



NELSON COLLEGE FOOTBALL



YOUNG MEN TAKING THEIR PLACE IN THE WORLD

The Nelson College Football Committee

The Nelson College Football Committee was formed in 2012 to reconstruct how football was being run at the college. The First XI side had been taken care of well, but it didn't seem there was much beyond this. From its establishment, our aim has been and will continue to involve improving the structure across all age groups, get more boys playing for the college and also to lift the general profile of football here.

In 2014 after Dave Shaw decided to take time away, we secured the services of Davor Tavich as the Director of Football working at the college. Davor takes care of most of the day to day football matters. One of his and our aims is to form a football academy of excellence and to be one of the best in the country, and not just another also ran. We have begun looking at local businesses and community support to enable us to do this.

Over time all of this will lift the overall standard of all of our students playing for the college, making us very competitive in the Nelson Bays Football divisions, Inter-Schools Competitions and at New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournaments.

We also are beginning to develop external links both locally, nationally and internationally for those boys who desire and have the ability to play the game at higher levels.

The exciting times have certainly begun as we watch the growing development and profile of football at Nelson College.

- Ken Allan, the Chairman of the Nelson College Football Committee.

What's New

Several changes in the structure of football are occurring here at Nelson College. These changes include the forming of:

- The Football Academy
- Skill Centre

Although many of the changes being put in place involve the competitive side of football here, we can also provide opportunities for players who wish to play socially. Football is a great way to make friends and keep active, therefore we promise to accommodate all types of players.

The Structure

The Nelson College Football structure caters for all levels of competence:

Social / Competitive

Skill Centre
U14 Junior Football
U17 Junior Football
2nd XI Football

Academy / Competitive

Academy 9
Academy 10/11
1st XI Football

Davor Tavich

Davor has lived in Nelson for 7 years, and coached the Nelson Marlborough Falcons for the last 2 years, who he guided to the final of the National Youth League last season. Originally from Croatia, Davor has also coached age grade teams in Auckland and Wellington, as well as here in Nelson. Since moving south, Davor gained a diploma in applied fitness at NMIT, and is working towards finishing a level three advanced New Zealand coaching licence.



Davor hopes to take Nelson College to the top of secondary schools football in this country and he believes the new setup of football here can provide this.

Skill Centre

The Nelson College Football Skill Centre is open to all College students. The Skill Centre aims to help boys learn or improve their football skills. It is designed to encourage participation in the game through fun, football related exercises that should improve both ability and confidence. The Skill Centre includes an enjoyment based approach, although can prove as a pathway and step towards the Nelson College Football Academy and other higher levels.

What Else Do We Offer?

At Nelson College, we also offer the following football related programmes:

- Holiday Programmes
- Coaching Courses
- Refereeing Courses

For more information please contact us.

"I have really enjoyed coming to Nelson College to play football and board here. The level of football is quite high which is good for me and for other young people to develop their skills. Also all of the coaches are very good in helping me improve my game".



Kevin Obed – Nelson College
1st XI and Solomon Islands U20
National Team

The Nelson College Football Academy

In recent times at Nelson College, the number of talented players in attendance has become noticeable. Although top grade football could be offered in the 1st XI, the range of ages amongst the talented players here meant that we could not offer some the best possible opportunities. With the arrival of Davor Tavich in 2014, in combination with the forming of the Nelson College Football Committee in 2012, interest was sparked in beginning a Football Academy at Nelson College. The Football Academy is designed to further develop skills, general game understanding and the awareness required to play at the highest possible competitive levels. The Academy will focus on giving players pathways to maximize their football potential. A key word in the setup of the Academy is 'development'. Players who train in the Academy will always be learning and in effect, developing their individual game.



Who is the Academy for?

The Football Academy programme is available for players from Year 9 (in some cases Year 7 and 8) to Year 13. Academy players will be selected through trials, invitation by the head coach Davor Tavich, or recommendation by a team coach. There are three Academy teams, Academy 9, Academy 10/11 and the 1st XI squad. The Academy will prepare these players to seek opportunities to play at the highest local, national and international levels

What does the Academy involve?

Nutritional, physiological and psychological advice and training will be a fundamental part of the Academy programme and the player's development. In addition to video analysis of individual technique, NMIT will be involved in all aspects of physical development, and professionals involved with nutrition and sport psychology will have an influence. Please see below for the names of these people. The Academy players will continue their development through all their college years and will represent the College at tournaments and/or Inter-school competitions.

What will the Academy lead to?

As we focus on giving players pathways to go as far with their game as possible, we can confirm connections with two universities in the United States. These connections could result in scholarships for suitable candidates who meet the criteria.

Academy Staff Structure

- Head Coach – Davor Tavich
- Academy 9 - Development Coach
- Academy 10/11 - Development Coach
- 1st XI - Development Coach
- Strength and Conditioning Coach – Sam Macmillan
- Psychologist – Pogo Paterson
- Nutritionist – Mandy Medcalf-Stephens
- Physiotherapist – to be appointed.





About Nelson College

Nelson College teaches students from years 9 to 13. In addition, it runs a private Preparatory School for year 7 and 8 boys, from which students will have opportunities amongst the new football set up.

Located in Nelson, New Zealand, Nelson College was founded in 1856 and is proudly the country's oldest state school. Nelson College hosts facilities for learning, sport, leisure and performing arts. These facilities include playing fields, a swimming pool, two gymnasiums, a fitness centre, tennis courts, a traditional Hall and performing arts suites.

Nelson College also accommodates international students and students from around the country, who live in three boarding houses on the grounds.

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