

# NEWSLETTER

NELSON COLLEGE

Te Kura Tamatāne o Whakatū



6 Sept 2024

*Kia ora tātou,*



I have had the privilege of watching some of our young men compete across the country in various sports. What impressed me the most is how our students conduct themselves on and off the pitch, court, and water. Their interactions with each other and those around them—helping to clean up, prepare food and drinks, and support one another—have been incredibly empowering to witness. Our students are truly embodying our values of Pono, Manaaki, and Kairangi.

I also want to extend my thanks to all our staff and the wider community who have made these trips possible, whether through managing, coaching, or providing support. Your efforts in fundraising and taking time off work have ensured that these opportunities and experiences are available to our students.

As we approach next week, many of our senior students will shift their focus towards exams. While exams do not define our students, they provide a sense of where they are and what they might need to work on before the end of the year. We recognise that exams do not suit every student, and stepping outside our comfort zone can be daunting, but it is in this zone that we grow as individuals, making it an essential part of our learning journey.

I would also like to wish our Orchestra, Concert Band, and Jazz Band (all combined NC and NCG groups) the very best as they travel to Christchurch this week for the Aurora Festival. This group has been outstanding all year, dedicating countless hours to rehearsals.

Last week, it was fantastic to see so many staff and students wearing yellow for Daffodil Day and raising money for the Cancer Foundation. I wonder if my beard is staying or going and whose hair is getting the chop.

Even though our seniors do not have a lot of time left in their learning journey, attendance and fronting up remain crucial. These are the skills future employers will look for, and there is still so much to be learned that can add to their kete for later in life.

Ngā mihi nui,

Richard Washington

Tumuaki/Principal

Manaaki/Care

Pono/Integrity

Kairangi/Success

# exam timetable



**STUDENTS DOING DIGITAL EXAMS: Come with a FULLY CHARGED LAPTOP**

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TEACHER ONLY  
DAY  
MONDAY 16TH  
SEPTEMBER  
INCLUDES PREP

sports office snippets



## underwater hockey nationals

Our Jr A Underwater Hockey team placed 2nd at Nationals which is a phenomenal effort with a young team.

Our Sr A team placed 4th after two amazingly close games in the semi final which went into overtime. We thought we had scored to win but not called and then the opposition scored. The bronze medal game also went into overtime.



It has been a great Winter Tournament week. 164 boys travelled around the country to compete in their various sports and tournaments. We will be updating and celebrating results as they come in so keep an eye on our socials. Read below for Underwater Hockey and Junior Basketball

Our Senior A and Junior A teams travelled to Mt Maunganui to compete in the NZ Secondary Schools Underwater Hockey Nationals. Both teams played well and made it through to the Top eight. Our Sr A team placed 4th after two amazingly close games in the semi-final which went into overtime. We thought we had scored to win the semi to make it through to the final, but this was not awarded by the referee, and then the opposition scored. The bronze medal game also went into overtime.

## underwater hockey



Our Jr A Underwater Hockey team went through pool play unbeaten, then won their quarterfinal and semi-final. It was a hard fought final which we narrowly lost. Placing 2nd at Nationals is a phenomenal effort with a young team.

Thank you to all our coaches, managers and the NelSUN Underwater Hockey Club for making this possible.

## basketball

Our team travelled to Dunedin to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament. The boys went through pool play unbeaten, and came up against a very strong Cashmere High School team in the Quarterfinals.

We worked hard and won that one. Onto the semifinal and the boys played well to win that, earning a place in the final. A tough match against Hilmorton High School.

We were unable to get the win, but wow, we have made the final for the last three years, winning one and placing 2nd in the last two. This is testament to our Basketball coaches, in particular Sam Dempster and Ben Hawthorne.

Meanwhile, the Seniors have three games and three wins so far for. Good luck for the rest of your tournament



Football – Our 1st XI has been really competitive in the NZ Secondary Schools Tournament, narrowly losing to Sacred Heart College and St Kentigens. We had a great win over St Pauls 2-1 and their final game will be today Friday 6th.



## hockey



Hockey – unbeaten so far, our boys have stormed in the Johnson Cup final and will play our old rivals Marlborough Boys College in the final.

Our U14A team had a successful Hurricane's Tournament with wins over St Pats Town, Wellington College and St Pats Silverstream. Thanks to Nick Smith, Callum Taylor and Isaac Russell for leading the team.

