



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Two: 12th - 30th June 2023



Kia ora e te whanau

Student Behaviour:

Sadly, we are starting to experience some unacceptable student behaviour. This has resulted in a number of stand downs and suspensions. Our Senior Leadership Team is saddened by this behaviour because we waste a lot of our time and it also creates a feeling of unrest in our school.

Suspensions were for the following behaviours which we will not tolerate at our school:

- Defiance
- Fighting or threatening behaviour toward other students
- Being under the influence of drugs or /and possession of drugs paraphernalia at school
- Continual disobedience
- Gross Misconduct

Suspensions are for behaviours which our school will not accept which are dangerous to the student, other students or a dangerous example to others. Every case for suspension is based on its own merits and circumstances. Students can be stood down from school for 5 days in one term and 10 days in a year. A stand down means students will remain home for a period of time from 1 day to 5 days. The Senior Leadership Team is responsible for the length and reasons for Stand downs.

Suspensions are the most serious consequence we can hand out as a school. A suspension means that the student and their support people will meet with the Board of Trustees disciplinary committee. This committee, made up of board members, is responsible for the decision about whether students can return to school and whether they will impose conditions (if any) as part of their return to school. When a student is suspended, they risk being excluded from our school which means if they are under the age of 16, they will need to find a new school to attend.

Inappropriate behaviour goes against our values of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Hirangatanga. We calculate the students we deal with for this kind of anti-social behaviour are only 5% of our school population. This is less than 30 students. We have rules in place and processes to follow when we deal with these types of behaviour to ensure our school is a safe place for all.

Our deans and senior leadership team are spending a lot of time dealing with a lot of drama around unacceptable behaviour and the impact this has on other students and the school. Under the relevant sections of the Education Act, we will be sending students home until we can schedule meetings with parents or caregivers. Attendance will be marked appropriately.

Motivation Positive Affirmations

I choose my choices.

I am stronger than I know.

I am confident in my skills and gifts.

Working towards my goals consistently
is easy for me.

I intend to make my wishes come true.

I see my goals clearly.

I am grateful for each moment of this life
that I am blessed with.

I trust my journey.

Read more on Gratitude - The Life Blog



Many incidents have nothing to do with school but are brought into school by students insisting on making trouble. The root cause so often is social media and the inappropriate use of group chats and posts. Often the situation can quickly get out of control and cause drama at school which then goes on to cause problems for a group of students.

Recently I read the advice of a judge who regularly deals with youth, he said ... "We often hear the cry from teenagers ... "What can we do?" "Where can we go?" My answer is... "Go home, mow the lawn, wash the windows, learn to cook, build a raft, get a job, visit the sick, study and after you have finished, read a book." Your community does not owe you recreational facilities and your parents do not owe you fun. The world does not owe you a living, in fact it is you who owes the world something. You owe it your time, your energy and your talents so that no one will be at war, in poverty or sick or lonely again." In other words, grow up, stop being a cry-baby, get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wish bone. Start behaving like a responsible person. You are important and you are needed. It's too late to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday. Someday is now and that somebody is you."

We want to focus on the positive behaviours of the remainder of our students and focus more on what we would like to see in our school. Thank you to those whanau who support our efforts and assist us to provide a safe environment. Your assistance is most certainly appreciated.

Nga Mihi Nui
Whaea Jocelyn

WCC SCHOOL PRODUCTION

William
Colenso
College
Presents

Romeo & Juliet

Wed 28 June - Thurs 29, 7pm Tickets \$10 from school office 06 8310180

Artwork by Cris Moetu

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS : WHANAU HUI

On **Wednesday 21st June from 1pm-4.20pm** we will be holding our whānau hui - parent/teacher meetings. Students will finish school at 12.30pm to allow the meetings to commence at 1pm.

Year 7-9 meetings will be held in home rooms with homeroom teachers and Year 10-13 in the Library with subject teachers. Each meeting will have a 10 minute allocation. This will provide time to have discussion about your child's progress and next steps with their teacher. Student reports will be available on the school portal, emailed out and hard copies available at the meetings. Buses will run at the normal time so students will need to find alternative transport arrangements home on this day.

To book your child's form or classroom teacher meeting please follow these instructions:

Log into: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

- Click on "make a booking" tab
- The "event code" is **ap7fb**
- Under the drop down heading 'choose teacher', (your child's subject or homeroom teacher)
- Then select your preferred time

Parents can also do a booking via the WCC School App under Alerts or scan the QR code below.



COLENZO HIGH REUNION

There will be a reunion for former students & staff of the 70's decade. This will be held at the **Mission Estate Winery, Saturday 25th November 2023 at 11.30am.**

Registration is available on the WCC website. An informal celebration with an opportunity to catch up with old friends, classmates and staff.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Short term International Homestays required.

Do you have time and space in your family for a short term international student. We have 4 coming from China in July to stay for 3 weeks.

They would require full board, which will be paid, with a family that has some time to give them a unique kiwi experience. They will be in school during the week. If you are interested, please get in touch. Thanks and regards, Jody Stent. jody.stent@colenso.school.nz

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 LUNCHES

Ka Ora, Ka Ako, Healthy School Lunch Programme provided through the Ministry of Education is available to all William Colenso College students each day.

Big thanks to Libelle Group Ltd 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 / homeroom teacher know and their lunch can be tailored to their needs.



KEY DATES

Fri 16th June:	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Tues 20th June:	Year 7/8 Ranui Farm Visit
Wed 21st June:	Subject/Homeroom Whanau Hui: Parent/Teacher meetings: 1pm-4.20pm Year 7/8 Ranui Farm Visit International Student trip to Rotorua
Fri 23rd June:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm, International students return
Tues 27th June:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm Lincoln University - Hawkes Bay Information Evening: 5.30pm – 8pm Lindisfarne College, Hastings
Wed 28th & Thurs 29th June:	School Production: Romeo & Juliet: 7pm
Fri 30th June:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2.15pm, Last day of Term Two
Mon 17th July:	Term Three commences



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WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

