



NELSON COLLEGE

Boarding Newsletter

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This is the first newsletter that I write to you as Director of Boarding and I am very pleased that Gary O'Shea has asked me to take over this role. I am 100% committed to Boarding at Nelson College. Having had eight years as a live-in supervisor at Nelson College for Girls, I have a comprehensive understanding of the governance and management required to ensure that the academic, co-curricular, pastoral and social needs of your sons are catered for.

While I will continue to work in Fell House as a tutor, I am committed to ensuring that each House is run following the set policies and procedures as required by Nelson College in order for us to maintain our licence to operate.

The Board of Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team are committed to the following tasks:

1. Revision of Staffing levels in Barnicoat and Rutherford. It is highly likely that there will be a reinstatement of a fourth Tutor to these houses from 2010.
2. Resurrecting the 10-year Property Plan, so that priorities for renovations can be ascertained and plans for the short, medium and long-term can be made.
3. In each of the three houses, there will be one dormitory remodelled over the Christmas vacation. There will also be exterior painting and landscaping done at the same time.
4. There is a junior homework survey being conducted in the first two weeks of this term, so that we can ascertain what is being asked of year 9 and 10.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns:

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I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Winter Boarding Weekend set for 28-30 August 2009. Plans are afoot for those two days and we will provide details as soon as possible.

Annette M Taylor

DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

General Notices:

Issue

GAP Students

We have welcomed two new GAP students to Nelson College at the beginning of Term 3:

1. Marcel Meier - from Germany. Marcel lives and works in Barnicoat.
2. James Tyrell - from England. James lives and works in Fell.

We will be welcoming another three GAP students between 14-28 August 2009. They are:

1. Moritz Walker from Germany; he will live and work in Fell.
2. Spencer Marshall from Canada
3. Fraser Graham from Canada

Whichever Canadian arrives first will be allocated to be the second GAP student in Barnicoat. The second Canadian will replace Marc, who works in Rutherford and returns to the UK on 28 August 2009.

Electric Blankets in the Hostels.

If a student wishes to bring an Electrical Blanket to use in the Boarding House, the following are the conditions that we will allow them to have one and use it; *the Housemaster must sight a copy of the up-to-date Electrical Safety Certificate. Electrical Blankets should be tested every 12 months and we must see this certificate.*

This policy will be in place from the start of 2010.

If you wish your son to have an Electric Blanket, firms that conduct the tests are:

Electrical Services, 15 Knew Street NELSON

Antidote Appliances, 190 High Street MOTUEKA

Transfield Electrical, 5 Wadsworth Street TAKAKA

Herkt Retravisio, Cnr High/Seymour Streets BLENHEIM

Transport

Jan Moore has bought a van and she and her husband have decided to use it to do some trips to and from Nelson and pick up students from Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls (after school on Fridays) and take them home for the weekend approximately every two or three weeks.

Jan is able to pick up and deliver boys from Nelson and then drop them off on the way through to Reefton. So any students from Murchison, Westport, Karamea, Reefton, Greymouth, Hokitika, South Westland etc are more than welcome to contact Jan to discuss this service and the costs. The parents would have to collect/deliver their boys to/from Reefton if they live south of Reefton. Jan can drop/pick up at the door in Murchison, drop/pick-up boys at Inangahua Junction for Westport, Karamea etc.

Jan can be contacted on:

03 732 8643 or m.s.moore@xtra.co.nz

Week 7, Term 3 - Teacher Only Day and Holiday

Advance warning that in week seven of this term, we have the Winter Tournament Week; a week where all of the Winter national sports tournaments are held.

To minimise the amount of school that is missed by the students and staff who travel, there will be a Teacher Only Day on Thursday 3 September and a Nelson regional "holiday" for secondary school students on Friday 4 September.

You may wish your son to travel home for the four days.