Winter Tournament Results 2024

Wednesday 4th September

U14A in Wellington

Won 34-24 against St Pats Silverstream

The team finished 3rd overall

U15A at Linwood Rugby Club (60 min game)

Won 43-28 against Marlborough Boys' College in the Cup Semi Final.

Lost 31-36 to Timaru Boys' HS in the South Island Final

U16A at Bob Deans Fields, CHCH

Lost 26-33 to Timaru Boys' HS

## rugby



# 1st XV

Our 1st XV are up in Palmerston North, pumped for their game against Kelston Boys in the New Zealand Barbarians National 1st XV Championships. The games are being livestreamed on [Whakaata Māori YouTube channel](#).

Best of luck boys. We'll be watching from down here, cheering you on!



# cricket

Take a look at this amazing array of sponsors all batting (haha) for Nelson College Cricket! We can't thank you enough for your generosity and support. Your contributions mean we can continue to provide a quality program and pathways for our boys here at Nelson College



## 2024/25 sponsors

Major Sponsor: Our premier XI will be the Malloch McClean Nelson College 1st XI this season.

Play Cricket this Summer: Registration is open for the upcoming Summer. Hit the links below!

Year 9 and 10 trials: We will be hosting trials at the top field nets for a Nelson College Year 9 XI and Year 10 XI in preparation for St Andrew's and a Year 9 tournament in Term 4.

Tuesday week 8: Year 9s  
Wednesday week 8: Year 10s



## Registrations

[Youth Grades \(year 9/10s\)](#)    [2nd Grade \(2nd XI\)](#)

[Third Grade \(senior XI\)](#)    [Premier Grade \(1st XI\)](#)

# library



Our librarians are always coming up with inventive ways to get boys into the library and into books. Their latest escapade did not fail! 'Just like the Olympics but better', The Library Games were held last Thursday lunchtime. In celebration of Aotearoa NZ School Library Week, teams of three—comprising around ten student teams and some staff—competed in a series of fun and unique events.

The games included book curling, where participants slid a book along tables to land on a marker for points; a team marathon, where teams had two minutes to complete as many laps as possible while balancing a book on their heads; and the book throw. There were also additional point-scoring activities, such as finding hidden "Where's Wally" characters, answering questions using the library catalogue, and hunting for paper medals hidden inside books.

Each team chose a country to represent. The winners were Team Canada (Paula Smith, Susan Edwards, and Coral Smith), followed by North Korea (Oliver M, Guyon J, Walter M) and Algeria (Harry P, Tully K, and Tom S).

It was great fun for everyone involved, especially watching the intense facial expressions of concentration as the lads balanced books on their heads! A big thank you to our student librarians for their invaluable help in running the event.



# back to school



This week at Nelson College, the last four Heads of the Technology and Trades Department were back at school, spanning from 1986 to today.

Mr. Kevin Roughton (also an Old Boy, 1964-66) ran the department from 1986, followed by Mr. Ron Kelly, then Mr Jeremy Classen (who is still on staff), and the current head of faculty, Mr. Kieran Cleary.



Over the years they've shared their expertise and passion, bridging the gap between traditional craftsmanship, the digital revolution, and sustainable innovation.

From woodworking and robotics to 3D printing and sustainability, these leaders have inspired countless students, each leaving a lasting impact and shaping the future of technology education at Nelson College, and it was great to see them all teaching at Nelson College again (even just for a day, with two back on relief work!)

# beyond nelson college

Congratulations to Old Boy Joshua Clarkson (2012-14), who has just been awarded a contract to play with the Black Caps. Clarkson has featured in three ODIs and six T20Is for the BLACKCAPS since making his international debut in the 1st ODI against Bangladesh in Dunedin in December.

He is currently signed with the Central Stags. He has also represented New Zealand at Under 19 level - at the 2016 ICC Under 19 World Cup in Bangladesh. While at College Josh played in the 1st XI, and won the McLaren Cup for Best Cricketer in the School in 2014.







## university preparation

### University Halls Applications

These should be completed and submitted. Final university cut off date is 15 September.

### University Course Planning

This is an important part of being fully enrolled at university.

Unfortunately next weeks sessions have clashed with EXAM week this year, so some sessions may clash for you. Please email [vh@nelson.school.nz](mailto:vh@nelson.school.nz) if there is a clash for you, so we can make an alternative plan.

