



# NELSON COLLEGE

## Boarding Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou,

As always, it's been a busy term here and this last few weeks has seen the onset of winter colds and flu, so these holidays will be a welcome rest for everyone.

### Academics

Now that we're well over halfway through the school year for the seniors, these holidays will also provide time for our boys to begin organising their programmes and notes for practice exams next term. Our two academic supervisors in boarding - Vikki Heays and Nick Withers - have been working with school staff around better communication of internal assessment dates, and in these last few weeks, they're starting the all-important pre-exam swotting strategies with the boys. If your son(s) has external assessments, then he should also have a plan for what to be organising these holidays towards these exams.

Below are the email contacts for Vikki & Nick should you need them -

[vikki.heays@outlook.com](mailto:vikki.heays@outlook.com)

[ws@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:ws@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

### Sport

Basketball, football, hockey, rugby, tennis, cross country, swimming, futsal, martial arts and mountain biking continue to keep our boys busy in positive ways; and with the appointment of Tony Anderson as our activities' supervisor, we are also now in a position to get our inter boarding house competition underway. I know that the boys are still keen to help create house spirit within the boarding community, as well as to provide a united boarding front in the school competition events.

### Health

A reminder to please continue informing the school if there are any changes to your son's health and especially if there are new issues that have developed. It is important that we

have accurate and up-to-date information on your son(s) at all times. Please contact Debbie Baxter, SAN Nurse on [br@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:br@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

### Coming Up

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| <b><u>Term 3</u></b> |                                |
| 9 August             | Winter Boarding Catch-Up       |
| 13 August            | Course Selection Evening       |
| 17 August            | Nelson College Year 12 Ball    |
| 26 - 30 August       | Practice Exams                 |
| 2 - 6 September      | Winter Sports' Tournament Week |
| 5 September          | Teacher Only Day               |
| 6 September          | Mid Term Break                 |
| 14 September         | Nelson College Year 13 Ball    |
| 19 September         | Nelson College Runathon        |
| 26 September         | House Singing                  |
| 27 September         | End of Term 3                  |

### Reminder

A reminder that boys need to leave the house by 5pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at the end of this term, and they are welcome back for Term 3 from 2pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. We ask that you do not arrange to drop boys off before this time, as staff and houses are not ready.

### Staff

Finally, Sharon Lukitau-Ngaamo has made the decision this term to leave Rutherford House as Housemaster. I'd like to acknowledge the work that she has done in the last 18 months. She has worked tirelessly to create an environment where the boys are safe, and she has been instrumental in communication and system improvements at Fell/Rutherford. Under her watch, staff and students have had a clear understanding of what's expected in boarding and we wish her and her whanau all the best. Sharon will continue to work at Nelson College as acting Head of Drama (2019) and teacher of English.

Rutherford House welcomes Alex and Paul Hassan as its new Housemasters.

Ngā mihi,

Samme Hippolite  
Director of Boarding