



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 14th - 25th July 2025



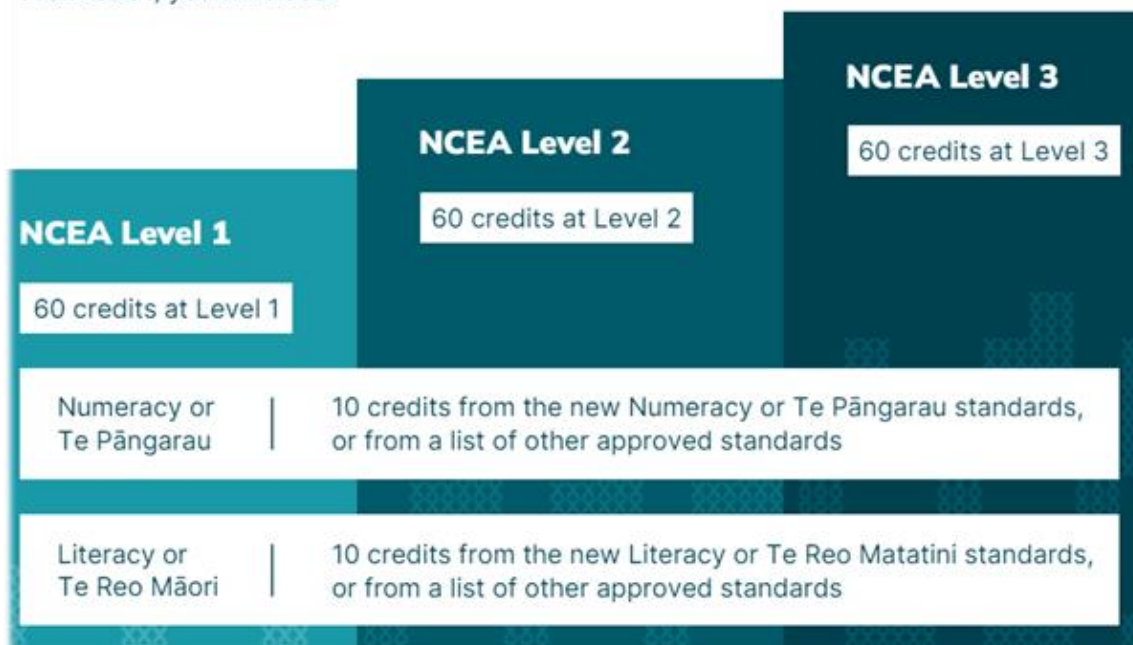
Kia ora Whānau

Welcome back to term 3. A sincere welcome to any new students and whanau joining us at William Colenso College. Nau mai Haere mai to our new international students joining us from Japan, Finland, China and Germany. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

Term 3 is a very busy term as students organise and manage internal assessments as well as prepare for external examinations. It is really important for students to take advantage of the opportunities provided to achieve as many internal credits as possible, while also preparing for external examinations. Aim for Excellence!!! I would like to emphasise again the importance of attendance for all students. Attending school every day is the key to excelling in classes. Below is a reminder of what is required to pass at each year level:

## What you need for NCEA

From 2024, you will need:



It is really important that our rangatahi are thinking about their future career and training pathways. Our Careers team continues to plan a number of careers events for our students to participate in. We encourage students to take advantage of the events and guest speakers who come into our kura to talk about a range of workplace opportunities. We are grateful to the Graeme Dingle Foundation who are currently working with a group of Year 10 students in their Pathways to Potential (P2P) Programme.

Term 3 is also a busy time for those who play sport and for those who are taking part in Te Vaka Maia. We look forward to supporting our students as they participate in the Te Vaka Maia experience.

Academic Reports were emailed in the last week of term 2. Parent /Whānau / Teacher hui will be held on **Wednesday 23rd July @ 2pm - 5pm**. These sessions are a great opportunity for parents and students to meet with teachers to discuss student progress. School will conclude at 1:30pm on Wed 23/7 to allow interview sessions to start at 2pm. See information in this newsletter on how to book appointments.

**Wednesday 6th August** students and staff are invited to wear PJs for the day in place of their school uniform and to kindly donate a gold coin. This year we are raising funds for the mental health foundation of New Zealand. They are a charity that works towards creating a society free from discrimination, where all people

**Tuesday 12th August @ 6pm - 7pm: William Colenso College Open Evening.** We would like to invite prospective students and whānau to visit our school and learn what WCC has to offer. Our open evening is an opportunity to experience our school atmosphere, meet teachers and current students, gather information and get a feel for the overall culture of the school. Please feel free to come along and make an informed decision.