### Registering With Studylink

We will host some more lunchtime sessions at the start of Term 4.



## leaving school magazine

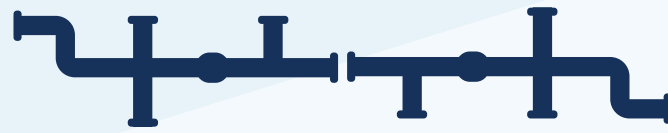
Leaving School Magazine provides some valuable tips on applying for a Student Loan in 2025, preparing a great CV, and how to ace an interview. It also has a Job Seeker Support feature and tips on KiwiSaver for students.

## career spotlight - project manager



Like the idea of doing a degree and also like the idea of working in a professional role in the Construction Industry?

If you are someone who likes to be organised, likes planning and scheduling and managing budgets.... this career a Project Manager could be of interest to you. Degrees that lead to this pathway include: Bachelor of Construction, Bachelor of Construction Science, Bachelor of Building Science



7 Sept	<a href="#">Empower – esports and e-careers</a>	Registration Closed
9 Sept	<a href="#">Otago University Course Planning Day at NC @ Prep Upstairs 1.30pm</a>	
11 Sept	<a href="#">UC University Course Planning Day at NC @ Prep Upstairs 1pm</a>	Registrations Essential
13 Sept	<a href="#">Victoria University Course Planning Day at NC @ Prep Upstairs 1.30pm</a>	
17 Sept	<a href="#">Massey University Course Planning in the Library 1.30pm</a>	
22 Sept	<a href="#">Maritime Discovery Day</a>	Registrations Essential
Term 4	<a href="#">Studylink Application Support Sessions</a>	TBC

## brecon jelfs-berry

Early this year, Brecon took it upon himself to approach local plumbing firms to enquire about work experience opportunities through the Gateway programme. His proactive approach caught the attention of Steve at Laser Plumbing, who decided to give Brecon a chance.

It wasn't long before Brecon's strong work ethic made a lasting impression. During the school holidays, Steve offered Brecon paid work to further test his skills and dedication. Brecon rose to the challenge, impressing Steve even more, which led to an offer of a full-time position and the start of a plumbing apprenticeship.



While still at college, Brecon also took advantage of the Gateway-funded programme, attending a gas detection and working in confined spaces course. This helped him gain extra credits and provided valuable knowledge in health and safety practices.

Brecon is now thriving in his new job, enjoying every moment and grateful for the opportunity, having put himself out there and pursuing his career aspirations. His story is a fantastic example of what can be achieved with determination and initiative

# board of trustees student rep



## chase banks

I am proud to have been selected as the Board of Trustees Student Representative for 2025. As someone who is approachable, performs outstandingly under pressure, and has a deep commitment to community involvement, I believe I have the right set of skills and confidence to represent the student body effectively.

As the current Year 12 Student Representative, I am excited about this next step in joining the dynamic leadership group within Nelson College. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to give back to the College that has supported me as a student and athlete since Year 9.

As your student representative, my highest priority will be to ensure that the student voice is central in the decision-making processes that shape Nelson College.

I aim to build upon the skills I have gained from my previous leadership experiences, such as my commitment to the environmental committee, my role as co-leader of the SADD group, and my position as the Year 12 Board of Trustees Representative. Having strong leadership networks, I have enjoyed working with and learning from current leaders like Oliver Morton, Guyon Janssen, and Nikau Adams.



## mentoring



Manaaki – Care, Pono – Integrity, Kairangi – Success. These are the values that define us and what we strive for every day here at Nelson College. By living these values, we lift each other up, and in turn, instill these values in those around us. This week, we awarded 16 Year 13s their mentoring badges. These young men have been exemplifying our school values by mentoring and supporting our Year 9 students as they adjust to life at Nelson College.

They've helped them to find their way around, understand their homework, and feel at ease in what can feel like a daunting new environment. In providing this valuable service, they have helped make the transition from intermediate to college a lot easier for many of our younger boys. Ka pai, boys – we are very proud of the manaaki you've shown.





Our clever Year 12 business studies students are selling socks for a great cause. All profits go to the charity Walk With Us who provide free school or sports shoes to primary school children in the Nelson and Tasman region. The QR code or the link below takes you to their insta page with payment details. Mr. Washington had the honour of being their first customer, but he's certainly not the last as these socks are flying off the shelves! Don't miss your opportunity to be the proud owner of not one, but two Nelson College socks!!! Yes, we mean a pair!

