



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Four: 4th - 15th November 2024



Kia ora e te Whanau,

A warm welcome to those who have arrived at William Colenso College recently, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

For our Year 13 students and a handful of other senior students who have reached the end of their educational journey, I hope you have taken the opportunities provided and made the most of your academic experience. I love the following quote by Nelson Mandela... *"A bright future beckons. The onus is on us, through hard work, honesty and integrity, to reach for the stars..."* We wish you well as you move on to your next endeavour in life.

**Senior Prize Giving:** Last week parents, whanau, staff, students and our community joined us for an inspiring evening where we recognised the outstanding accomplishments and celebrated the achievements of our senior students (Years 11, 12 and 13). Prize Giving allows us an opportunity to acknowledge and honour individual success and the academic abilities of students. To those who were recognised and received awards, you should be very proud of your efforts. In events like prize giving, not everyone's success can be celebrated. To those who did not receive accolades at prize giving, do not let that define who you are. I encourage all to set new goals, work hard and keep putting your best foot forward. We can use resilience and a positive attitude to push forward in life. To those who are leaving WCC this year, we wish you the best in whatever pathway you choose to pursue. Congratulations to the following outstanding prize recipients:



**Dux 2024:** Danica Castro

**Proxime Accessit 2024:** Joseph Seymour

**2024 Student Leaders:** I would like to recognise our 4 amazing 2024 head students who worked tirelessly for the good of our school and their fellow students. The head students consisted of Ashley Christison, Rylie Kawenga, Hakopa Snow Pimm and Renz Bernabe. I cannot express enough how much I have appreciated these 4 individuals. They have grown into their roles and have been outstanding leaders. We appreciate you and all your hard work.



**Sports Prize Giving:** Our sports prize giving was also held last week, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. Congratulations to those students who represent our school and community. We also had several students who played in the joint Ahuriri club (Tamatea High School and William Colenso College), and a small number who played for clubs or other high schools. Our Sports Prize Giving is a celebration where we honour the spirit of sport and the incredible achievements of our athletes. It is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of both individual and teamwork and the dedication it takes to excel in sport. Congratulations to our Top Sports Award Recipients:



**Top Sportsperson 2024:** Hakopa Snow Pimm

**Showcase 2024:** A spectacular evening where our dance and drama students were able to showcase their talents. At WCC we are so blessed to have such amazing talent that is nurtured by outstanding Dance, Music, and Drama teachers. Thank you Ms Kersey, Whaea Moana and Matua Damon for all you do with and for our students.

**Leaving Staff:** Sadly, we will say farewell to the following staff at the end of the 2024 school year: We sincerely thank you for the input you have made to the students at William Colenso College, and we wish you well on your future journey.

Kere Heperi: Te Reo Maori and Math Teacher (3 terms)

Skye Stanley: Chemistry, Science Teacher and Kapa Haka (5 terms)

Orine Pui: Learning Coach

Te Ao Rakete: Learning Coach

Caitlyn Wilkins: Learning Coach

Dhana Coon: Learning Coach

**Leavers Dinner** (For Year 13 students): I would like to thank the fabulous staff from William Colenso College who sponsored our Year 13 Leavers' dinner this year. This was a wonderful gesture and is another testament of the amazing staff we have at WCC. Our Year 13 Leavers' dinner was held on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. A great night enjoyed by our Year 13 cohort and staff.



**2025 Student Leaders:** Congratulations to the following students who make up the team of senior leaders for 2025. We look forward to your contribution as leaders of our school.

**Boys:** Will Christison, Hawera Neera, Joseph Hohepa

**Girls:** Maarie Johansen, Karoline Franke, Te Ata Lamont

**2025:** Over the past year, a great deal of work has gone into the review of our pastoral care program. From the beginning of 2025, we will restructure our 'form classes'. We will move from a Vertical to a Horizontal form room model which caters for year 9 to Year 13 in their own year level group form classes. This means instead of having 5-year levels (y9-y13) in the one form

class, the form classes will be broken down into only one year level in a form room. Students will work with other year levels in their house meetings and activities throughout the year.

Students are managed according to year level

Year levels are divided into form groups with a form tutor

Teaching staff work as year level teams

Overseen by dean as head of year level

Students are perceived as being in a homogenous year group rather than a house group

Does not facilitate cross-age interactions

The Senior Leadership Team have discussed best practice and reviewed our current system and believe the horizontal approach will provide quality wellbeing and pastoral outcomes for our students and we look forward to implementing this positive change in 2025.

I would like to acknowledge the time and effort of our staff who have worked hard to ensure our senior students, (especially our Level 1 students), are well prepared for the demands of the new internal and external assessments this year. Teachers have engaged in hours of professional development; they have had to develop new assessments and understand new quality assurance process. Mr Simon Mitchell and Mrs Hayley Christison have led our subject specialists through this process, ensuring our students were supported to understand requirements and succeed. I would also like to make mention of Ms Nicole Reihana who has supported our students with the literacy component and Mr Rohit Mani, Mrs Phillipa Wakefield and Ms Kirsty Solomon who have assisted our students with the Numeracy component and have provided additional support and encouragement as required. Our deans have also been very busy this year assisting students to reach their academic goals.

