



February 2018

Term 1, No. 1

Napier Boys' High School

Newsletter



2018 Year 9 Group

Year 13 Parents Information Evening



This evening will provide parents and students with important information to help make 2018 a successful year. The evening will be presented by the NBHS Senior Management team

**Wednesday 14 February
6.30pm
School Memorial Library**

Light refreshments will be served

From The Headmaster's Office

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school to all the boys but particularly to all new students and their families. It was a pleasure to formally welcome them to the school at our powhiri on Tuesday 30 January. You can see drone footage of this on our website. (<http://www.nbhs.school.nz/>) Welcomed also at the same time were five new staff to the school: Mrs. Jo Double, Head of Learning Support, who joins us from the RTLB service; Mr. Luke Buxton, into the English department following years of teaching in Christchurch; Mr. Bevan Lynch, PE and Agriculture, after previously teaching at Hastings Boys'; Mr. Tony Salsano brings his chef experience to the Food

Technology and hospitality classes while Ms. Maxine September returns in the English Department following the late resignation of Ms. Wilson at the end of last year; Mrs. Katherine Bertram assists the Art Department as a part-time teacher for 2018.

We are extremely pleased with our NCEA results for the year and looking forward to the Scholarship results in the next couple of weeks. These exceeded most of our goals aimed at increasing overall pass-rates, endorsement pass rates and university entrance achievement.

From The Headmaster's Office

Qualification	NBHS 2017	NBHS 2016	All Boys in decile 4-7	All Boys in NZ
Level 1 pass	84.8	83.5	81.1	81.1
Excellence Endorsement L1	21.2	21.2	11.5	13.4
Merit Endorsement L1	35.9	33	29.1	31.4
Total Endorsements L1	57.1	54.2	40.6	44.8
Literacy L1	94.7	90.7	90.6	89.2
Numeracy L1	93.6	90.3	90.2	88.1
Level 2 pass	92.3	89.1	86.5	86.7
Excellence Endorsement L2	19.8	13.4	9.3	11.1
Merit Endorsement L2	25.5	19.6	20	22.8
Total Endorsements L2	45.3	33	29.3	33.9
Level 3 pass	82.7	78.3	77.5	78.8
Excellence Endorsement L3	16.4	14.8	11.2	11.7
Merit Endorsement L3	35.5	36.1	21.7	23.7
Total Endorsements L3	51.9	50.9	32.9	35.4
University Entrance	72.9	66.7	50.4	53.8

**These are participation-based results - Participating candidates are those who have entered sufficient credits to achieve a NZQF-based qualification by the end of a given year*

As always, the school holidays do not mean school stops entirely and January was a busy time for a number of students. Notably, the 1st XI cricketers performed well during our hosting of the Super 8 tournament at Nelson Park, finishing 2nd overall, their only loss was to the eventual winners, Hamilton BHS.

Last week we commissioned our prefect leaders in a special assembly. They are a superb group of young men with

considerable accomplishments to their name already and I expect them to lead the boys well this year. Max Simcox and Oskar Lynch are, respectively, the Head and Deputy Head boys and thoroughly deserve their appointments.

As always we have high expectations for your son regardless of their year level or their level of achievement. We want them to reach their personal potential and to do their best in all

that they can. We believe that the success with these NCEA results, in part, has come from the focus on academic monitoring through tutorials. It is our goal to continue refining this programme during the year and bedding in the vertical tutor classes.

I look forward to meeting all the boys and families over the year.

Matt Bertram - Headmaster

Prefects 2018



Headboy's Welcoming Address

Kia ora

Good Morning Mr. Bertram, Mr. Smith, staff and young men of NBHS.

We cannot begin to express how much of an honour and a privilege it is for us to stand here before you today as Prefects for 2018. NBHS is one of the oldest boys' schools in New Zealand and carries a longstanding reputation of high standard, and we are extremely proud and passionate to be part of continuing this great reputation.

A huge welcome to all the new students this year – the year 9's who have just stepped into a new chapter of their lives, and to those who have joined us from elsewhere. Without hesitation we can say that you will experience some of the best times of your life, and some of the most challenging, over the next few years. NBHS is undeniably in a happy and positive space at this point in time and you should feel a great deal of pride to be part of this environment.

Obviously, as Head Boy I am not taking on this role by myself. With a huge amount of help and support from Oskar and the whole squad of Prefects, we will ensure that we maintain the school's high level of success and further build the bond that unites us as a brotherhood. We are lucky to have such a tight and strong group of Prefects this year, who are not only awesome guys, but also great mates. I can assure you, that as a Prefect group we are absolutely stoked, thrilled and excited to lead you through 2018.