**PROMOTION: Year 7 students 2026:** A starter uniform pack will be provided for all 2026 year 7 students who complete their enrolment before **Friday 21st November 2025**. Please contact the front office to make an enrolment interview.

**Friday 15th August - WCC Mid Term Break.** The school will be closed to allow staff and students to enjoy time to rest and rejuvenate.

#### Reminders:

- **Food:** Please note - as well as school lunches, food is available for students at Te Whānau Ora prior to school and at school breaks. Food will not be distributed during class time.
- **Appointments at Student Support:** ie: Nurse, Guidance or Counsellors - Appointments need to be made before school or during school breaks, not during class time.
- **Sick Bay:** is for sick students only (a note is required). Tired students are not sick.
- **Late to school:** Year 7 & Year 8 need to sign in at student services if late to school
- **Uniform:** The only sweatshirts/hoodies that can be worn at school are our WCC uniform items - students will be asked to remove other sweatshirts/hoodies. Approved uniform footwear includes closed black shoes - please no Crocs, scuffs or gumboots. We do have a small supply of shoes at school that students can be provided free of charge if they turn up at school in non uniform items.
- **Phones / Earpods / Headphones:** Are not permitted at school.

Finally, a reminder of our school values: Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Hirangatanga. It is important we look after each other and keep working hard to step up and aim for excellence.

Kia Kaha, Kia Māia, Kia Manawatu  
Be strong, be brave, be steadfast.

This whakatauki encourages self-discipline, resilience and confidence, all aspects of self management.

Nga Mihi Nui  
Whaea Jocelyn

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Last term the Level 2 Construction class were hands on with using the go karts and the Year 9 & 10 Trade classes made Kowhaiwhai themed pencil cases.

Juan Waititi-Sullivan and Carl Malacapay (Year 10) with Army boxes they constructed.



# BOARD OF 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](mailto:postmaster@colenso.school.nz). It is important the school has up-to-date contact information in the case of an emergency.

## PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On **Wednesday 23rd July from 2pm-5pm** we will be holding our parent / teacher interviews. Students will finish school at 1.30pm to allow the meetings to commence at 2pm.

Year 7 & 8 meetings will be held in home rooms with homeroom teachers and Year 9 -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.

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

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

- Click on "make a booking" tab
- The "event code" is **5yzbz**
- Under the drop down heading 'choose teacher', (your child's subject or homeroom teacher)
- Then select your preferred time

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

*Our newsletters can be viewed on our website: [www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz)*

Or email: [keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz](mailto:keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz) to register and receive the newsletter electronically

## COLENZO HIGH REUNION

Reunion Luncheon for all former staff and students from the 80's.

The luncheon will be held at the Mission Estate Winery,  
Saturday 1st November, 11.30am.

You can either register via the William Colenso College school website:  
[www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz)  
or email: Sue Martin: [sue.martin@colenso.school.nz](mailto:sue.martin@colenso.school.nz)



## LITERACY & NUMERACY TEST

In Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 3, groups of students in Year 9 -13 will sit the NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities, also known as the CAAs. These will be held in our School Library.

There are 3 online assessments - Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. Students may be entered into all of them, or just 1 or 2 as required or recommended by their teachers. Emails will be sent out directly to entered students and their whānau soon.

These tests allow students to achieve Literacy and Numeracy which is a co-requisite for NCEA Achievement. As the dates are set by NZQA, we are unable to offer these tests at any other time. It is really important for students to attend these.

NZQA provides practice activities for these assessments. You can find these, and more information on the Literacy and Numeracy Qualification here: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/litnum/assessment/>

## KEY DATES

Mon 14th July:	Term Three commences, Powhiri for new students: 11.45am
Wed 23rd July:	Parent / Teacher Interviews, Years 9-13 in the Library & Years 7 & 8 in classrooms: 2pm-5pm, students will be dismissed at 1.30pm for the day
Fri 25th July:	Top Art Exhibition Trip at EIT: 9am
Tues 5th Aug:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
Wed 6th Aug:	WCC PJ Day, Gold Coin Donation, proceeds going to I Am Hope NZ
Fri 8th Aug:	House Tabloid Sports: 2.15pm
Tues 12th Aug:	WCC Open Evening: 6pm in the School Hall
Fri 15th Aug:	WCC Mid Term Break - School Closed
Thurs 21st Aug:	University of Waikato Course Planning: Library at 9.45am
Mon 25th Aug:	Year 7 & 8's to Science Roadshow: NBHS: 1.45pm-2.55pm
Tues 2nd Sept:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
Thurs 4th Sept:	Victoria University Course Planning: Library at 11.30am, School Cross Country @ 1pm
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