

# NELSON COLLEGE



## Boarding Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou,

Spring has arrived and with it our final set of term time holidays for this year. All boys have an opportunity to rest, relax and catch up with whānau. A reminder that unless organised with me (domestic students) or the International Department (International students) prior to the holidays, all boys are expected to depart Nelson College by 5pm tomorrow, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### Academics/...and beyond

Our recent school practice exams were an opportunity for senior boys to gauge their progress with external assessment preparation, and these holidays now provide valuable time for boys to organise study notes, as well as organise and begin revision programmes going into the final school term. Results from these exams will be available to parents shortly. As we head into the last stages of the year, if you have concerns around your son(s) academic performance, then please contact your son's housemaster OR year level dean. Any concerns about pathways beyond school can be directed to our tertiary/careers' advisor.

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### Medical

Thank you to Debbie for all her work with the COVID vaccinations.

Please remember to let the school immediately if there are any changes to your son's health and especially if there are new issues that have developed. Please also always inform us if your son begins taking (new) regular medication. It is important that we always have accurate and up-to-date information on your son(s). Please contact Debbie Baxter, SAN Nurse on [br@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:br@nelsoncollege.school.nz).

### Dangerous Sports Equipment

A reminder that if your son wants to have any dangerous sports equipment stored temporarily by his housemaster in boarding, then we need parents to contact the housemaster to discuss this. Thank you also to all the parents who have submitted vehicle permission forms. It's a privilege for senior boys to have cars in boarding, and we find those who do, treat this respectfully.

### Activities/Sport T3

Lockdown was one of this term's biggest activities. Our boarding bubble was resurrected this year for a second lockdown period. Our bubble of 70 this time was based at Barnicoat House. Most of these boys have now been with us for 2 lockdowns and 7 holiday periods. As with last year's lockdown, we found the key to everyone coping was routines. On weekdays, our boys had morning brunch followed by 'class' in C Block at school. Afternoons and evenings were occupied with activities in the gym, weights room and on the turf. Saturdays involved sports tournaments and special dinners – sushi in the first week and pig on a spit in the second. We were again fortunate to have Shaun and the dining room staff looking after us as well as Mr Dykes, the Leadership Team and the wider school staff supporting us.

### Coming Up

Lots of events are coming up next term as part of our yearly wrap up and farewell to our Year 13 boys and leavers.

Senior Prize Giving is now on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November and after this time, both houses will be running daily study programmes for senior boys who have exams. If your son has big gaps between exams, he is encouraged to go home at these times if feasible. All boys are expected to depart boarding the day after their last exam. Any requests for arrangements outside of these parameters need to be emailed to me by Senior Prize Giving.

Term 4 is an emotional time for all Year 13 boys, and again, we ask parents to take some time these holidays to remind their sons about finishing their time at Nelson College with dignity. Our expectations around sign outs, use of/travel in vehicles, alcohol etc remain as they have all year, and are designed to keep all our boys safe.

Below is a summary of Term Four events:

<b>Term 4</b>	
18 October	Term 4 begins
21 – 22 October	Annual Boarding Sports Trip
23 – 25 October	Labour Weekend
29 October	Combined Year 12 & 13 Ball
5 November	Rutherford House Dinner
9 November	Old Man's Supper
11 November	Co-Curricular Prize Giving
12 November	Barnicoat House Dinner
18 November	Senior Prize Giving
22 November	NCEA exams begin
26 November	Year 8 testing & sleep over
10 December	Junior Prize Giving

Proposed Boarding Changes 2022

Despite the financial situation that the school is currently facing, Nelson College remains committed to boarding. Over the past few years, boarding has been quietly making savings where they don't impact too much on the environment and service we can provide for our boys. This will continue next year. The care, structure and programmes currently operating for our boarders will continue.

Finally, thank you for all your support this term and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hippolite', written in a cursive style.

Samme Hippolite  
Director of Boarding