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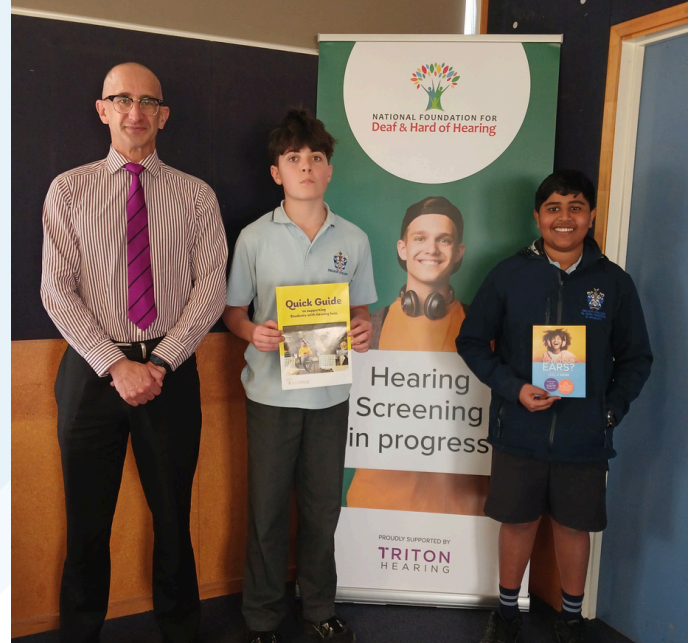
More info can be found about walk with me here: <http://www.walkwithus.co.nz/contact.html>



The team from Teen Dental Mobile are back on site and will be here for the rest of the term. If your son is not currently registered with a provider, sign up by filling out this [FORM](#)



This term, the National Foundation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing paid us a visit to conduct hearing screening. Their results are consistent with a worrying trend among school aged children across the country. We encourage all parents to access their child's results and to visit the NFDHH website to find out more about listening safety.



The Nelson College Hearing Screening results indicated that 1% of the students screened had abnormal hearing results. Some of these students are now being referred for a full hearing assessment.

In addition, 20% of students reported experiencing ringing in the ears, otherwise known as tinnitus. In many cases, tinnitus can lead to hearing loss and other hearing health issues in the future. This is a worrying trend we are seeing across New Zealand. Ringing in the ears is even being experienced by students who have returned a normal hearing screening result. This could mean that if they continue with unsafe listening habits, hearing loss could become a real issue in the future.

Unsafe listening habits refer to listening on personal devices, such as smartphones, at higher volumes than recommended and for long periods of time. At Nelson College, 30% of students are listening at unsafe levels, highlighting the importance of educating students and their parents on how young people can enjoy listening to music and recreational noise safely to protect their hearing. Once your hearing is gone, you cannot get it back.

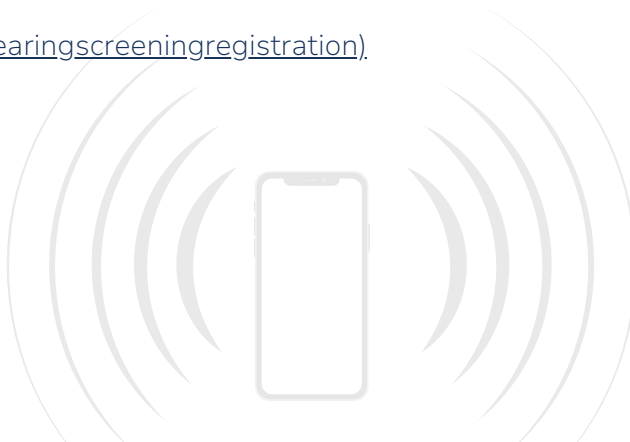
The Make Listening Safe Education initiative is an important part of the Hearing Screening programme, aiming to educate students and their parents on safe listening practices. We have resources available on our website that parents and young people can read to protect their hearing:

<https://www.nfd.org.nz/school-programmes>

Since the programme's inception, parents have continually requested more information on safe listening practices and the results of the hearing screenings.

Follow the link below to request your child's hearing test results to be emailed directly to you from NFDHH.