A reminder that the **last official day for senior students** (Years 11, 12 and 13) is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (unless requested by a teacher to return to finish work). Students, please ensure you turn up on time and put in an honest effort in your NZQA exams which start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Teacher-only day** (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November) will be used to continue to prepare for NCEA and Curriculum change. The school will not be open for instruction.

**Attendance:** We continue to encourage and assist students to attend school. We are mindful of the array of reasons why students are unable to attend school, and we will continue to work with whanau on these concerns. A huge thank you to those who continue to support our students and our school.

Nga mihi kia koutou katoa Whaea Jocelyn



# 2025 ENROLMENTS

We are currently taking enrolments for Years 7-13 for 2025. If you would like to enrol your child please contact the School Office for enrolment information: 06 831 0180. If your child is a current Year 8 student or you are enrolling a Year 9 student in 2025 please visit our website: [www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz) for more information on the 2025 Year 9 Scholarships, or call into the School Office and pick up an application form. Applications close **Friday 22nd November, 2024.**



We are seeking homestays for international students NOW



Always wanted to travel the world? We're bringing the world to you and want to pay you to experience it. German, French and Japanese students are arriving at William Colenso College. We're looking for homestay parents who can introduce them to a genuine sweet-as Aotearoa lifestyle. Homestay rates are \$275 per week for 2024. Host a boy or a girl. We currently need a homestay for a German girl and boy.



If you are interested in hosting an international student and would like to know more, please contact us for more information.

Jody Stent - Homestay coordinator  
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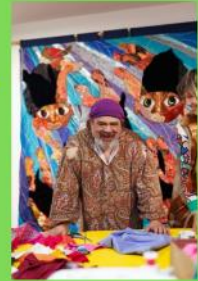
## Join a free community flag-making workshop

Nau mai, haere mai.

Saturday and Sunday  
November 16 and 17, 9am-5pm  
at William Colenso College

Tutor is leading fabric artist  
Ron Te Kawa

No skills required - sewing machines supplied.  
Come for part or all of the 2 days.  
Skilled artists and sewers will be on hand to help



At this free, fun and friendly workshop we will design and make flags to be flown at community events like Maraenui Christmas in the Park, Matariki and Waitangi Day.



To sign up email Neill Gordon:  
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Ph: 0223208601



Ngā Ringa Toi  
o te

Matou  
a Māui

Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools' Maori Art Exhibition  
CAN Napier, 16 Byron Street  
November 15 - 28  
Opening 5.00 Rāpare 15 2024



Reclaiming my Culture (after Hannah Hoch)

Alljay Wairua  
William Colenso College

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[www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz)

Or email: [keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz](mailto:keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz) to register and receive the newsletter electronically

## SPONSORSHIP



We would like to thank Sagar and his team at Caltex Hyderabad for their generous sponsorship of petrol vouchers, this is a partnership between New Zealand Sports Collective and Caltex. This greatly assists our sports teams for travel to games.



## NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM 2025

**All of the current WCC uniform is now at NZ Uniforms, Hastings at a discounted price. The 2025 new uniform will be available from Monday 6th January, 2025.**

Information on the new uniform has been posted on our school facebook page, the school app and emailed out to those parents/caregivers who are on our email distribution list. If you have any further queries please contact the School Office.

## KEY DATES

5th - 29th Nov:	NZQA Exams commence
Tues 5th Nov:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
Mon 11th Nov:	International students surf trip to Waimarama
8th – 10th Nov:	Jump Jam Crew in Tauranga for National Champs
Fri 15th Nov:	Teacher Only Day
18th - 20th Nov:	International student trip to Raglan
19th - 21st Nov:	Year 9 Camps
Fri 22nd Nov:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Mon 25th Nov:	International students trip to Splash Planet
27th - 29th Nov:	Year 7 & 8 Camps
Wed 27th Nov:	2025 Enrolment Interviews: 4pm-5.45pm
28th & 29th Nov:	International students trip to Tongariro Crossing.
1st - 4th Dec:	Leadership Camp
Wed 4th Dec:	Board of Trustees Meeting; 5pm
Fri 6th Dec:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Tues 10th Dec:	Splash Planet trip for whole school (Years 7, 8, 9 & 10)
Wed 11th Dec:	Year 7-10 Prizegiving School Hall: 10am-11.30am
	Final Assembly: 12.30pm-2pm, we aim to finish the assembly around 2pm but may finish slightly earlier, students will be dismissed once finished.

### **2025 Start Dates:**

Thurs 30th Jan:	Year 7 & 8 Meet the Teachers Sausage Sizzle: 1.30pm-3pm
Wed 5th Feb:	All students commence at 8.40am
Thurs 6th Feb:	Waitangi Day - School Closed