



NELSON COLLEGE

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FACT SHEET

YOUNG MEN TAKING THEIR PLACE IN THE WORLD



About Nelson College

A SOLID FOUNDATION

Founded in 1856, Nelson College is the oldest State Secondary School in New Zealand. With a current role of over 1100 students, Nelson College accommodates 146 boarders, 76 international students from 11 countries and has 112 placements in the Preparatory School.

The College is one of Nelson City's prominent landmarks with extensive facilities for learning, sport, leisure and performing arts. There are twenty two hectares of impressive grounds which includes playing fields, a pool, two gymnasiums and tennis courts as well as a traditional hall, Whare, Trades Centre, modern Performing Arts Suite and Business Centre.

SUBJECT SELECTION

A full range of subjects and pathways are available for students from Year 9 to Year 13. Students participate in the NCEA assessment programme and Cambridge Qualifications are offered in Year 9 and Year 10 Science by selection.

Several subjects at a senior level are provided in conjunction with Nelson College for Girls.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for 146 boarders is provided for with two boarding houses located on the College grounds, each with their own housemaster, matron and support staff. Supervisors assist students with personal study, assignments and examination preparation. The renovation of our two historic boarding houses, Barnicoat and Rutherford, is in progress with Barnicoat now completed and Rutherford scheduled for completion in November 2018.



Nelson College Vision

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"Nelson College is a high-performing boys' school with traditions. Boys show a strong sense of belonging and pride. They achieve very well in their learning and in sporting and cultural activities. Teachers take many innovative approaches, providing responsive learning opportunities that engage boys well in their learning. Strong, visionary professional leadership provides a highly inclusive environment for the increasingly diverse range of students."

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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student support services include an on-site medical facility, counsellors, careers advisors and mentors from both the College and the local community. Year 13 Leaders give the younger students strong support through the mentoring programme.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

A unique part of the outdoor education programme is provided at Matakaitaki Lodge. This is a College-owned property on the border of Nelson Lakes National Park, near Murchison, 120 km south of Nelson.



Nelson College constantly responds to the changing needs of all learners. There is a strong focus on adults building respectful relationships with students, and on students showing respect for each other.

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School leaders and teachers have a relentless focus on enabling all students to achieve the best possible outcomes.

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A Tradition of Academic Success for Boys

Nelson College has a long and distinguished history of being a top provider of education for boys. This reputation is based on results consistently above the average rates of achievement for boys throughout New Zealand. This is due to our commitment in providing courses and teaching approaches that cater for boys and their style of learning, along with a culture of continual self-review and improvement.

Our results for 2017, as a percentage of our roll, with the corresponding national average for boys were:

Qualification	Nelson College	National Average New Zealand boys
Level One	80.5%	69.5%
Level Two	77%	76.2%
Level Three	68.4%	61.6%
University Entrance	55.2%	42.5%

Scholarships:

- 23 NZ scholarships awarded for university study to the value of \$273,000
- USA University Sports scholarship awarded to the value of US\$25,000
- Top NZ Scholarship for Earth and Space Science award

Academic Colours

115 students qualified for Nelson College Academic Colours for:

NCEA Level 2 with Excellence (30)

NCEA Level 1 with Excellence (34)

NCEA Level 1 with Merit (51)



National Titles and National Representative Honours 2017

Basketball	NZ U16 Basketball Team
BMX	NZ Junior BMX Champion
Brass Band	National Youth Brass Ensemble NZ Youth Symphonic Winds Band
Cadets	National Cadet Skills Champion (4)
Croquet	NZ U21 Croquet Team (2)
Cross Country	National Cross Country Team Champion (4)
Cycling	NZ Track Cycling Record Holder NZ U17 2000m Track Cycling Champion NZ U17 Criterium Champion NZ U17 Cycling Team NZ U17 Road Cycling Champion NZ U17 Time Trial Champion NZ U17 Track Cycling Team
Football	NZ U19 Football Team
Gymnastics	NZ U18 International Gymnastics Team
Indoor Cricket	NZ 15th Grade Indoor Cricket Team (2)
Indoor Rowing	World Record Junior Men's Indoor Rowing
Inline Hockey	NZ Inline Hockey Team
Karate	NZ Junior Karate Champion
Kendo	Black Belt (3rd Dan)
	NZ Representative at International Science Forum
	NZ Representative at the Asian Science Camp
Power Lifting	NZ Junior Power Lifting Champion Butterfly
Powerboat	National Powerboat Record
Refugee Youth Council	NZ Refugee Youth Council
Remote Control Racing	NZ Remote Control Racing Car Champion
Rowing	NZ Junior Men's Rowing Quad
Rugby	NZ Secondary Schools Rugby Team
Swimming	NZ Age Group Swimming Champion 50m
Touch	NZ U17 Mixed Touch Team
Underwater Hockey	NZ U19 Men's Underwater Hockey Team (2)
Volleyball	NZ U19 Volleyball Team

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Innovations and Achievements

Internationally and nationally the College leadership programme has been recognised as being an innovative and successful model in education and is one of the benchmarks for leadership programmes within schools.

Nelson College's core qualification is the NCEA method of student assessment, enabling students to benefit by gaining credits and experience in a variety of ways across a wide range of subjects. (Refer to 'Academic'). Cambridge qualifications are offered in the curriculum for Year 9 and 10 enrichment classes.

TECHNOLOGY

The College has been at the forefront of technological development – our school-wide computer platform, four computer suites for students, structured courses in computer studies, and the integration of technology skills into all courses, give our students a powerful base for advancing their research, communication and learning skills.

VOCATIONAL COURSES

The college offers 20 trade related courses with a current enrolment of 300 boys.

- Automotive engineering
- Building and construction
- Engineering and light fabrication
- Basic joinery
- Carpentry
- Food and hospitality

These courses at Level 1, 2 & 3 NCEA facilitate a smooth transition of students to further study, or directly into employment.

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

The College continues its major property upgrade with new and refurbished facilities.

Recently completed projects:

- Barnicoat House refurbishment
- A new four classroom block for Commerce, and Year 13 study and seminar spaces
- Digital Photography and Art Design upgrades
- Matakītaki Lodge solar project

Current and future projects:

- Rutherford House refurbishment 2017/2018
- Re-development of the International Block

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The College, with the support of Old Boys in business, academia, the arts, media, sport, politics and other pursuits, offers a broad range of career and personal development courses. Group and individual sessions are provided by Old Boys throughout the year.

FOCUSED EDUCATION

Most importantly, Nelson College has become a leader in the education of boys. "Young Men taking their place in the world" is not only a way of life and a powerful standard for everybody involved with the College, it embodies the values we strive for daily in educating young men.



Support from the Nelson College Community

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Parents are actively involved in the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) which provides great input and feedback on strategic issues relating to students. The PTA also manages the College Uniform Shop, contributes substantial funding through fundraising and often provides helpers and other resources to assist with College functions.

OLD BOYS

Old Boys are involved at a regional level around New Zealand, with growing groups in many locations overseas. They also contribute to the life of the College through fundraising, involvement as mentors and speakers at career days as well as through coaching and managing sports and cultural groups.

Students appreciate the choices and responsive teaching methods they benefit from at the school. High expectations are clearly stated and evident for all. Students' opinions and ideas are encouraged and acted upon.

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