As many of you will know, the academic performance of NBHS as a whole last year was outstanding! Our teachers did an amazing job in helping us achieve this, and will continue to support and drive us all this year. But, it's up to you to set your own academic goals and work as hard as you can to achieve them. This means being organised, putting in the effort, asking for help when needed and most importantly attending all your classes so you do not risk falling behind.

Thinking back on my last four years at NBHS, I've learnt that this school has so much more to offer than just an academic education. NBHS provides so many different opportunities for



each one of us to grow as an individual and from a boy to a young man. But to achieve this you must actively get involved and we urge you to do so. Get involved in a sport, or even two. Get involved in a cultural activity, for example, learn an instrument or join the debating team. Volunteer when opportunities arise and just give things a go, because you never know what it might lead to. Aim to find what your talents are, and what you enjoy, but remember the value of being all-rounded.

Something I feel very strongly about within our school, as do all of the Prefects, is the relationship between the Senior and Junior students. We want you Year 9's to feel confident and able to approach anyone of us older, and slightly hairier, senior students at any time. By removing any barriers between Senior and Junior students, and respecting each others roles in

the school, we can ensure that each of us achieve to the absolute best of our ability and enjoy our time at this great school.

You probably often hear people say that 'time flies', and this really is so true. It feels like yesterday that I was sitting in this hall as a Year 9, never imagining that I would be standing here talking to you today. This is why you all need to make the most of everyday and every opportunity as before you know it, you'll be walking out of this great school into the big wide world. Make the most of your time here and create the future you want, because . . .

"The easiest way to predict the future is to create it."

So go hard!

Max Simcox

Academic Excellence

The staff and students were very proud of the NCEA excellence endorsement result from the 2017 NZQA exams. They were the best rates of endorsement the school has achieved since this system was introduced:

Level One with Excellence

Mihnea Vlad
Kingston Webb
Mason Lowe
Brad Roberts
Thomas Robertshaw
Jacob Hay
Benjamin Allan
Thomas Bigley
Will Maxted
Matthew Halford
David Liang
Sukhjinder Singh
James Campbell
Leo Watson
Tomas Senior

Jakeb Simmons
Sol Cerson
Daniel Lynch
Christopher Daniels
Louis Pratt
Oscar Averill
Niels Hoerler
Epko Knol
Nikita Morozov
Zephaniah Witoko
Liam Cook
Brayden Hill
Nathan Chappell
Ethan Black
Jayden Cairns

Matthew Dixon
Marcus Keighley
Mitchell Williams-North
James Aston
Joshua McGreevy
Ronan Murphy
Finn Jobling-Yuill
Toby Cook
Charlie Price
Lincoln Eastwood
Henry Rickey
Alex Parkyn
Aaron Giles
Bradley Gallen

Year 10 Level 1 Excellence
Endorsed

Charles Williams
Fergus Cardwell-Dray
Joshua Gilmore



Level Two with Excellence

Max Anderson
Sebastian Ayson Macfarlane
Harry Bird
Oliver Burns
Findlay Campbell
Harry Champion
Benjamin Connor
Carrick Corson
Tiaki Fabish
Daniel Gee
Joshua Gimblett
Luke Han
Tomairangi Henare

Samuel Henderson
Liam Hill
George Kilmister
Henry Knight
Kieran Lansdown
Magnus Larbi
Oskar Lynch
Thomas McDermott
Luke McIntosh
Connor Molloy
Max Neale
George Perry
Amos Plumpton

Jackson Ranapiri
Luke Russell
Hamish Rybinski
Samuel Schneider
Max Simcox
Ryan Stafford
Matthew Tattersall
Jacob Thomas
William Thomas
Tawhiwhi Watson
Nicholas Wright
Thomas Wright
Mitchell Zyskowski

Year 11 Level 2 Excellence
Endorsed

Mihnea Vlad
Mason Lowe
Brad Roberst
Thomas Robertshaw
Will Maxted

Year 12 Level 3 Excellence
Endorsed

Nicholas Wright
Jacob Eyles

Nicholas Wright

Nicholas Wright have achieved a first in Mathematics passing all 3 externals Calculus exams: Differentiation, Integration and Complex Numbers with a maximum 24 marks out of 24 in all 3 papers. This is believed to be a first time in this school and in Mathematics since NCEA started in 2003. The only other maximum score was in 1991 when Todd Nicholson gained 100 % in School Certificate Mathematics.



