



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE



Term Three: 22nd August - 2nd Sept 2022

Tēnā koutou

Wow can you believe August is nearly over. 2022 is rushing by very quickly. We are thrilled to welcome international students back to William Colenso College. We hope our students enjoy their experience in Aotearoa New Zealand. Also, a very warm welcome to all those new students who have joined William Colenso College this term. Today I am going to highlight some challenges students face in 2022. These challenges or threats can be detrimental to children's health, wellbeing, and future success.

1. Snapchat / TikTok:

Both above applications maybe reprogramming values you have been trying to teach your children. Parents have no way to monitor what their children see on Snapchat/TikTok and have no idea how influential they can be. People spend many hours a day on social media. These applications desensitize us to pornography, drugs, bullying, suicide, and other important social issues. Students are getting far more Snapchat/TikTok programming than they are getting healthy parent programming. Please say "NO" to Snapchat and TikTok until your student is mature enough to use these applications.

2. Vaping:

Some students have taken to vaping. It is estimated that a large percentage of the high school population is now vaping. Vaping is an addiction that your child will battle for a long time, possibly their entire life. It is not a habit you can just ask your child to stop overnight. We see students giving up many other healthy activities to spend time vaping with their friends. Vaping is a gateway drug. Parents should encourage students to NOT vape.

3. Respect / Accountability:

The lack of respect and accountability cause some parents difficulty. Both home and school need to teach students to respect authority, teachers, adults, and themselves. For whatever reason some people believe being disrespectful is a sign of strength. Please teach your children about respect and accountability as these attributes are very important for a successful and happy life.

Your children learn from you.
You're nice, they are nice.
You're nasty, they are too.
You're happy, they are happy.
You're sad, they are sad.
Your children copy you, this is not genetic - its learned.
They're taught by you.
Be a better person to create better people...

4. Technologies/social media:

Video games and social media are brain sucking time wasters that take the life and motivation out of children and adults. When children are spending up to 10 hours a day on screen time, this is too much. Families should take some time to do some family activities together. There is an old saying that says '**the family who plays together, stays together**'.

Term 3 is a busy term: Please note the following dates:

Accord Day / Teacher Only Day: Wednesday 24th August

Open Evening: Wednesday 31st Aug

Practise exams: 5 Sept – 8th Sept

Lastly, thank you to those parents who continue to encourage students to attend school and be on time. We appreciate your support. Regular attendance is very important – a student's over-all academic growth increases significantly over time when they attend regularly and have strong connections to all aspects of classroom and school learning. Research demonstrates **there is a powerful link between successful learning and regular school attendance**.

Nga Mihi Mahana - Whaea Jocelyn

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ella Villarmeia Year 12 who won Best in Show for Photography, 'Book Tiki', at the art exhibition which was recently held at CAN (Creative Arts Napier) Byron St, Napier South. Well done.



OPEN EVENING 2022

We will be holding our second open evening for interested parents and students in Years 7-13 who are considering enrolment for 2023. This will take place: **Wednesday 31st August: 6.30pm starting in the School Hall.**

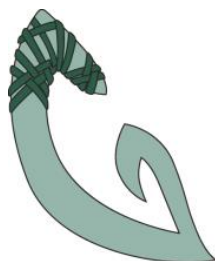
This evening gives you and your child an opportunity to come in and discuss options with staff and view our facilities for enrolment options in 2023. If you are unable to make this evening, please contact the School Office: 831 0180 to arrange another time.

PHYSIO CLINIC

Students have access to a Physio Clinic at school every Tuesday from 11:30am. The clinic runs from the Student Office and bookings are essential.

Students are welcome, but under 16 year olds must take a form home to be signed by a parent / caregiver before being booked.

Injuries must be due to an accident if the student is to receive free treatment.



ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

TE VAKA MAIA PROGRAMME

The very first Te Vaka Māia programme started Monday 1st August with an excellent turnout of students, past students, staff from WCC, Police and Te Kupenga Hauora. Based on the earlier 'CACTUS' programme, it has become a big feature of WCC in the last 10 years.

