

NEWSLETTER

NELSON COLLEGE

Te Kura Tamatāne o Whakatū



8 Nov 2024

Kia ora tātou,



Kia ora whānau,

As we bid farewell to our Year 13s, it is impossible not to feel a sense of pride and nostalgia. The recent celebrations in honour of our seniors were nothing short of magical—a fitting tribute to the legacy they leave behind at Nelson College. These young men have contributed greatly to our community, displaying integrity, resilience, and camaraderie. To our leavers, you depart with our heartfelt best wishes. May you embrace the challenges ahead, fortified by the friendships, values, and experiences formed here.

It is a particular pleasure to congratulate Oliver Morton, our new Dux, and Walter Moloney, our Proxime Accessit. These outstanding scholars have demonstrated remarkable dedication and achievement. We celebrate their success as a reflection of our shared commitment to excellence. Looking forward, we warmly welcome James Matthews as our new Head Boy. James has already shown his passion for the College, and his talent and commitment to his aspirations are evident in his signing to the NBS Giants Basketball Team. We are eager to see his positive influence over the coming year.

As our seniors prepare for their final exams, I encourage them to balance their academic goals with self-care. A good night's sleep, regular breaks, and moments to breathe can make all the difference in maintaining focus and well-being during these busy weeks.

Meanwhile, our juniors are actively involved in house competitions, with house spirit in full swing. The end of the year brings a bustling calendar of activities and events for our younger students, keeping them engaged as they build their own memories within our school community.

We look forward to ending the year on a high note and continuing to celebrate the achievements of each student at Nelson College. Thank you all for your support and dedication to the values that make our school a place of growth, learning, and pride.

Ngā mihi nui,

Richard Washington

Tumuaki/Principal

Manaaki/Care

Pono/Integrity

Kairangi/Success



Monday 11th November

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Preparatory School hours as normal



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senior prizegiving



DUX oliver morton

Congratulations DUX Oliver Morton!

To say that Ollie is a go-getter would be a massive understatement! From the moment he began his time here at Nelson College, he wrapped his arms around every opportunity the school had to offer him and squeezed with all his might!

In Year 11 Ollie received 105 excellence credits, in Year 12, 144 excellence credits, and so far this year he has 31 credits all at excellence level. This year Oliver came 2nd in Art Design, 1st in Physics, 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Biology and 1st in Maths with Calculus.

Oliver has been awarded a number of scholarships and this is in recognition of his outstanding academic record, his involvement in sport at a national level and his service to the school community. He is the school senior swimming champion and has received a Nelson College medallion as the NZ Short Course 50m Breaststroke Champion. He has been involved in the Volunteering Club, Art Club, Nelson South Swim Club, Para Swim NZ Coach for vision impaired swimmers. Coast Guard Charity swim. Oh. And did we mention...he's also 2024 Head Boy!

Ollie has been awarded a number of scholarships: The Nelson Science scholarship, the Outstanding Impact Scholarship, and the Top Engineering Award from the University of Canterbury. He was also awarded the Top Achiever at University of Auckland.

Oliver plans to study engineering at UC or overseas where he is awaiting offers from universities.

Good luck in your future endeavours Ollie. The place won't be the same without you! We'll miss your smile, your quirky sense of humour, and the absolutely inexhaustible energy and good vibes you bring to everything you do!



proxime accessit walter moloney

Walter is an outstanding academic student, who gained 91 excellence credits in Year 11, 76 excellence credits in Yr 12 and 56 excellence grades to date this year.

This year Walter came 2nd in Biology, 1st in History, 1st in English and 1st in Japanese and 1st in Maths with Statistics.

Walter has been involved in Nelson College Amnesty International and the Academic Committee. He has played 1st XI Cricket in Term 1, social basketball and social touch.

Walter did not apply for NZ university scholarships. He plans to study in the UK and has applied to a number of universities. He has already been accepted to Birmingham University, England where he plans to study law.

Walter, we wish you all the best with your studies and hope you have a jolly good time in Old Blighty...don't forget to send us a postcard!





a very special evening

There was a little bit of magic in the air at Senior Prizegiving. No more than any other year, and certainly no less. Our hall was packed with friends and family who were all there for one reason—to recognise and celebrate the successes of the extraordinary young men of Nelson College. See the full programme and list of awards and winners [HERE](#)

As awards were bestowed, and speeches given, we caught a few mums dabbing their eyes, and a perhaps couple of dads too! But mostly beaming faces and hearty applause greeted our ākonga as they crossed the stage to receive their honours.

