



NELSON COLLEGE

Boarding Newsletter

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The final newsletter for 2009

As I write this newsletter, the seniors have completed their formal tuition at Nelson College. Over the past two weeks, there has been an air of excitement around the school and the three boarding hostels; the Year 13's are preparing to become graduates of Nelson College and "take their place in the world."

At senior prize-giving on Thursday 12th November, it was very pleasing to see so many boarders walk across the stage to receive academic, cultural and sporting prizes. Congratulations to all of the prize-winners.

Examinations begin today and for the first two weeks of examinations [when the bulk of them occur] all Years 11-13 boarders are in supervised study sessions for four periods of each day, Monday-Friday. Period 5 has been allocated as "physical time" and teaching staff are supervising games in the gymnasium.

Parents of returning students can expect an information package to be sent home within the next week, detailing all of the information required for the start of 2010. Please look out for this.

Events still to happen within the school calendar are:

Friday 27 November - Saturday 28 November	Year 8 New Boarders Orientation Day. Details have yet to be finalised, but your son[s] will be free from 12 noon on Saturday 28 November
Thursday 10 December	Junior Prize giving, Hall 10.30 am.
Thursday 10 December	Houses close for 2009 at 2 pm. All Junior Boarders must leave before 2 pm

On a final note for 2009, thank you very much for supporting us at Nelson College and in particular your son[s] boarding house staff. We are experiencing a growth in boarding numbers for 2010 and this is very pleasing. We are all working hard to create a positive community within each house and within the boarding fraternity as a whole.

I look forward to working in all three houses in 2010; I will be covering one "short" duty in each house. This will enable me to have a better understanding of the environments in Barnicoat and Rutherford.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. If you travel, travel safely.

Kind Regards
Annette M Taylor [Ms]
Director of Boarding

General Notices

Fell Housemaster from 2010

Last week, Blair Adams was appointed as the new Housemaster of Fell. He and his wife Shelley and their two children, Jack [5] and Finn [19 months] will move to Nelson over the summer break. Blair and Shelley have had extensive experience in boys boarding; Blair was a tutor, then Assistant Housemaster at Tibbs House [Auckland Grammar School] for seven years. We are looking forward to having Blair, Shelley and the boys join Nelson College.

House Leaders for 2010

It is my pleasure to announce the House Leaders for 2010. They are:

	Barnicoat	Fell	Rutherford
Head of House	Napameth Phantawesak	Jack Rowe	Owen Connors
Deputy Head of House	Gavin Stones	Henry Westenra	Matthew Pennycuick
Sports Captain	Max Marshall	Matt O'Sullivan	Jiuta Tuni

Well done to these nine young men. I know the staff are looking forward to working with you in your roles in 2010.

Property Development

During the summer break, upgrading works will continue in all three boarding houses. We are thrilled to announce that some additional funds have been made available to allow for nearly twice the planned works to be done.

Rutherford and Barnicoat will both have the remaining two junior dormitories completely refurbished. They will have new beds, curtains, carpet and paint. Each dormitory will also have added; cupboards, desks extra power points, under-bed storage and bedside lights.

Fell House will have the Year 11 dormitory fully refurbished. It will have new paint, carpet, curtains and other works as required.

In addition, all three houses will have the desktops systematically replaces, although not all may be done in the upcoming summer break.

Annette M Taylor [Ms]

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