Young Blake Expedition

Congratulations to Napier Boys' High School student Oscar Lynch on being selected as one of only 18 students nationwide to be a Young Blake Expedition Crew member.

The 2018 Young Blake Expedition to the Kermadec Islands will be the programme's fourth voyage and the second to the Kermadecs, in partnership with the Royal New Zealand Navy, Department of Conservation, Ministry for the Environment, Ministry Of Education, Ministry of Social Development, Experiencing marine reserves and NIWA.

Taking its inspiration from the late Sir Peter Blake's Blakexpeditions, which sailed to Antarctica, the Tierra Del Fuego and the Amazon to inspire and motivate people to care for our natural environment and to understand the issues it faces, Young Blake Expeditions was established by The Sir Peter



Blake Trust in 2012. Through voyages to the Kermadecs (August 2012) and the Auckland Islands (February 2014 and February 2016), Young Blake Expeditions has sought to continue Sir Peter Blake's vision, and also his legacy by challenging and developing

the leadership potential of young New Zealanders, so that they may follow in his footsteps and become champions for some of our planet's most unique and special places.

Young  Blake
expeditions



www.afoot.co.nz

Afoot has been operating under a Department of Conservation Concession License since 2007. Afoot provides guided tramps for locals, international tourists and school groups in the Ruahine and Kaweka Ranges.

For the 2018 year the school has entered into an arrangement with Afoot to provide group tramps and adventurous journeys for students. Afoot provides these services to other schools and has been involved previously with NBHS as part of school camps and with our International Programme.

Contact Graham at Afoot for further information and a timetable for tramps:-

**graham.leech@afoot.co.nz
027 451 8067**

The Afoot website at www.afoot.co.nz has more information, references and photos.



Turakina Highland Games 2018



The rules require at least four pipers in the Youth Band competition, and while we had our three drummers (Jonathan Baker, Sam Heal, Caleb Lampitt) only Ali Kotze, Liam Reid and Mr Arrell were available to pipe for the school. Fortunately, a new student to the school, Heath Awatere-Madden was able to pipe with us, and we were happy to

have his sister Morgan and younger brother Conrad play with us as well, making a total team of seven pipers and three drummers! The added sound gave us a real lift and we earned a creditable second place in the piping, beating out three other bands. The drummers sounded great and despite only just learning their new score, we gained a

3rd place overall in the competition. In the solo competitions Liam Reid won the D Grade Slow Air, and Sam Heal won two first places, gaining the Ben Navis Cup for most points in the Novice grade.

Tennis

Despite inclement weather we managed to play this fixture at Napier Boys' High courts. Matches were shortened to 9 games. The highlight of the day was our number one tennis player Dan Rowe's performance as he won his singles match 9-5. He also teamed up with Roman Walewski and they won their doubles 10-9 in an entertaining super tie break. We lost 4 matches to 2 in the overall senior competition.

In the juniors Fergus Lowrie had an excellent win, 9-3. However, it was a day of missed opportunities as Luke Winter was up 6-2 but lost in a super tie-break, 9-8. Also Fergus Lowrie and Jock Kilmister had a 7-6 lead but eventually lost 9-7. So what could have been an overall 3-3 draw ended up being 5-1 to PNBHS.

There was some excellent tennis on display and results were promising as PNBHS typically field strong tennis teams. Thanks for the expertise from our coach Simon Winter, encouragement from a couple of parents and Mr Gunn's PE class who supported our boys.



Please refrain from driving into the main visitors carpark to pick up/drop-off your son before or after school, due to traffic congestion. The main carpark is for visitors to the school only.

Year 10 Camps

Dates of Camps

Camp	Classes	Dates	Leaving	Returning
1	TBA Classes will be grouped together to best balance option choices	5 – 9 March	9 am	3 pm
2		12 – 16 March	9 am	3 pm
3		26 – 29 March <i>4 day Camp – \$175.00 plus</i>	9 am	3 pm

The first two days of camp are the teaching and learning phase. We need to know that the boys have the basic skills needed to safely complete their chosen activities. Topics covered include; knots and lashings, emergency shelters, erect a tent, using field cookers, introduction to first aid, survival skills, simple land navigation, introduction to firearms safety and a rafting trip on a grade 2 – 3 section (except the kayakers).



Then the last 3 days of camp the boys choose from one of the following options.

Basic Options - \$215.00 *\$10.00 less than 2017*

Day Walks. - A range of 1 day tramps for those that don't have all the gear or may doubt their fitness. Great Fun. All you will need to is sneakers, a water bottle. Rain coat and a torch.

Minimum 4 - Maximum 8 per camp.