Our thanks go to Rachel Boyack MP, Hon Dr Nick Smith, Board of Trustees Chair Richard Smith, our Tumuaki Richard Washington and Tumuaki Tuarua Richard McLaren, who made each and every student feel special as they shook their hand and congratulated them.

We are grateful the Combined Jazz Band and Concert Band, who are always there to support their fellow students on their big day. Whether it's a prizegiving, a show, or an important game, our combined bands always come through. More musical excellence came from bands Tangata Beats finalists Finesse, Shedheads, and solos and accompaniments from James Ben, Ned Rainey and Sam Ben.

Our thanks also go to our Senior Leadership team, and all the staff who made sure everything went off without a hitch. Photos from the night are now available on our Flickr account, and can be accessed [HERE](#)



sports awards



Last week, we witnessed an unforgettable celebration of sport! Our top senior teams came together, turning the spotlight on the incredible dedication and spirit of our athletes. To view all the photos from the night click [HERE](#)

This year, an impressive 70% of Nelson College students represented the school across 27 different sports, from high-performance teams to social basketball groups. We're proud to offer opportunities at all levels, ensuring that anyone who wants to play can play!

Hearing each team captain share highlights from their season was truly inspiring. A huge thank you to our parents, coaches, managers, and supporters—you're the heart of Nelson College sport.

Congratulations to all our well-deserving prize winners! Special mention to our three overall winners:

Sports Masters Cup for Contribution to Sport – Cohen Ferguson

This award recognises someone who goes the extra mile. This year's recipient is a remarkable young man who is constantly thinking of ways he can help with the basketball programme.

He is very "team first" focused. Not only does he train with the senior squad, but he also compiles statistics for the Senior A team and frequently referees games. During the season, he plays and referees on Wednesdays, spending every week at Saxton Stadium from 3:30 pm to 10 pm.

He travelled to Dunedin with our Junior Basketball team to be their referee for the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament and stayed on to perform the same role for the Senior team. When Nelson College for Girls needed a referee at those tournaments, he stepped up and officiated for them as well.



Wood Cup – Best Year 12 Athlete – Scott Brown

Scott is the Nelson College and Tasman Secondary Schools 800m and 1500m champion. He also came second in the 3000m at both events, narrowly missing first place. He was a member of our 4x400m relay team, which placed second at the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships.

He is our Nelson College Senior Cross Country Champion and the Tasman Secondary Schools Senior Duathlon Champion, a title he earned after participating in the Relay for Life overnight.

Scott captains our 1st XI Hockey team, plays for a men's premier side, the Nelson U18 team, and the Tasman U18 team, which placed sixth at Nationals. He was named U21 Player of the Tournament at the Men's Maadi Cup triangular competition between Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast.

Additionally, he was selected for the Future Black Sticks U19 squad and the GO Hockey South Island team, which will compete against Queensland U18 in December.

He placed seventh overall—and was the fastest U21 competitor—in the Loop the Lake race, a 22km circuit around Nelson Lakes. Moreover, he was part of the winning Cape Fear Adventure Challenge U18 team and received the Matakitaki Leadership Award.

Morrison Cup – Top Senior Athlete in the School – Mike Morrison
In 2024,

Mike has excelled in three sports. He is our Senior Athletics Champion, holding titles for the Nelson College and Tasman Secondary Schools U19 100m and 200m events. He also won the prestigious Marjoribanks Shield.

Mike was a key member of our Senior A Touch team, which placed eighth at Nationals in December and won the South Island Secondary Schools Touch Tournament in Christchurch in March. The following weekend, he travelled to Timaru to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships.

During all of this, he was also in pre-season training for the 1st XV Rugby team, where he performed exceptionally well as a winger throughout the season. Mike is currently in Australia, pursuing his Rugby 7s dream.



talented teachers



Our Head of Faculty for Physical Education, Health and Outdoor Ed is off on an adventure. Mr. Jamie Brown is representing NZ 50's at the World Cup in Auckland for the New Zealand 50's men's hockey team for his 2nd World Cup. Jamie played in the 40's World Cup team in London in 2012 during the London Olympics so is no stranger to high-pressure contests.