We look forward to another exciting programme, culminating with The Longest Day on Saturday September 24th.



WCC SCHOOL APP

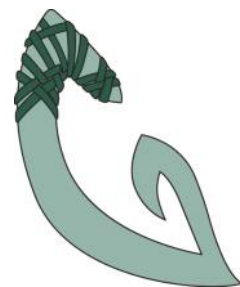
William Colenso College has its own school app which can be downloaded to your apple or android cellphone (device) -

"On your Apple or Android cellphone (device) please search for "School Apps NZ" and install the app with that name. Once installed please open the App and search for "William Colenso College" to get connected.

This will allow the school staff to send out to those who have downloaded the app, alerts about various activities: sports events, homework reminders etc.

Other functions that are available in the app are:

- absentee tab: to advise when your child will be absent from school
- events tab: will give calendar dates for the school year
- contacts tab: able to make contact via phone or email with a staff member
- Notices: the daily school notices that are available to staff and students about events happening that day in school.



SCHOOL UNIFORM JACKETS / CAPS



School jackets and caps are available for purchase from the School Office. These uniform items **are not sold at The Warehouse**. Cost for the jackets are \$103.50



The jackets are produced by Kooga Clothing; they are waterproof, windproof and very warm. This is the only item of clothing with a hood that may be worn to school. The caps are \$25 and are able to be worn at school.

MISSED A NEWSLETTER? WANT TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON?

Our newsletters can be viewed on our website: www.colenso.school.nz
Or email: keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz to register and receive the newsletter electronically

STUDENT ABSENCES

Thank you to whanau who contact the school to notify us of the absence of your child / children.

Please note: The phone number used for the absence system changes daily. The phone number is only valid for the day you get the text message. If you respond to a number after the date the text message was sent the school is unlikely to get your return message.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

William Colenso College provides all students with a Free & Healthy School Lunch each day.

Big thanks to Libelle who are our school lunch providers. Your child is still welcome to bring their own food if they wish. If your child has a dietary requirement please let your child's form / tutor teacher know and their lunch can be tailored to their needs.

Libelle are in the process of setting up a School Tuck Shop where students will be able to purchase food at lunchtime. We will advise via all our communications when this will be available.

KEY DATES

Tues 23rd August:	Richmond year 6 students visit for WCC Experience: 10.30am-12.30pm
Wed 24th August:	Teacher Only Day, staff professional development
Thurs 25th August:	EIT Day: Yrs 11,12 & 13: 11.30am-2pm Nelson Park year 6 students in for WCC Experience: 9.30am-12.30pm Full School Assembly 2.15pm
Fri 26th August:	WCC Open Evening, starting in the School Hall: 6.30pm
Wed 31st August:	Marewa year 6 students visit for WCC Experience: 9.30am-11.30am
Thurs 1st Sept:	Former WCC & Tamatea High School Netball Players vs current Ahuriri school netball team: 10am WCC Gym
Sun 4th Sept:	Tongan Language Week
5th - 9th Sept:	Practice Exams for Years 11-13 students
5th-8th Sept:	Nominations open for Student Rep on the Board of Trustees
Tues 6th Sept:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Fri 9th Sept:	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
11th - 16th Sept:	Top Art Exhibition: EIT for Year 13 Art, Design and Photography students 12.30pm-2pm
Tues 13th Sept:	Victoria University visit for interested senior students: 11.30am-12.30pm in the Library
Thurs 15th Sept:	School Cross Country: 12.30pm-3pm Production rehearsal all day for production students
Fri 16th Sept:	School Production: Hatupatu: 7pm-8.30pm, doors open at 6.45pm, show starts at 7pm, tickets \$5
20th-22nd Sept:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Fri 23rd Sept:	Te Vaka Māia Longest Day
Sat 24th Sept:	Student voting for Years 9-13 students in fortime for Student Rep on the Board of Trustees
Wed 21st Sept:	Final day of Term Three
Fri 30th Sept:	Term Four Commences
Mon 17th Oct:	