



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 10th – 21st February 2025



Kia ora Whānau

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. A very warm welcome to the 2025 school year. I hope you've enjoyed a refreshing break with your whānau and friends, and that the patchy weather did not interfere too much with your outdoor plans during the summer break.

We are thrilled to have our students back and hope they are ready to work hard as well as enjoy an exciting year at William Colenso College. We especially welcome our new Year 7 students and their whānau, as well as any new students attending WCC for the first time at other year levels. We also welcome back Mr Antony Wilson from his OE. We look forward to hearing about some of his exciting adventures. We would like to wish Mr Henry Ballantyne all the best as he fulfills one of his bucket list items, as he hikes the Te Araroa Trail from Bluff to Picton. We look forward to hearing about his experience when he returns later in Term 1. We offer our deepest condolences to those who have lost whānau or friends over the break. 'Ka aroha hoki'.

A new school year gives us an opportunity for a fresh start, it is a great time to set new goals, and to try new challenges. One of my favourite quotes is attributed to Abraham Lincoln and Peter Drucker, and states: **“the best way to predict the future is to create it.”**

WCC MISSION: Wawatatia, Mahia, Ekea / Aspire, Act, Achieve

We want our Rangitahi to build personal identity in a context of strong values. We aspire to foster healthy all round development and personal success in an environment informed by the principles of Manaakitanga. We encourage participation, connectedness and whanaungatanga through a range of service, cultural, sporting and leadership opportunities. We encourage Hirangatanga through high expectations in responsive supportive learning programmes.

WCC VISION: To prepare students for success in our learning environment and in their future, by valuing their contribution

WCC VALUES:

- 1. Manaakitanga – (Respect)** This value is expressed in the college by behaviour that supports positive relationships between individuals and all those in the college community. We will seek to treat people with dignity through supportive and productive relationships.
- 2. Whanaungatanga – (Belonging)** – This value is expressed throughout the college by recognising that every individual contributes to the wider school community. The college will provide an environment that supports assistance, nurturing, guidance and direction to all.
- 3. Hirangatanga – (Striving for Excellence)** – *This value is expressed in the college through the recognition of the individual giving their very best toward any task or relationship they have. Value will be placed on recognising excellence as being derived from effort, perseverance, and performance. as individuals and celebrating diversity.*

WCC Strategic (long term) Goals for 2022-2025:

- 1.** We give practical effect and mana to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by developing respectful, positive, supportive and productive relationships through nurturing strong school values. Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Hirangatanga.
- 2.** We give practical effect and mana to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by meeting the aspirations of akonga and teaching staff, by ensuring well-being is a focus. The school will support learners through attendance and engagement by removing barriers and working with whānau.
- 3.** We give practical effect and mana to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by ensuring we provide culturally responsive and relational pedagogy to meet the aspirations of our akonga's learning programmes which are designed to be flexible and fit for purpose to support every student to build appropriate and successful transition pathways.

WCC Annual Plan (short term goals) for 2025:

- Giving Practical Effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi via promotion of school values.
- Data Collection: including E-Asttle (Collection, Collate and Analyse)
- Co-construction (Year 9 & Year 10)
- NCEA Achievement Targets (Focus on L1)
- Lit / Num (CAAs)
- Whānau Engagement / Iwi Engagement
- Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy
- Change to our Pastoral Support: System - Role of Form Teachers + Deans (Year level form classes)
- INCREASE Attendance
- High Expectations, Consistency & Positive Behaviour

A parent's life's work is personified in their children. Life's joys and challenges are encapsulated and made manifest through the lives our children lead. Parents are the first teachers and cheerleaders. Our children can be their parents greatest joy and sometimes their greatest heartache. Parenting in today's world requires individual strategic alignment and at times honesty with self. Reset and review your strategy often to ensure the reality you're living aligns with the unique and individualistic goals and visions for each child in your care. Children do not need to have the latest expensive gadgets, but they do need support from those who care for them full time. Evidence is very clear, children who have support from home can achieve a great deal at school. Dame Whina Cooper said **'Take care of our children. Take care of what they hear. Take care of what they see. For how the children grow, so will the shape of Aotearoa'**. I believe she wanted to encourage & remind parents, caregivers and teachers of our duty to our children / students. Children are a reflection of each of us. I know we are not perfect, but we must try harder, we must look deeper into our practices... At WCC this year we have set our mantra as **'stepping up / raising the bar.'** We ask parents to help us as we work with our students to teach them how important it is to attend school daily and consistently strive to do their very best. Consistency helps us develop good habits and stay focused. Having high expectations is about supporting and empowering students to learn and achieve personal excellence.