There are 132 men's and ladies' teams this year from all over the world across different age groups, so it's going to be a big logistical tournament in Auckland.



The tournament starts on Friday 8th - Sat 16th Nov. We play Japan, Spain and Malaysia followed by Argentina or South Africa.

Many of our teachers here at Nelson College are actively engaged in the subject they teach, and Jamie is a wonderful example of how we 'inspire by example'. Jamie we wish you the best of luck and will be cheering you on all the way!

careers

It has been a successful year in the Careers hub with the completion of the 2024 Gateway programme. We are funded for 37 spaces and all students had successful voluntary work placements.

Again, a huge thank you to our employers who willingly take students into their workplaces, patiently teaching these boys to work like men.



Jack Campbell - who featured in an earlier NL has had a very successful year, not only did he gain the top Gateway prize, he was also awarded the schools' top Trade prize. (Previously known as the Prime Minister's Vocational excellence award). We are so proud of you Jack and will watch this space to see your future success in Engineering unfold.

Aung Thin, our year 13 Gateway prize winner has had two successful placements this year in the Automotive Industry - Panel Beating and Mechanics. Aung will be an asset to any company that employs him in the future, he is hard working, a good listener and has attention to detail.

If you are on the hunt for a work ready employee, please feel free to contact our careers hub via emailing CHRIS or VIKKI.

trades academy graduation

We recently had some students graduate at the NMIT Trades Academy graduation this year. These students have been attending NMIT on a Friday all year gaining valuable NCEA credits in a Tertiary environment.

NMIT offers College students a level 2/3 course qualification in a trade of their choice through the [Top of the South Trades Academy platform](#).

Trades Academy opens doors for students who want to stay in school but are ready to start training for a real job.



A group of senior students recently had the opportunity to visit DC Equipment where they were given an insightful tour of the site.

dc equipment forestry trip

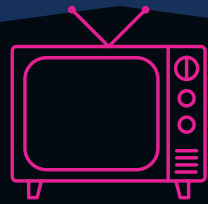
They engaged in an informative discussion with Hayden, learning about the work of DC Engineers, the company's operations, and the pathways to employment in the forestry equipment sector.

The visit continued with a trip to Mike Fraser Logging in Appleby, where the students were fascinated by Mike's impressive collection of vintage chainsaws. They were particularly struck by the sheer weight of these historic tools! Mike, who is deeply passionate about the logging industry, emphasised the vast career opportunities available within this significant sector of the Nelson region.

Both DC Equipment and Mike Fraser Logging are eager to foster a lasting partnership with Nelson College, offering students valuable insights and hands-on experience to explore this dynamic industry as a potential career pathway.



media studies



In late October, Nelson College Media Studies students proudly submitted five films to the Briefs Film Festival, the Nelson region's premier celebration of student filmmaking. This annual event showcases the creativity and technical skills of budding filmmakers from the area. Among the standout entries was *Passion: A Mountain-Biking Documentary*, directed by Adam Bone and Jaxin Winter. Their exceptional work caught the judges' attention, earning them the coveted X-Factor Award for cinematography and editing. This prestigious recognition highlights their talent and dedication to their craft. Congratulations, boys—an outstanding achievement! Check out their videos [HERE](#)



Passion

A Nelson Mountain biking Documentary

international



In November, seventeen international students from the combined colleges are participating in an activity programme to conclude their year.

Last week, they explored Ngarua Caves and Kaiteri.

This week, the boys and girls are being hosted by the Nelson Yacht Club, where they are enjoying lessons in sailing, windsurfing, and wing foiling. Upcoming activities include a visit to Nelson Lakes National Park, kayaking around Peppin Island, rock climbing, white-water rafting, jewelry making, and vintage photography.



cricket

What a fantastic day for the TSS Cricket Competition at Green Meadows this week.

Well done to one of our mixed teams going undefeated and beating a strong Marlborough side in a super over in the final!

Great day out, thanks to Simon Mardon and James Clark (overseas 1st XI player) for helping out for the day.



2024 Nelsonian Pre-orders!

Pre orders have now closed, but there are a limited number of copies available online.

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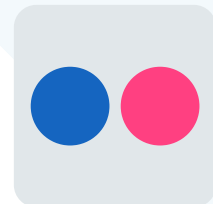
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