



NELSON COLLEGE

Boarding Newsletter

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It is now week three and the three boarding houses have settled into their daily routines and training for Swimming Sports [pm Wednesday 22 February] and Athletics [am Monday 5 March] are well under way too.

The academic results of Level 1-3 Students in Boarding for 2011 were very pleasing. Overall, 82.31% achieved Level 1; 95.06% achieved Level 2; 62.06% achieved Level 3. The following students achieved Endorsements:

Barnicoat

Hamish Mellor L2 with Excellence
Nick Ryder L2 with Merit
Daniel Stephens L2 with Merit
Damon Subritzky L2 with Merit
Joel Bowater with L1 Merit
Anthony Julian with L1 Merit
Lincoln Marshall with L1 Merit
Lincoln Pamment with L1 Merit
Tyler White with L1 with Excellence

Fell

Jonty Andrews with L1 Merit
Tissanin Nipattasat with L1 Merit

Rutherford

Sam Godsiff L2 with Merit
Grant MacMorland L2 with Merit
Mosana Sisilo L2 with Merit
Mickey Mytenburg L2 with Merit
Jordan MacMillian L1 with Merit
Ryutaro Matsuo L1 with Merit
Nich McLoughlin L1 with Merit
Jasper O'Donnell L1 with Merit
Costa Simpson L1 with Merit

Well done to these Boarders.

I sincerely apologise for the late cancellation of the annual trip to Kaiteriteri. Due to extenuating circumstances, I was not able to adequately provide sufficient staffing for the trip and could not take the risk of understaffing.

You will soon be receiving information about the Summer Sports Weekend which is scheduled for 4-5 March 2012. This will include information on how to book parent teacher interviews with your son's teachers from 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm on Monday 5 March. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to celebrate the weekend, which begins on Sunday 4 March with a service at Nelson Cathedral at 10 am.

As you will have been aware, Nelson suffered terrible flooding in mid-late December and as a result, there has been a delay in any capital works in boarding for 2012. The Board of Trustees has met and the decision has been made that there is \$205000 available for spending on property [maintenance and capital] in boarding in 2012. Plans are afoot to purchase more mattresses, upgrade bathrooms, provide extra power points for recharging electronic gear, replace water tanks and improve drainage in and around the boarding houses.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Leave from School

If your son is to be absent for school for any activity that is not school based, applications for leave must in the first instance come to me. Should the leave be approved, I will advise the attendance officer and the relevant Housemaster. **However, it is your son's responsibility to discuss the absence with his teachers and determine what work will be covered while he is away. Please note, for Years 11-13, if the absence is when an assessment activity is due, your son may lose the opportunity to gain credits.**

Compulsory Weekends in Boarding

There was concern in 2011 about the high number of absences of boarders from the three compulsory weekends that we have each year. Namely, the Cathedral services on the Summer and Winter Sports Weekends and the Leavers Service in term four. While we are not an Anglican School, the association with Nelson Cathedral is over 100 years old and it is expected that all boarders are in their houses for these weekends and will attend the Cathedral service. Any applications for leave on any of these weekends, must in the first instance come to me and should be for extenuating circumstances.

Boarding Bursaries

The information below is included in the package of information that each boarder gets in November preceding the New Year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information. Please note, we have no control over the decisions made. However, we endeavour to provide you with the necessary information for your application.

<p>School Boarding Bursary An allowance awarded where a primary or secondary student must live away from home to attend school, eg: a student over the age of ten years must live more than 4.8 km from the nearest school or public transport service. A Boarding Bursary may be applied for throughout the year and retrospective payment of up to two years will be considered.</p>	\$2,725.00
<p>Secondary School's Bursary An allowance awarded to an eligible Year 12 and/or Year 13 student who must live away from home in order to attend the nearest school offering a required course. The tenure of this bursary is one year, but may be re-awarded for a second year on application). Students are required to take at least four subjects from the Ministry of Education's approved list of subjects, of which at least two are not available other than by correspondence at the local school.</p>	\$2,725.00
<p>Secondary School's Technical Bursaries An allowance awarded to an eligible Year 10 and/or Year 11 student who must live away from home in order to attend the nearest school offering a required course in agricultural or workshop subjects. The tenure of this bursary is one year, but may be re-awarded for a second year on application Applications for all Secondary Schools' Bursaries close on 31 March with the Director General of Education through the Headmaster.</p>	\$2,725.00

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