[\]\(https://www.nfdhh.org.nz/hearingscreeningregistration\)](https://www.nfdhh.org.nz/hearingscreeningregistration)



# volunteering



## daffodil day

Thanks to everyone for supporting Daffodil Day. Our bake sale sold out by the end of morning tea! We've raised \$1313.78 so far.... But are still campaigning for the cause through our CHOP the MOP and BUZZ the FUZZ competition!

The biggest money raiser gets the 'honour' of being chopped or buzzed on the last day of term. Mr. Washington is wondering if his beard will make it to Term 4, but the current numbers suggest that it may well be a goner!

Anything can happen between now and then so cast your votes with dollar notes!

Our next events are:

Friday 20th Sept; Diversity Day: Lemonade stand

Friday 27th Sept: THE CHOP!! Watch this space!

You can donate anytime!

Visit our fundraising **PAGE** or deposit straight to:

Nelson College

03 0703 0365073 003

Ref: DD (for Daffodil Day) + your favourite contender

Thanks for your support!

Joe Harrison	\$177.30
Tristen Daly	\$491.70
Mr Washington	\$421.25
Q	\$223.53

## The Stats



## nc & ncg together



The Amnesty Committee from Nelson College (NC) and Nelson College for Girls (NCG) have come together to raise funds and awareness for ongoing crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This dedicated group, comprising 20 students from both colleges, meets fortnightly to discuss pressing humanitarian issues highlighted by Amnesty International and decide on causes they want to support.

The group is hosting a Quiz Night open to the public on Tuesday, 24th September, from 6.30 pm to 10 pm at Nelson College for Girls.

Entry is just \$15 per person, with all proceeds going directly to support the cause.

Light refreshments will be provided, and there are some fantastic prizes to be won! Stay tuned to our social media channels for more details on that.

So join us for an evening of fun, knowledge, and community spirit, all for a worthy cause. Let's come together to make a positive impact!

The group will also be having a bake sale on the 19th of September at luncheon, so bring some gold coins for delicious treats.



NC and NCG Present

# AMNESTY QUIZ Night

TUESDAY  
24TH  
SEPTEMBER

6:30PM Nelson College for Girls Hall

Tickets \$15

from Humanitix



**TICKETS**

# get2go adventure challenge

Get 2 Go is an annual multisport adventure challenge held in all regions across Aotearoa. The event consists of cross-country mountain biking, paddleboarding, and orienteering. In 2024, twelve teams from across Te Tau Ihu gathered at Rabbit Island for the challenge.

The Nelson Colleges teams, comprising members from Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls, started the day with mountain biking. This was an exhausting multi-lap event on the fun trails of Conifer Park. The Nelson Colleges teams completed over 40 laps of the course, finishing this leg in 2nd and 4th places.

The weather was perfect for the paddleboarding on the Appleby fishing ponds. Once again, the Nelson Colleges teams put in a great effort, managing to stay (mostly) dry while completing multiple laps. Nelson Colleges Team One completed 37 laps and won the paddleboarding leg.

Lastly, all the teams came together for the orienteering. This event was held in a rogaine format, where teams could visit controls (checkpoints) in any order. The teams ran across Rough Island to find as many controls as possible. Some teams took 'shortcuts' through mud and estuaries. Waimea College won this leg, but the Nelson Colleges teams put in a strong effort.

Overall, Nelson Colleges Team One were the winners on combined points, with Nelson Colleges Team Two finishing in 6th place. A notable mention goes to an NCG team that participated on the day with only three team members – well done! It was a great day filled with exercise, friends, and fun – the time of our lives!



## TEAM 1

Lucy Vincent  
Isla Whitehouse  
Maddi Harrop  
Chiara Horton  
Ollie Rooney  
Oran Sim  
Toby Dukes  
Joel Stobie

## TEAM 2

Mia Crisp  
Sylvie Kemp  
Tosca Allen  
Harry Milner  
Phoenix Lasenby  
Archer Bisdee  
Josef Houghton

### Nelson College flying in style ahead of champs

STEPHEN STUART

South Island schoolboy rugby champions Nelson College has avoided the dreaded long haul trip to the Top Four finals. Rather than the grueling road and ferry rides, the first XV will be flying to Palmerston North by Virgin Air charter.

"Two flights annually, as we couldn't fit everyone all in one plane tomorrow morning," says a relaxed Nelson College team manager William Murray. This grateful for financial support from the New Zealand Secondary Schools Council, and local community council funding, which has made their mission more manageable.

