



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 11th - 22nd August 2025



Kia ora Whānau

A warm welcome to new students and Whānau to William Colenso College. We had a fantastic day dressed in our PJs on Wednesday 6th August. Our students donated a gold coin for the opportunity to wear PJs. All funds were donated to I am Hope which is an organisation that provides support for youth mental health. Well done students and staff who supported the kaupapa.

I would like to inform our school community that I am currently taking a period of leave from my duties as principal to support my husband, who has recently undergone a below-the-knee amputation. This has been a significant and life-changing event for both of us, and my presence is needed at home during this critical time as he adapts to new routines and rehabilitation.

My decision to take time away from school has not been made lightly. I remain committed to the wellbeing and continued success of our school community, and I am working closely with the Board of Trustees and leadership team to ensure a smooth and stable transition during my absence. Plans are in place to maintain continuity of leadership and uphold the high standards of care and education our school is known for.

I appreciate your understanding and support during this time. My hope is to return to my role once my husband is more settled in his recovery and we have adjusted to the new normal as a whānau. In my absence Mr Simon Mitchell will be the Acting Principal.

## **OPEN EVENING: Tuesday 12th August @ 6pm**

We would like to invite parents, caregivers and whānau of prospective students to come along to our enrolment information open evening. You will hear from current students and will get the opportunity to talk to staff about our academic programmes and the many co-curricular opportunities that make William Colenso unique. There will be time to korero and discuss uniforms, sport, the enrolment process and specialist subject options. Whether you are new to the area or already part of our wider whānau, this is a great opportunity to see what life at WCC could look like for your tamariki. This is a free event. We look forward to meeting you.

## **SPORTS PHOTO'S: Will be taken on Wednesday 20th August.**

## **YEAR 7 & 8 DISCO: Friday 22nd August, 6pm - 8pm**

Our middle school students are invited to the school disco. Students must have handed in a signed permission slip prior to the event. Students will not be permitted to leave the event unless a parent / caregiver / older sibling collects them. Drinks and snacks will be on sale.

## **CROSS COUNTRY: Thursday 28th August**

## **Vaping**

A recent conversation with other local principals highlighted the fact we are all dealing with a rising number of students choosing to Vape. To date, I have personally known 0 students who have been able to quit vaping. I have met and spoken with a number of students who vape and they tell me they would struggle to quit vaping.

## **Below is a list of types of students that are more at risk of vaping:**

Kids that go to small schools, kids that go to big schools.  
Kids that play sports, kids that don't play sports.  
Kids that go to school, kids that don't go to school.  
Kids that listen to music, kids that play video games.

Vaping is a life altering choice that can last an entire life. Vaping presents several health risks, including **addiction** due to nicotine, potential **lung damage**, and **exposure to harmful chemicals**. While often marketed as a safer alternative to smoking, vaping carries its own set of dangers, particularly for young people whose brains are still developing.

## A more detailed look at the dangers of vaping:

### 1. Nicotine Addiction:

- Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive and can negatively impact brain development, especially in adolescents, affecting attention, learning, mood, and behaviour.
- Nicotine can also raise blood pressure and heart rate, potentially leading to heart problems.

### 2. Lung Damage:

- Vaping can cause irritation of the lungs, increase coughing, and worsen respiratory conditions like asthma.
- Some e-liquids contain chemicals like diacetyl, linked to a severe lung disease called bronchiolitis obliterans (also known as "popcorn lung").
- Vaping can lead to more serious lung damage, including permanent lung scarring.
- While the lungs may begin to heal after quitting vaping, the extent of recovery is still being studied.

### 3. Exposure to Harmful Chemicals:

- E-cigarettes contain various toxic chemicals, including formaldehyde, benzene, and heavy metals, which can have various negative health effects.
- Some e-liquids contain flavourings and other chemicals that can cause respiratory irritation or other health problems.

### 4. Other Potential Risks:

- Vaping can lead to nausea, headaches, and mouth and throat irritation.
- There is a risk of nicotine poisoning from ingesting e-liquid or from e-cigarette explosions or overheating.
- Long-term health effects of vaping are still being studied, but some research suggests potential links to heart problems and other health issues.

### 5. Gateway to Smoking:

- Vaping may serve as a gateway to traditional cigarette smoking, especially for young people.
- Once a student starts vaping it will be very very hard for them to quit.
- "It's easier to prevent a forest fire than it is to put one out!"
- A reminder that Vapes are not permitted at WCC. All Vapes will be confiscated.

Ngā Mihi  
Whaea Jocelyn

## MUSIC EVENING

We warmly invite all parents and whānau to join us for a special Music Performance by our talented students, Thursday 21st August, 6pm in the School Hall.

Come along and enjoy an evening of wonderful music, showcasing the hard work and creativity of our young performers. Students will be gaining credits from these performances towards their NCEA.



ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE  
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA



# BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS



At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Jane Beaven, Andrea Wilson, Kim Merwood, Kaye Pratt and Joy Zhu.

Returning Officer - Keleigh Atkins

## 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](mailto: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					



# SCHOOL UNIFORM

To help us return lost uniform items to their rightful owners, please ensure that all uniform pieces are clearly named.

Thanks for your assistance.

## ART EXPO

There will be over 100 Year 12 student artworks on display at CAN (Creative Arts Napier) for this exhibition.

Over 20 of them are by our amazing Design, Photography and Painting students. Check out the exhibition on the opening or while it is on display at CAN.

## KEY DATES

Tues 12th Aug:	<b>WCC Open Evening: 6pm School Hall</b>
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
Thurs 21st Aug:	WCC Music Evening: 6pm
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
Sat 6th Sept:	Te Vaka Maia Longest Day
Sun 7th & 8th Sept:	Outdoor Ed Level 2 Survival Trip
Tues 9th Sept:	2026 Enrolment Interviews: 3.30pm-5.45pm
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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Or email: [keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz](mailto:keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz) to register and receive the newsletter electronically