

NEWSLETTER

NELSON COLLEGE
Te Kura Tamatāne o Whakatū



14 March 2025

Kia ora koutou,

As we move into Week 7 of the term, it's wonderful to see our students embracing the many opportunities on offer at Nelson College. From the classroom to the sports field, the stage to the water, their dedication and enthusiasm continue to inspire.

Our recent House Swimming event was a fantastic showcase of both competitive spirit and camaraderie. It was great to see so many students getting involved, whether racing for house points or simply enjoying the occasion. Congratulations to The Boarders Team for taking the win and to all participants for making it such an exciting event.

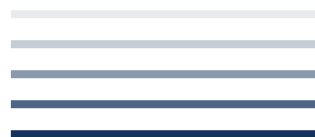
Beyond the pool, our athletes have been making their mark in various competitions. Our 1st XI Cricket team's hard-fought victory over Waimea College secured them the D'Arcy Cup and a place in the Central Districts finals. Meanwhile, our footballers are gearing up for the inaugural Quadrangular Tournament, which will bring together top teams from across the country for a showcase of schoolboy football. I wish all our athletes the best of luck as they compete in the Tasman Secondary Schools Athletics Championships next week, and TSS Volleyball this coming weekend.

In the music world, it's exciting to the Shedheads, gaining recognition overseas, with their music being featured on a Californian radio station. We look forward to seeing where their extraordinary talent takes them.

A highlight this week was welcoming the Headmaster of Vajiravudh College, one of our long-standing partner schools from Thailand. His visit reinforced the strength of our international connections and the value of cross-cultural learning experiences for our students. We are delighted to have several Vajiravudh students joining us this year and look forward to the friendships and learning opportunities this will bring.



Manaaki/Care



Pono/Integrity



Kairangi/Success

As we head towards the second half of the term, We look forward to even more opportunities for learning and growth.

Next week sees a visit from esteemed New Zealander, Former All Black Captain, Richie McCaw. Richie will be speaking to our kura around leadership as part of his Westpac Ambassador role. It's been our pleasure to invite other schools in the region to avail of this unique opportunity and we look forward to welcoming Richie. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of Nelson College. It is a privilege to be part of such a dynamic and engaged school community.

**Ngā mihi nui,
Richard Washington
Tumuaki/Principal**

student office



parent portal login

The Parent Portal is a secure location where students and caregivers can log in and view the following information for your son:

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- NCEA entries and results
- Reports, Weekly and Term reports
- Financial information

Student and Parent Guide to NCEA

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student achievement



thomas robertson wingfoiling nationals

Congratulations to Yr 12 Thomas Robertson who participated at the NZ Wingfoiling Nationals last weekend.

With 117 entrants from NZ and Australia, Thomas' finishing in the top 15 in the Gold Fleet was a noteworthy achievement.

As the event unfolded, Thomas upped the ante, scooping 9th in the last race. Overall Thomas gained 14th place and 7th in the Youth category.

Talk about winging your way to success. Well done Thomas. We are super proud of you!



shedheads hit the american airwaves

Californians were treated to some good Kiwi rock fare as Plowzone Radio aired Shedheads throughout the day on Thursday.

As every muso knows, 'breaking the states' is what every band strives for and the Shedheads are off to great start! Well done to Shoei, Grace and JP. We look forward to your forthcoming world domination!



sports office snippets



We are still flat out organising sport. Keep an eye out soon as our winter sports trials and musters will be happening soon.

Some great highlights over the last couple of weeks

Congratulations to

- Bradley Kershaw. He is the 100m & 200m u16 National Champion for the second year, and he still has one more year in this grade at Club Nationals!!
- Our Senior A Volleyball team on winning the first round of the Tasman Championships.
- Our rowing crews who placed 5th at the South Island Rowing Regatta and will head to Maadi Cup in a couple of weeks.
- Josef Houghton who is the U14 MT Biking Champion at the recent Cable Bay National Event
- Niall Foster – u19 Majoribanks Shield winner (sprint double 80m & 100m)
- Our 1st XI Cricket team, and their great win against Waimea College in the final of the D'arcy Cup. They'll be heading to Whanganui for the Central Districts final.
- To all our Athletics Champions below.

Good luck to our

- Sailing team who will compete in the Regional Regatta next week in Picton, before heading to Nationals in New Plymouth in April
- Senior A Volleyball team for your national qualifier at Saxton Stadium this weekend.
- All of our athletics competing in the TSS Athletics Championship on Tuesday March 18th

Athletics Day

It was a great day out and the House Chants were great. Congratulations to Monro House for winning the house competition on the day.

The following boys placed 1st 2nd or 3rd in the Athletics Championship.