"The rugby council recognized how expensive it was for Nelson College to compete in the South Island division with games as far away as Timaru and Christchurch, they were really generous," Murray says. The team will return on Sunday night, hopefully with its first provincial title and will in possession of the Moascar Cup which it won from Southland Boys' High School last month.



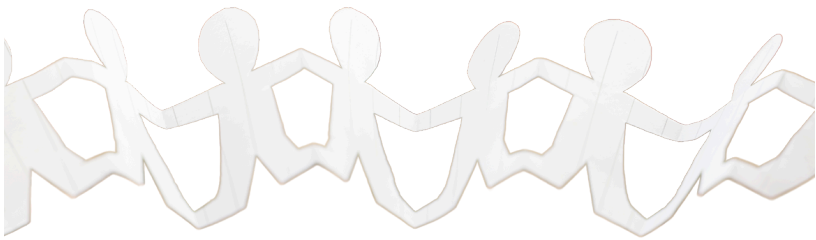
Captain Harry Inch will take to the field with his team on Friday. Photo: Barry Whitwell/Shotpoint. Inset: Liam Squire of the South Island Championship game. Photo: Stephen Stuart.

The first XV coach Iona Phillips warned it will be no easy task as they face "tactical" champions Kaitiaki College in the semi-finals on Friday afternoon. "They look well coached and pretty direct, which is what you expect from a side from West Auckland," observed Iona. While Kaitiaki are an elite national champions, Nelson College is set to win any of its four matches in its previous trips to the Top Four tournament, in 2007 and 2018. Depending on Friday's outcome, Nelson will tackle either Hamilton Boys' High School or lower

North Island qualifier Havelock College which just edged hosts Palmerston North Boys' High 15-13 last Saturday. Iona just hopes flying in "fresh" will help the side get to their first final.

Murray, a former Palmerston North old boy, Liam Squire, might have given the youngsters an edge too. The 27-year-old has been doing a free Nelson College training session as his step-father Mike Fraser is the forwards coach.

"I was impressed with the physicality the pack brought against Southland Boys, especially their defence," commented Havelock head coach who described himself as a hobby farmer and pig breeder these days. "I would be wouldn't take any credit for the pack's power, coach Iona revealed the rugged loose forward had taken some of the team training. Now they have Nelson players in their sights. Both Friday and Sunday's rugby games will screen live on Teatime Maori Television (Channel 9).



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### Trees, trees and more trees

Hundreds more trees have been put in the ground thanks to Nelson College Preparatory School. The fourth and final class headed out to Sandemans Reserve, Richmond, earlier this month for two hours of digging holes and planting trees to assist the Battle for the Banded Rail. The school has been involved with the programme for the better part of a decade, planting thousands of trees in the reserve along the Waimea Estuary. The programme aims to improve the habitat for native birds, including the banded rail. Pictured is Joe Moulden, front, and Seraphim Gavrilov getting stuck in. Photo: Supplied.



## Finesse in finals

### College band achieves first for Nelson at Tangata Beats

**KATY JONES**  
They met at a Nelson youth music festival last year. Now the Nelson high school students in a six-piece band Finesse are in the final of the national youth music event Smokefree Tangata Beats. It is the first time a band from Nelson has made it to the finals. Nelson College students Ned Ratney (drums), Zac Irving (bass), Tama Donson (vocals and piano) and Nelson College for Girls student Alannah Sanson (vocals and guitar) make up the band, which will be among 30 to take to the stage in Auckland on September 13.

They're set to perform two original songs at the final of Tangata Beats, which recognises the unique cultural identity of Aotearoa New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Irving said the band considered symbolism and mythology from Aotearoa when they were writing their songs.

"We've got a lot of our lyrics in te reo, and in Fijian with some of Tama's verses."

Irving, Ratney and Sanson-Rejouis met in August last year at Commotion - a local music event where young people take part in workshops with professional musicians and other young creatives.

The trio were put together in a session band, and played well together, Ratney said.

"We needed to form a band asap because we just had so much fun."

Doing so earlier this year, they also taken part in a session band with Sanson-Rejouis at Commotion.

"We knew him from the Nelson College music department and he did lots of beautiful singing at assemblies last year," Irving said.

It was special for the band to be representing the top of the South Island at the national event, with



**"They're all excellent musicians. They are the fabric of this music department. These kids are definitely the ones to watch for the future."**

**Nathan Munn,**  
Nelson College teacher

Parallel Park, which has gone really far," he said.

