders', helping him to run it and inspire future gym bros. Thanks to Grant and Inge Stirling for the singlet images.

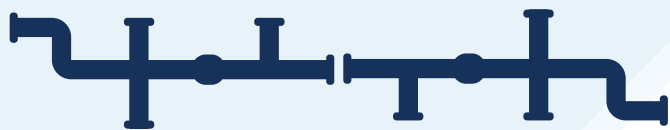
Below are more images of John's gym after the boys swapped out the dumbbells for the paintbrushes and gave it a freshen up.





[Keep checking out our events on the Nelson College Careerwise web page.](#)

## careers events in the pipeline



31 July	Hospitality Day (TBC)	Registration Closed
23 Aug	<a href="#">Victoria University Open Day</a>	
23 Aug	Massey University Open Day (for COCA campus, Wgtn)	Registration by 1 July
30 Aug	<a href="#">UC Open Day</a>	Registrations Essential
2 Sept	<a href="#">Study Link (Student Loans and Allowances Parent info evening at NC)</a>	Registrations Essential
7 Sept	<a href="#">Empower – esports and e-careers</a>	
9 Sept	Otago University Course Planning Day at NC	
11 Sept	UC University Course Planning Day at NC	
13 Sept	Victoria University Course Planning Day at NC	
22 Sept	Maritime Discovery Day (information to come)	

## subject selection

Subject Selection for 2025 is a key event coming up this term in Week 3. We encourage you to attend the subject selection evening at school - Aug 6th at 6-8pm in the hall. Please note that online course selection opens on Aug 7th. If you have any questions about subjects and how they lead to future pathways, please feel free to reach out to [vh@nelson.school.nz](mailto:vh@nelson.school.nz). For students going into Y12 this needs particular attention if they are considering university pathways.

## university preparation

### University Scholarship Applications

These are due in August (date depends on university). Those applying for a Scholarship should be aiming to complete and submit applications before the end of July. Scholarship workshops are available at lunchtime – [sign up here](#) or email [vh@nelson.school.nz](mailto:vh@nelson.school.nz) for a one to one.

### University Halls Applications

Halls Applications OPEN on the 1st of August. Any students planning on applying for Halls are encouraged to prepare and submit their application by the 10th of August (especially those going to UC). Halls workshops at lunchtime are available – [sign up here](#) or email [vh@nelson.school.nz](mailto:vh@nelson.school.nz) for a one to one.



# leaving school magazine

The latest issue features short profiles on young people making successful careers for themselves in these areas: Accounting Technician, Agronomist, Auditor, Automotive Refinisher, Builder, Collision Repair Technician, Environmental Scientist, Hydrographic Surveyor, Marine Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Merchandise Manager and Rugby Game Developer. Also included in this issue are tips on applying for a student loan in 2025, preparing a great CV, interview tips, a job seeker support feature and tips on KiwiSaver for students.

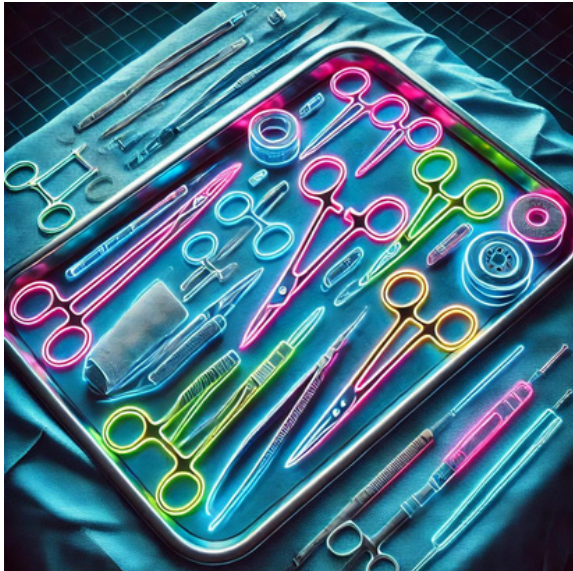
## volunteering club

We have a few volunteering events coming up. Get in touch with [vh@nc.school.nz](mailto:vh@nc.school.nz) if you are not in our NCVC and would like to support any of these events.

