



# NELSON COLLEGE

## Boarding Newsletter

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### Headmaster's Message Boarding 2019

As Headmaster I am pleased to announce the completion of the most important infrastructure project in the last 80 years of our history; our refurbishment and modernising of the two historic Boarding hostels – Barnicoat and Rutherford and the commissioning of the Fell hostel as a hireage facility for groups and teams.

I would like to thank all the stakeholders in Boarding; staff, parents and the boys for their patience and understanding as we have embarked on what was an ambitious project.

We now have high quality facilities which complement the care, passion and expertise that the boarding staff bring to their roles.

In addition, the College is very fortunate to have been able to appoint a very experienced Director of Boarding to lead this flagship division of the College's operations into the future.

Thank you to all parents for entrusting your son (s) to our care and I can assure you we will do all we can to ensure he has a safe and positive experience as he transitions through his school years with us.

Central to the success of any Boarding school is the free flow and transparency of information between stakeholders and the College.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns you might have, and I wish every boy a successful 2019.

Gary O'Shea  
Headmaster

Welcome to 2019!

I trust that this newsletter finds all of the Nelson College Boarding families having had a safe and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

As I type this, it is 21<sup>st</sup> January and the students will be back with us on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January - Years 8,9 & 13 by midday please, and all other boys sometime in the afternoon. Time is flying by and I hope that the last few days for your son[s] are spent savouring their holidays and family time, before they return to us ready to begin the 2019 academic year.

All new and existing boarders were sent information in December last year about 2019. If you have not received this information and/or you require clarification on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or our Boarding Administrator Sandra Cahill at [sc@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:sc@nelsoncollege.school.nz).

If any of your contact details have changed over the past 12 months, can you please let Sandra know, and if there is any updated medical information that needs to be passed to us, please contact our nurse Debbie Baxter at [br@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:br@nelsoncollege.school.nz).

The most exciting aspect to beginning our new year as Gary has said, is the completion of Rutherford's refurbishment and its resurrection as a boarding house for us. We're looking forward to the (Fell) Rutherford boys enjoying this brand-new space and feeling positive about the value we hold them in.

In conjunction with our newly renovated houses, and in an attempt to further unify boarding as a whole, we have a new boarding haka and we will put up Barnicoat/Rutherford combined teams in the school House Competition. A further positive spin off from this will be that our boarding teams should be more competitive against the larger day houses. Our combined boarding shirts for House Competition events will be predominantly black and white, with flashes of maroon.

Towards the end of last year, we updated our website which includes the boarding handbook(s) These are well worth a read if you are a new family with us, as well as for returning families.

Staffing has remained reasonably stable going into this year, although there have been some changes. Carmel Barrett, who has been Fell's matron for the past two years, has left in order to focus on a business that she has recently started with her husband and Nick Foxley, one of our Barnicoat supervisors, leaves us to begin this year as a new dad. We wish Carmel and Nick all the best. Rutherford House consequently has a new matron - Helen White - who comes to us from Zimbabwe with a background in teaching and lodge housekeeping, and we are currently looking for a replacement supervisor for Nick in Barnicoat.

Key Dates for T1 are below -

#### Key Dates T1

28<sup>th</sup> January - Boys arrive into boarding for 2019 & 4pm BBQs

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> February - School closed & boys encouraged to go home for long weekend

9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March - Sports Weekend & Parent Interviews

12<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of T1

We invite you to check the [2019 Start of year information](#) on the college website.

Resources include:

- 2019 Start of the Year Timetable
- Important information which includes:
  - uniform, cellphone, BYOD, attendance and contact information
- Stationery lists and supplier's website links
- Uniform shop Holiday Opening hours:
  - Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm, with extended hours on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 8am to 4pm.

Gary and I look forward to meeting you all on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at the BBQ's that each house hosts from 4 pm onwards. We will make our way around both houses over the course of the evening.

I wish you and your son(s) a positive year, and I look forward to working with you all.

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Samme Hippolite  
Director of Boarding