Biking. - A mixed bag of on road and off road riding with some downhill included. You must bring your own bike, spare parts and safety equipment.

Minimum 4 - Maximum 8 per camp.

Trout Fishing. - Entry level stuff based around the camp, for those that don't have flash gear, but want to give it a go. A spinning rod and five 10 cent pieces is all you need.

Minimum 4 - Maximum 6 per camp.



Advanced Options – \$215.00 plus

Adventure Tramp. - Three days in the Kaweka range with your guide and a member of staff. Explore the Mohaka and Makino River Valley's and the Mangatanoka hot pools.

Maximum 12, per camp. add \$35.00 = \$250.00

Walk and Raft – This is a new activity this year. Do the first day walk to stretch the legs and then spend two days, with an overnight stop, rafting out to the Highway 5 bridge.

Maximum 9, per camp. add \$150.00 = \$365.00

Fly fishing. - Three days with a professional guide. All gear is supplied. You will learn and refine the skills under guidance of an expert.



Minimum 3, per camp. add \$160.00 = \$375.00

Kayak Course. - Under the guidance of internationally recognised paddlers, you will be trained by the best and finish the week with a two day, overnight trip down the Mohaka.

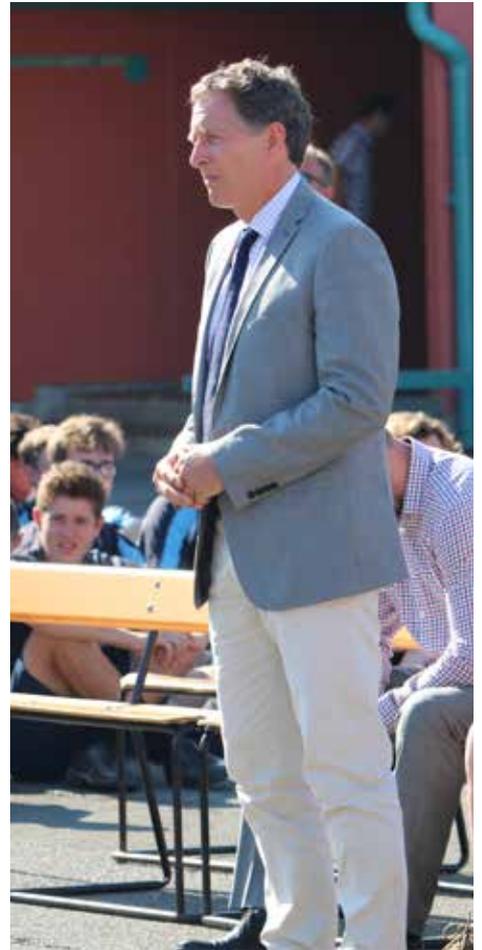
Maximum 20, per camp. add \$185.00 = \$400.00

Maximum 72 boys per camp, restricted by Maximum 29 on the river (walk and raft and kayak combined).

Time line – term 1

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk10	Wk 11
29 Jan 2 Feb	5 Feb 9 Feb	12 Feb 16 Feb	19 Feb 23 Feb	26 Feb 2 Mar	5 Mar 9 Mar	12 Mar 16 Mar	19 Mar 23 Mar	26 Mar 30Mar	2 Apr 6Apr	9 Par 13 Apr
	Yr 10 Assembly News letter	Class Visits Survey Forms out Confirm provider	Forms Back Gear list and instructions	Follow ups Gear list	Camp 1	Camp 2		Camp 3 4 day		

Year 9 Pōwhiri





If you wish to have the Newsletter emailed to you please ensure you let Julie Gourdie have your email address. Please contact her at jgourdie@nbhs.school.nz with any alterations to your email as well.

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Both new and secondhand shops are open during the term:

TUESDAY 3 - 4.30PM
THURSDAY 1.10 - 2.10PM

Please contact Norma Bellamy on 833 5900 extn 204
or email uniforms@nbhs.school.nz if you have any queries

SUMMER UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2018

Item	Price
• Summer Shirts (Size 12 – 6XL)	\$43
• Summer Shorts (Size 11-12 – 6XL)	\$50
• Socks	\$14
• Jerseys (Size 2XS -7XL)	\$95
• School Jacket (Size 13-14 – 4XL)	\$90
• PE Shorts	\$33
• PE Shirts	\$38
• Caps	\$25

Years 12 & 13 (Optional)

• Senior Polo Shirts	\$45
• Grey Trousers	\$58
• White Shirts	\$45
• Ties	\$25
• Blazers – Prefects & Snr Sports Players	\$200



PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM

If it's named and handed in to the office as lost property we return it to owner immediately.

