



25th November 2024

Kia ora koutou,

As I write the final newsletter of 2024, the sun is shining on the front field and most of us have one eye towards the summer holidays. I am sure you are all looking forward to spending time with your son/s, relaxing with friends and family and enjoying the end of a busy year. The year in boarding has been at times hectic, fun and most of all, an opportunity for the boys to make new friends and lasting relationships. The recent Boarders' Tour to the West Coast was a snapshot of everything that makes boarding at Nelson College so special; mateship, selflessness and bonding over a worthy cause whilst having fun on the basketball court or on the rugby and football fields. Well done to all who took part and thank you to those of you who joined us on the tour.

The last of our senior students remain to complete their final examinations and, again, we wish our leavers all the best as they go on to the next chapter in their lives. I thoroughly enjoyed the Rutherford and Barnicoat Dinners earlier in the term, where we had the opportunity to farewell those boys formally.

Our junior boys are being kept busy both in the classroom and through The Headmaster's Cup which is a version of the House Competition for boys in years 9 and 10, and a vehicle for our young men to keep the competitive juices flowing right to the end of the year. The recent Ultimate Frisbee competition was a new sport for most and enabled the boys to develop skills and strategies that will inevitably help them in their other sporting codes. We are looking forward to the last formal occasion of the year and that is the Junior Prizegiving on Thursday 12th December; I will be proud to shake hands with boarders when they go across the stage for academic and sporting honours.

As you may know, I have stepped down from the position of Director of Boarding to concentrate on my other role at the College and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all for your support over the past 2 years. I have taken immense satisfaction in watching your sons grow and develop under the outstanding care of Simon, Tracy and all the supervisors who put everything into their wellbeing. Boarding at Nelson College is in fine form, and I am sure you will all agree that the appointment of Simon Mardon, someone who lives and breathes boarding, to Director of Boarding, means that it will continue to be the most important thread that is woven into the College's tapestry.

I would like to extend my best wishes for the Christmas and New Year season and good luck for 2025.

Ngā mihi

Tim Middleton
Director of Boarding and Deputy Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Prizegiving

Thursday 12th December