**3rd August:** NC Open Day – Y13 students needed to help guide families and prospective students around the school.

**30th August:** Daffodil Day - NCVC will be running a Daffodil Day week leading up to Daffodil Day with a variety of activities in school, and volunteering out in the community.

If you want to join us please come along to the meetings on Monday, in the library at morning tea.



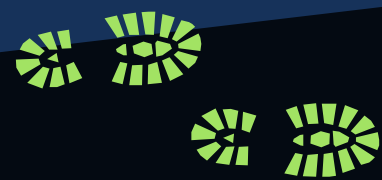
## careers spotlight

### Surgeon

Are you someone who enjoys being academic, and have a particular interest in the sciences and human bodies? Are you self-disciplined with strong work ethic? Are you precise and methodical?

Have you considered becoming a surgeon? Surgeons consult with patients and operate on people to treat and manage disease and injuries. Check out the video and find out more [here](#)

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



Some good sorts at Nelson College are throwing their weight behind a fantastic initiative that promotes music in primary schools.

Tomorrow night tech teacher Dan Moon and Music Coordinator Tessa Quayle will be rocking the Boathouse with their band mates in Sun City Soul, Nelson's premier groove machine!

Also making an appearance will be NC's new(ish) music teacher, the hilarious and charismatic Nathan Munn. Nathan will be hosting what might turn out to be one of Nelson's first ever comedy auctions as he extracts the cash for some big (and small) ticket items from the likes of Carters, NBS, Pics and Beggs. Behind the scenes marketing manager Áine Byrne is helping out with the social media for the event giving it a distinct Nelson College theme!



## Fri 26th July 8pm

[\*\*TICKETS HERE\*\*](#)



### Band debut victory for kids music trust

The Victory Band will take to the stage on Friday night to open a fundraising concert for the musical trust that has funded their lessons.

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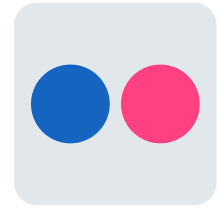
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## Got News???

Has your son done something awesome?  
Let us know so we can celebrate his success!  
Email your good news to [ab@nelsonschool.nz](mailto:ab@nelsonschool.nz)



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NELSON COLLEGE

## TUNE UP 2024 Apply now!

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2024  
NELSON ARTS FESTIVAL

Calling all rangatahi bands, soloists, duos -  
apply by 15 August to be part of Tune Up 2024!

# COME AND HAVE A GO AT THE NELSON ROWING CLUB LEARN TO ROW

Head along to the Nelson Rowing Club Website or email  
to register interest or ask any questions for the 2024  
Learn to Row Course

<https://www.nelsonrowing.co.nz/college-rowing/college-learn-to-row>

email: [kyliejohnsonnrc@gmail.com](mailto:kyliejohnsonnrc@gmail.com)

Learn to Row 5 Week Rowing  
Course for College Athletes

Starts Wednesday 4  
September 2024

Two sessions each week – Every  
Wednesday after school 4:00-5:30pm  
and Sunday mornings 8:30am-10:30am

Course finishing with a weekend camp  
at Lake Rotoroa 11-13 October 2024

## GRAB A MATE AND COME GIVE ROWING A GO

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DIRECTED BY MICHAEL JONATHAN

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**JULY 26TH**  
**SUTER ART**  
**GALLERY NELSON**

**6PM**  
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PURCHASE TICKETS HERE: <https://bit.ly/NARmovies>



Friday 16 August  
7 - 9.30pm  
Red Door Theatre

# FUNNY YOUTH

(A COMEDY SHOW)



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**TICKETS** adults \$10, youth \$5:

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