The two original songs Finesse would perform at the final were different to the one they wrote and performed at the live regional competition in May.

The band had juggled writing songs for Tangata Beats with composing original music for the Smokefree Rockquest youth music event.

The teacher in charge of music at Nelson College, Nathan Munn, said the school was incredibly proud of the young men, who were "going places".

"They're all excellent musicians," Munn said.

"They are the fabric of this music department."

"These kids are definitely the ones to watch for the future."

The Tangata Beats final takes place at Auckland's Dux Drop Events Centre on September 13.

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### Moascar Cup in good hands

STEPHEN STUART

The coveted Moascar Cup is back with Nelson College, six years after they lost it to Christchurch Boys' High School. The trophy, held by the reigning national secondary school champions, brings with it a great history dating back to World War One. As New Zealand, Australian and British troops waited to be shipped home from Moascar Egypt, in 1918, they decided to stage a rugby tournament. The New Zealand Mounted Rifles and Depot, team name (which promptly won and returned to those duties with a special leg of wood, the Moascar Cup - a trophy mounted on a slab of wood taken from a propeller of a German plane that had been shot down.



Vice-captains Teina Thompson and Ollie Gibson, captain Harry Inch and Jimmy West with the trophies Nelson College won on Saturday. Photo: Barry Whitwell/Shotpoint. Inset: Southland's team manager Shaun Fitzgibbon bringing the Moascar Cup. Photo: Stephen Stuart.

Samaia Tikapa and hooker Jack Toft. But steered by the crafty ground-grubbing kicking game of first for Mika Mulhalla, a scrum of All Black Mika Mulhalla, South lead drive level. However, Nelson head coach Iona Phillips won't park. "Once we scored out hitting those tricky tatters, we seemed to score every time we got down into their territory. It was an awesome game considering the tricky conditions," he said. His captain, Harry Inch, turned the match back Nelson's way with a blurring solo scrum which led to a try by halfback Ollie Gibson just before half time. In the second spell, loose forward Samaia Tikapa and hooker Jack Toft were superb. Harry converted six of the seven tries in the 47-24 victory. "We're over the moon with that. We know Southland would bring

it and that's exactly what happened. "But with the home crowd behind us and our preparation, we just had to back ourselves and our ability," Harry said after the game. Asked to single out individuals for praise, he named it was a team effort. Coach Phillips pointed his forward pick.

"That's where the credit. It was their best performance of our on-tour season." As well as the Moascar Cup, which has been mostly condition given to apt, Nelson College also won the Miles Toyota Premier ship Trophy for South Island supremacy. During the presentation, Tasman Rugby Union chief executive Steve Mitchell congratulated the young players who the future of the sport and the final showed it looked in great hands. He admitted to "having a bit in both camps" before kick-off as he had spent the previous four years naming Southland rugby and knew how much had been pumped into the schoolboy level down there. The challenge now for unbeaten Nelson College is to hang on to the Moascar Cup as the players have to immediately put it back on the line at the national first XV trials in Palmerston North next week.



**Nelson College takes South Island rugby title**  
Nelson College beat Southland Boys' High School 47-24 to take both the South Island honours and the Moascar Cup, the oldest nationwide challenge trophy in first XV rugby.

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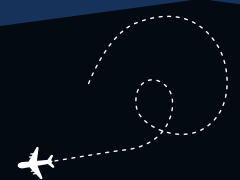
# chess



We recognised some prime movers at this week's assembly with certificates and medals for their achievements in the game of kings. Chess players James Wells, Max Harrington, Joshua Fraser and Carter Burt took to the stage to shake Mr. Washington's hand and in Carter's case, be recognised by the President of Nelson Chess Club. Rami Riachi. Carter has been flagged as a player to watch having won five and drawn one in the Cole Cup run by Nelson Chess Club, a prestigious competition that's been running since the 1960's. Combined, the boys make for a formidable team, taking Nelson College to the Chess Power nationals in Wellington next month having won places for a team of six.



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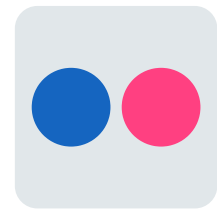
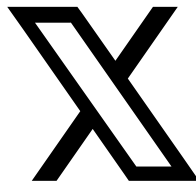


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