ALL HIRE UNIFORM NEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL

There is a limited number of hire uniform – we require it all back so it is available for others. If there are hire blazers & grey pants at your home please ensure they are returned. If not returned replacement cost will be charged to your son's account.



NAPIER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Term One 2018

Week Three

M	12	Feb	ID card information given out
M	12		Year 13 Geography trip
M	12		Year 13 Resilience training during study periods
Tu	13		Year 12 Geography trip
Tu	13		Year 13 Resilience training during study periods
W	14		Parents League meeting – Year 13 Parents Information evening.
W	14		Inter-house swimming
Th	15		Year 9 Team Building – 3 classes – 9Ms, 9Li, 9Ta
Th	15		Year 13 Resilience training during study periods
F	16		Art Deco assembly (in quad) with NGHS Prefects
F	16		Tutor Class Photos
Sa	17		Music concert with National Youth Band
F-Su	16-18		ART DECO WEEKEND

Week Four

M	19		Year 9 and 10 Athletics relay meet
M	19		Year 11 Geography trip
Th	22		Year 13 Resilience training during study periods
F	23		3000metre races at lunch time
F	23		South African Tour Dinner / Auction

Week Five

M-W	26-28		N.Z Super 8 Tennis (Tauranga)
M-Tu	26-27		NZ Super 8 Golf (Rotorua)
M-W	26-28	Feb	NZ Super 8 Volleyball (Gisborne)
Tu	27		Year 9 Team Building – 3 classes – 9Ao, 9Bw, 9Fd, 9Hx
Tu/W	27/28		Gisborne sports exchange (away) Cricket, Golf and Tennis
W	28		Year 9 Team Building – 2 classes – 9Su, 9Mn, 9Rt
Th	1		School Athletics Sports
F	2		Hawkes Bay Canoe Polo regional championships
F/Su	2-4		HOSTEL EXEAT WEEKEND

Week Six

M-F	5-9		Winter Sports Registration Week Year 10 camps
Tu	6		School Championship Swimming
Tu	6		Parents League Meeting – Year 9 Meet the teachers
W	7		Cultural Tour – Band, Choir, Kapa Haka etc
Th	8		Year 13 Resilience training during study times
F	9		Regional Young Singers workshop here
F	9		Prefects' Parents welcome at Headmasters house
F/Sa	9/10		National Pipeband competition (Rotorua)

Week Seven

M-F	12-16		Year 10 Camps
W	14		ECNI Athletics
F-Su	16-18		NZ Canoe Polo Championships -Fielding

Week Eight

Junior Winter Sport Trials commence – lunch and period 5

Su/M	18/19	Mar	Wellington College exchange (here) Cricket, Tennis and Golf
Su-Sa	18-24		Summer Tournament Week
Su-Sa	18-24		Senior Volleyball Nationals – Palmerston North
Su-Su	18-25		NZ Rowing – Maadi Cup – Twizel
Su-Th	18-23		NZ Waka Ama – Rotorua
Tu-Th	20-23		NZ Softball - Hamilton
W-F	21- 23		Futsal Nationals - Wellington
Th	22		Year 9 Dads and Lads Breakfast 7am

Week Nine

M-Th	26-29	Mar	Year 10 camps
Tu	27		Hostel Promotion – Taupo
W	28		Hostel promotion – Taihape
W	28		Parents League meeting “What is NCEA?” and Year 11 Parent / Teacher Interviews
W-F	28-30		Jazz Festival
Th	29		Hostel promotion – Dannevirke
Th-Fr	29 Mar-14Apr		Rugby South African tour
F	30		GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

Week Ten

M	2	Apr	EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
Tu	3		EASTER TUESDAY HOLIDAY
W	4		Junior Social with NGHS
W-F	4-6		Year 12 Geography trip
F-Su	6-8		North Island Athletics - Wanganui

Week Eleven **Green week – No school trips FOR SENIORS**

M	9	Apr	Colours Assembly
Tu	10		Hostel promotion – Waipukurau
W	11		Hostel promotion – Wairoa
W	11		Staff versus Prefects Volleyball (lunchtime)
W	11		ANZAC Assembly – period 3
Th	12		Hostel promotion – Gisborne
F	13		End of Term

Wet Weather



If the weather is really wet, we sometimes have a shortened lunchtime, which means school will finish at the earlier time of 2.50pm, buses still run at the normal time. There will be an alert sent out over the NBHS App. If you are uncertain, please ring the school and listen to the school information line.



Keep up to date with events by having our app at your fingertips on your mobile phone.