U14

1st Nic Gill
2nd Liam Dunbar
3rd Ludvig Persson

U16

**1st = Marlin Brown &
Oran Sim**
**3rd = Isaac Harvey and
Kaleneti Saumaki**

U15

1st Ashen Hill
**2nd = Ryan Quinn and
Winston Palmer**

U19

1st Andrew Fincham
**2nd = Scott Brown
and Hogan Ward**



house swimming



House Swimming finally went ahead yesterday after its postponement last week. The delay must have amped up the anticipation because the atmosphere was electric. OK we know that usually electricity isn't a great idea around water, but yesterday was the exception and everyone was buzzing. Keep your eyes on our social media for photo drops.

Spectators were treated to some of the finest displays of diving and swimming Nelson College has to offer. Spectators were also treated to a few false starts, the odd belly flop and the camera operator almost ending up in the competition (yes we mean water) due to an overenthusiastic student attempting a running start! But there can only be one winner, apart from when there's a joint winner...but in this instance there could only be one winner!

Leaving the competition in its wake was The Boarders Team who came away with the precious points to move them to the top of the table. Must be all those great meals Sean and the dining room crew are whipping up for them!





สวัสดี (hello)

Yesterday, we had the privilege of hosting a special visitor as part of our long-standing partnership Vajiravudh College in Thailand. This relationship began with us as their first New Zealand partner school! Each year, Vajiravudh sends 2-3 students to us through their overseas cultural programme, joining a network that includes Auckland Grammar, New Plymouth, Otago Boys, and Macleans.

This year, we're thrilled to welcome seven of their students—five here for the year and two boys who've chosen to leave their school and join us full-time, a significant milestone for both schools.

The highlight of this week was the visit from the Headmaster of VC, who arrived in Nelson on Wednesday. A formal powhiri led by Matua Wayne welcomed 11 members of the Thai delegation, including six adults and five boys.



Following the welcome, the VC Headmaster set up in Mr. Washington's office, using it as his base to meet with his staff and our VC students.

His focus was exploring the differences between Thai and New Zealand education to looking at ways to modernise their boarding systems and curriculum—proof of the trust they place in us as their pioneering partner.

We extend the warmest of welcomes to our new Thai students and we are eager to show them the best of New Zealand Boarding!



rugby



Can ALL Nelson College Rugby players please register on NZ Rugby's new Rugby Xplorer site and link to a team. This is where all games, scores etc will be posted. A photo is required upon registering.

South Canterbury RFC have a great website with links to some "how to" RX YouTube videos that may help if you run into issues.

Calendar of Events: Click [HERE](#) to see all upcoming rugby fixtures.

Going forward, all Nelson College Rugby information will be accessible on the Nelson College website.

Playing Kit:

If you would like to order Nelson College shorts and socks for the season, please go to the ProBrands webstore. All gear is brought directly from ProBrands and delivered to your address. For Nelson College teams, we provide all playing tops.

U14 & U15 Preseason Training:

We held the first of three preseason trainings at Broads on Monday and it went well with a great turnout. The next Monday training session will be on the 17th of March. If your son would like to take part, please send him along. It will start at 3.30pm and finish approximately 4.40pm.

Trials:

All trials are set for 4pm starts at Broads. Please can your son be there by 3.20pm to allow for warming up and organisation of teams. Please make sure they have a mouthguard, boots, shorts, socks, and a water bottle. Jerseys will be provided.

- Monday 24th March @ Broads - Nelson College U14A Trial
- Tuesday 25th March @ Broads - Nelson College U15A Trial
- Wednesday 2nd April @ Broads – Nelson College U18 Trial

Coaches & Managers:

We are still waiting on NZ Rugby's decision as to whether Nelson College can enter teams in the local U14, U15 & U16 competitions.

In the meantime, I would like to know if there are parents interested in managing or coaching teams. If you are, please email me at ce@nelson.school.nz. Your help and support are appreciated.

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cricket



Saturday Cricket:

The 1st XI crushed Wakatu 1st XI on Saturday by 9 wickets to earn their 3rd win of the premier T20 competition and therefore a spot in the semi-finals with a round to go.

The boys had a bear flawless performance with bat and ball, restricting the opposition to a well under score led up front by D Kelso, and continued on by J Westwood, H Ward, G Aerakis and B Norris. With the bat the Ward bros set the pace and it continued throughout, finishing the match quickly. K Ward continues his great batting form.

The 2nd XI also have a semi final spot in their respective competition, however wanted to win to ensure home turf advantage. Unfortunately the boys went down by a couple runs. Captain O Sim led with the bat and earned himself another half century, to go with his flurry of runs on the back end of the season.

In the junior scene, all 3 sides couldn't quite get the wins however some great individual performances throughout. J Sorensen-Brown contributed well with both bat and ball, and J Smith continues his recent form with the bat. R Davis also jumping up a few grades to earn a couple of wickets. C Booker with another handy score for the NAVY XI but not enough other contributions to post a big score. W Smith was the stand out for BLUE with 4 wickets for 12 runs of 5 overs! Impressive! Sam Boyce also finished with 6 wickets for the match a few weeks back!

