



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 28th July – 8th August 2025



Kia ora Whānau

Welcome new students and whānau to William Colenso College. Our Mihi Whakatau on Monday 14th July warmly welcomed our new International students. Thank you to Shaun and his dad for their korero on behalf of our manuhiri and to Shaun's mum for joining in with the Waiata. We hope all our international students enjoy their experience at WCC and in New Zealand.

Germany: Caspar Bulling, Chiza Vogel, Jannis Borkowski, Ole Heger

Finland: Venla Tiliikainan

China: Shaun Changen

Japan: Saki Suda, Riyo Ogawa

Our school vision: *"Preparing students for success in our learning environment and in their future, by valuing their contribution as individuals and celebrating diversity."*

Our school mission: *Wawatatia, Mahia, Ekea / Aspire, Act, Achieve*

Our school values: **Manaakitanga** = (Respect), **Whanaungatanga** = (Belonging) **Hirangatanga** = (Striving for Excellence)

Student /Parent / Whanau / Teacher Hui: Thank you to those whānau who came into school to discuss student progress with our teaching staff on Wednesday 23rd July. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to make contact with your students' form teacher or year level dean.

PJ Day: On Wednesday 6th August students will be permitted to wear Pyjamas to school. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation which will be donated to I Am Hope, which assists with Teenage Mental Health.

On **Tuesday 12th August**, we are holding our WCC open evening @ **6pm**. We welcome any prospective students and their whānau. A reminder that William Colenso College is one of the very few high schools which charges minimal school fees. Students are charged \$50 per year in sport fees; for this \$50, students can choose to be involved in as many sports as they like. WCC has class sets of chrome books in every classroom, whānau are not required to provide a device for students to use. All 2026 Year 7 enrolments will be provided with a starter pack uniform; please see our 2026 enrolment pack for details of this special offer.

A reminder: **Friday 15th August** the school will be closed for our WCC mid-term break.

A reminder that 'Bullying affects everyone'

Bullying behaviour impacts the whole-school community. Bullying has detrimental effects on students' health, wellbeing and learning. It can make students feel lonely, unhappy and frightened. It's not just the students being bullied who are affected. Most students say they don't like seeing bullying in their school – it makes them feel worried and uncomfortable. Students who bully others are also more likely to have problems and be unhappy.

Being bullied can affect everything about a child: how they see themselves, their friends, school, and their future. Students who are bullied often experience depression, low self-esteem that may last a lifetime, shyness, loneliness, physical illnesses, and may threaten or attempt self-harm.

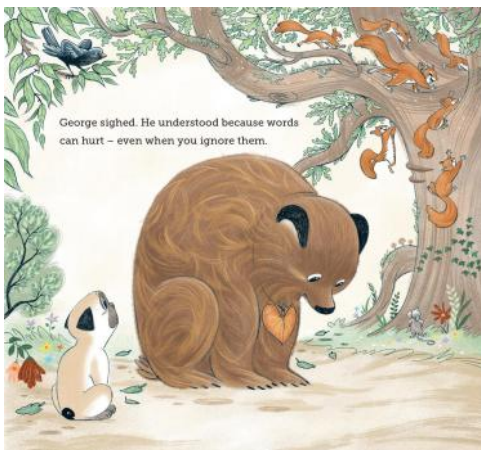
Some students miss school, see their marks drop or even leave school altogether because they have been bullied. Verbal and social/relational bullying can be just as harmful as physical bullying.

Students who engage in bullying also risk poor long term outcomes, including leaving school early. Some students engage in bullying for a short time only and then stop either because they realise it's wrong or they are supported to learn more appropriate behaviour.

A small group of students continue to bully others over many years. Parents, whānau and schools need to support those who bully others to learn more appropriate ways to get on with others and deal with conflict and social challenges.

Although most research in this area focuses on the impacts of bullying on initiators and targets, bullying may also have a negative impact on bystanders, those who witness bullying. Even if a child isn't being bullied, they can be affected by it. No one can do well when they feel unsafe.

Addressing bullying effectively has benefits for the future of everyone. Our goal is to provide a safe and caring climate at William Colenso College that deters any form of bullying. If you experience bullying of any kind, please talk to your form teacher or Dean immediately.



[Building a safe and caring school climate that deters bullying](#)

Looking forward to a great term. Take care of yourself and each other. Remember there is still time to step up and raise the bar.

Ngā Mihi
Whaea Jocelyn

WCC PJ DAY

PJ Day is being held Wednesday 6th August, students are able for the day to wear appropriate PJ's, fluffy slippers or cozy onesies.

We ask that students bring a gold coin donation with proceeds going towards I Am Hope NZ (promoting positive attitudinal societal change around mental health throughout New Zealand, offering hope and a voice to young people).



ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA



BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Make a difference. Become a school trustee. Nominate yourself or someone you know today. Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who will make a positive difference to our children's learning.

Timeline: Call for Nominations - Friday 18th July, 2025
Nominations Close - Wednesday 6th August, 2025 (12noon)
Voting Papers Distributed - Wednesday 13th August, 2025
Election Day - Wednesday 10th September, 2025
Board Takes Office - Wednesday 17th September, 2025

The Board of Trustee Elections for 2025 will be managed electronically, you will receive all information via email.

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.

WCC BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Te Whānau Ora in the Student Support Centre building is open for breakfast every week day between 8.00-8.40am for all students.

A lunch is available at our interval break: 11am-11.30am for all students, these are provided by the School Lunch Collective who delivers healthy school lunches to participating schools under the Ministry of Education's Ka Ora, Ka Ako Healthy School Lunch Programme.

Students are welcome to bring their own food also.



WCC 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					

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KEY DATES

Tues 29th & 30th July:	Outdoor Ed L3 MTB Trip
Fri 1st Aug:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Tues 5th Aug:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
Wed 6th Aug:	WCC PJ Day, OE Level 2 Navigation Day Trip
Fri 8th Aug:	Tabloid Sports: 2.15pm, Outdoor Ed Day Tramp
Tues 12th Aug:	WCC Open Evening: 6pm School Hall
Tues 12th & 13th Aug:	Outdoor Ed Level 2 Overnight Tramp
Fri 15th Aug:	WCC Mid Term Break: School Closed
Tues 19th Aug:	Outdoor Ed Level 3 Navigation Challenge
Wed 20th Aug:	Sports Photos
Fri 22nd Aug:	Year 7 & 8 Disco: 6-8pm
Mon 25th Aug:	Yr 7 & 8's to Science Roadshow: Napier Boys High School: 1.45pm-3pm
Tues 26th & 27th Aug:	Outdoor Ed Level 3 Overnight Tramp
Thurs 28th Aug:	Cross Country @ 1pm
Fri 29th Aug:	Outdoor Ed 2 Day Tramp, Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Tues 2nd Sept:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
Wed 3rd Sept:	School Ski Day Trip
Thurs 4th Sept:	Victoria University Course Planning: Library at 11.30am
Sun 7th & 8th Sept:	Outdoor Ed Level 2 Survival Trip
Tues 9th Sept:	2026 Enrolment Interviews: 3.30pm-5.45pm
Fri 12th Sept:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Sun 14th-16th Sept:	Outdoor Ed Level 3 Multi Day Tramp
Wed 17th Sept:	Matariki Ka Hui Ako Kapa Haka
Thurs 18th Sept:	Mixed Touch Tournament Year 5-8, Contributing Schools, WCC Fields: 9am-2.45pm
Fri 19th Sept:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm, Last Day of Term 3
Mon 6th Oct:	Term 4 Commences

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