Pastoral System:

This year we have changed our pastoral system from multi-level form rooms to year level form classes. Each student will be in a form class with their year level peers. Form Time will be used to check on attendance, monitor achievement and provide support to students. We endeavour to work closer with whānau. Your child's form teacher will be in touch to introduce themselves. The form teacher should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns or require extra support. For each year level, we also have a dean to assist the year levels.

Year Level	Dean
Year 7 & Year 8	Ms Pearson
Year 9	Mrs Carter-Judd
Year 10	Mr Fallen
Year 11	Ms Kersey
Year 12 & Year 13	Mrs Christison
International Students	Ms Jackson



Attendance: A reminder that schools along with whānau / families are legally responsible to ensure students attend school every day. Going to school every day is important to students to develop skills for lifelong learning. Regular attendance makes a big difference. There's a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Higher levels of educational achievement can mean better health, higher incomes, better job stability, and more participation in communities. This all makes society stronger and more connected. Students are required to attend and engage in learning **every day**. Regular attendance means the student is present for more than 90% of the term.

Cell Phones: As per government regulations, cell phones are not permitted at school. If students bring cell phones, they need to be on silent and kept in their school bag. If phones are seen, they will be confiscated and will need to be collected from the front office at the end of the school day.

Vapes: Recent changes to New Zealand's vaping rules have introduced stricter regulations around vapes. New licensing requirements limit the availability of vapes in certain areas, specifically near early childhood centres, schools and marae. Vapes are not permitted at school. Students are NOT permitted to use vapes or have them in their possession. All vapes will be confiscated and destroyed.

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” Remember to be an active participant in your education. Turn up to school on time, attend every day, focus in class, do your best, ask for help and get involved.

We look forward to a positive year and we want this to be the case for all our students and staff.

Nga Manaakitanga
Whaea Jocelyn

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.40am Bell Rings						
8.45am – 9.45am	1					
9.45am – 10.45am	2					
10.45am-11am		FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME
11.00am – 11.30am		INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL
11.30am – 12.30pm	3					
12.30pm – 1.30pm	4					
1.30pm – 2.00pm		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
2.00pm – 3.00pm	5					

All students received the provided school lunch during interval time at 11am.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



School Apps ^{NZ}
onApp mobile

Our School Communication
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- School Alert Groups
- Direct Absentee Line
- Contacts Directory
- School Events
- Daily Notices
- Plus Much More!

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The College produces a newsletter each fortnight, this is currently available via email, on the school facebook page, school website and the school app. If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please contact the College Office.

The school app can be downloaded to your apple or android cellphone. Search William Colenso College to download the app. This will have information available on: absences, school events, daily school

notices and other messages will be sent via this option.

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL

If your child needs to attend an appointment during school hours please provide a written note / text or phone the Attendance Office: 8310180 Ext 708 or 709. Your child will need to sign out at the student office before they leave the grounds.

PARENT / CAREGIVER CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your address or contact details please contact the school office to update by phone: (06) 831 0180 or email postmaster@colenso.school.nz. It is important the school has up-to-date contact information in the case of an emergency.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



New international students from Germany and Japan doing their their orientation last week. We will also have some Brazilian students join our whānau for 6 months.

KEY DATES

Mon 10th Feb:	Trade Academy students to EIT
Tues 11th Feb:	Year 9 Scholarship & Student Leader Badge Ceremony 6pm School Hall
Tues 18th Feb:	Year 13 Camp to Tukituki Lockdown Drill 10.35am-11am
Wed 19th Feb:	Year 13 Camp returns
Tues 4th March:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
Wed 5th March:	Athletics day at Hastings Regional Sports Park
Fri 7th March:	Victoria University Visit for senior students: 9.45am-10.45am in the School Library
Tues 11th March:	School Photos for all students
Mon 7th April:	Year 7 & 8 HPV Immunisations
Tues 8th April:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
Thurs 10th April:	Waikato University Visit: 9.45am in the Library for senior students

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Or email: keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz to register and receive the newsletter electronically