Saturday 15th Fixtures:

T20:1st XI v ACOB at Ngawhatu Park, 11am (final round)

T20: 2nd XI v Wakatu 2nd XI at Victory Square, 3pm (semi-final)

T20: Senior XI v ACOB Blasters at Green Meadows 5, 12pm (final round)

30 over: NC Year 11 SKY v NC Year 10 Navy at Ngawhatu Park, 2pm (semi-final)

30 over: NC Year 9 BLUE v WTTU Panthers at Ben Cooper Park, 1.30pm (final round)

TSS Senior Cricket Tournament:

Earlier in the week we had the annual TSS senior cricket tournament with a range of schools entering in the 8-a side competition at Green Meadows. Nelson College had 3 teams entered, and it was a great day! Well done the NC Steelers who won the competition, winning all 3 of their matches. There were so many great catches, run outs, awesome bowling and of course big hitting in the 14 over matches. Jesse James retired on 30+ runs in all 3 of his matches, the only player do that in the tournament!



D'arcy Cup:

Well done to those selected for the 1st XI for the D'arcy Cup between NC and Waimea College on Thursday 13th March at Saxton Oval. The winner of this match will also qualify for the Central Districts zone competition for the Gillette Cup. No top of the south 1st XI has advanced past the CD zone for many years.

ANZ Cricket Grant:

Thanks to ANZ for a fantastic package of Cricket gear for Nelson College! This will help resource our recently added 6th team, and help us get to 7 Cricket teams for the 2025/26 season! The package is valued at over \$2000.

2nd XI v Nayland College 1st XI:

On Thursday 20th March we have our 2nd XI up against the Nayland College 1st XI at Maitai Cricket Ground. It's great to see Nayland College putting together a team after many years and it should be a great game.



The 1st XI had a great win against Waimea College 1st XI today (Thursday), winning by 6 wickets and retaining the D'Arcy Cup for 2025. Alongside this, they qualify for the CD qualifiers in Whanganui in a few weeks time.

Tommy Moloney starred with the ball finishing with 5 wickets for 27 runs of his 8 overs. Waimea were all out for 154 in the 46th over. NC chased down the score in the 33rd over, 4 down with Kurt Ward finishing with 68* off 69 balls. Tommy McLean with 38 off 60 balls as the other main contributor.

football



inaugural quadrangular football tournament

It's finally happening! The first ever Quadrangular Football Tournament is here and Nelson College are the proud hosts.

The beautiful game just got even more gorgeous and we'll be joined by our quad footie friends Whanganui Collegiate, Wellington College and Christ's College's 1st XI teams.

Over two days, you'll be treated to some of the best schoolboy football on our glorious front field.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this very special occasion and cheer on their favourite team.

Programme:

Monday, April 7 (30-minute halves, 5-minute halftime)

9:30 AM – Christ's College v Whanganui Collegiate School

10:45 AM – Nelson College v Wellington College

2:15 PM – Winners of Game 1 v Loser of Game 2

3:30 PM – Winners of Game 2 v Loser of Game 1

Tuesday, April 8 (35-minute halves, 5-minute halftime)

10:00 AM – TBD (based on Monday's results)

11:30 AM – TBD (based on Monday's results)

Head over to [facebook](#) and let us know if you're coming!



be our guest



richie mc caw to visit nc

We're stoked to welcome Westpac ambassador and former All Black captain, Richie McCaw, who will be speaking to students about leadership and resilience in a special assembly during period one on Friday March 21st.

This is a non-contact period for senior students, but they are highly encouraged to attend. Richie will talk about how he has led, both on and off the field, the mental skills he uses in adversity, and preparing to transition from the structure of school to life beyond. There will also be an opportunity for audience questions.

We extended invitations to all the secondary and intermediate schools in the area and are delighted to be joined by student leaders from Nelson College for Girls, Waimea College, Motueka High and Nelson Intermediate.



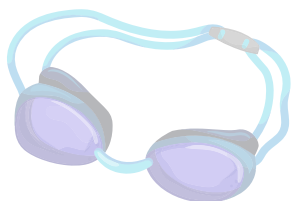
preparatory school news



A huge congratulations to Henry Jones for his incredible performance at the South Island division of the National Junior Swimming Championships!

Henry secured one first-place finish and three second-place finishes, and made history by breaking three long-standing Swimming Nelson Marlborough records in the 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke events for 12-year-old boys.

These records had stood unbroken for an astonishing 25 years—until Henry smashed them! Amazing work, Henry, you're certainly making some huge waves!





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MUSTER AND TRIAL DATES

Muster: Saturday 15th March, 10am to 4pm
Trial week 1: Wednesday 19th March, 4pm to 9pm
Trial week 2: Wednesday 26th March, 4pm to 9pm

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