



# NSC Student Handbook 2024

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## *Start of the Year Organisation*

- On the first day of the year, come to school wearing the correct school uniform.
- When you arrive at school drop your “heat up” at the Office in the pie warmer, then make your way to the Library. All new students will meet in the Library and once the bell has gone, some teachers will come and look after you until the Welcoming Assembly is ready to start.
- You will then go to the hall where you will be welcomed with a haka, waiata and speech from Mr Wilkinson.
- Then you will get sorted into your house by the magical sorting hat. You sit in a chair at the front of the hall and Mrs Barrett puts the “sorting hat” above your head and the hat tells Mrs Barrett which house you are in. The house you are in will cheer loudly and welcome you with open arms.
- Once all of the new students have been sorted, you will then go to a House Meeting and learn about your new house group.
- You will then go to your tutor group with your Tutor Teacher and go through your timetable.
- After interval, you will go to your first class of the year (whatever class you have on period 3 that day). If you’re not sure where to go, chat with one of your tutor group members.
- At the end of the school day, go to the bus area and someone will show you which bus to get on; or go home if you are not on a bus.

# Timetable

Example:

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.50-9.00	Tutor Group	Tutor Group	Tutor Group	Tutor Group	Tutor Group	9am Tutor Grp
9.00-10.00	Period 1	DTY Rm21 MD	MAT Rm3 PL	HUM Rm8 DN	MAT Rm3 PL	9.10 - 10.10 ENG Rm1
10.00-11.00	Period 2	ENG Rm1 KR	PE Gym DK	MAT Rm3 PL	HEA Gym DK	10.10 - 11.10 MAT Rm3
11.00-11.30	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval	11.10 - 11.50 LUNCH
11.30-12.30	Period 3	MAT Rm15 PL	HUM Rm8 DN	ENG Rm1 KR	ENG Rm1 KR	11.50 - 12.50 SCI Rm17
12.30-1.30	Period 4	SCI Rm17 BL	SCI Rm17 BL	SCI Rm18 BL	ENG Rm1 KR	12.50 - 1.50 PE Gym
1.30-2.05	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	1.50 - 2.20 Lunch
2.05-2.20	Tutor Group	TG	TG	Assembly	TG	2.20 - 3.20 Clubs
2.20-3.20	Period 5	HUM Rm8 DN	ENG Rm1 KR	ART MP	DTY Rm 21 MD	

The three letters are short for the class you have, for example:

ENG- English

MAT- Math

SCI- Science

HUM- Humanities

ART - Art

PE- Physical Education

DTY- Metal and woodwork

HEA - Health

The number after the class is the classroom number. The initials are your teacher.

Our Friday timetable runs off slightly different bell times.

## Bells

To signal the end of class, you will hear a single short ring of the bell. To signal the end of break times, you will hear another short ring (warning bell that it is time to move to your next class), followed by another bell a couple minutes later. The second bell is an indication that you should be in class or Tutor Group by that time or you could be marked as late.

In an emergency (fire, lockdown, earthquake...) the bell will be rung in a certain way to indicate what type of emergency it is. There are red, blue and yellow emergency sheets in every classroom telling you what the type of bell means (what emergency), and what to do. It goes like this:

	LOCKDOWN	FIRE	EARTHQUAKE
Bell signal	Five sharp rings of the bell	Fire alarms (Evacuation notice - voice saying fire please evacuate)	(YOU WILL KNOW WHEN THERE IS AN EARTHQUAKE!!!)
What to do	<p><b>If in class:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Close and lock all windows and doors.</li> <li>● Stay vigilant and calm.</li> </ul> <p><b>If outdoors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scan ahead for danger</li> <li>● Move carefully to tutor group class</li> <li>● Stay vigilant and calm</li> </ul>	<p>All students are to assemble in tutor groups out on the tennis courts. Until the all clear is given.</p> <p><b>Do not:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Run</li> <li>● Linger in doorways and passages</li> <li>● panic</li> </ul>	<p>(All student are taught to drop cover and hold)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Move away from all windows and glass.</li> <li>● DROP COVER HOLD!</li> <li>● If no desk, table or chair is nearby, then crouch down in a ball and cover your head with your hands.</li> <li>● If you are outdoors, move away from power poles, trees and building (the middle of the field would be good)</li> </ul>

# Break Times

Morning tea and lunch at College can be a bit confusing. That's why I'm here to help you with break times at NSC.

## Lunch

Lunch takes a long time to get used to because there are a lot of rules, for example;

1. When the bell rings and you are dismissed from class you head to the courtyard/area outside of room 15,16,17 and 18 where everyone has lunch.
2. Your heat-ups/canteen orders will be on the first bbq table ready for you to collect.
3. Find somewhere to sit down and then remain seated until you are released by a teacher.
4. Before you are to be let go you have to make sure that you have picked up all the rubbish around you.
5. There are a lot of activities to do. We have balls to play with that are stored in the bin in the library courtyard. Sometimes on rainy days we have a game of basketball in the Gym. You can go to the Library. Room 16 is open for you to use on Tuesday lunchtimes. Some students play sports on the field. You need to wear a change of clothes for rugby (don't wear your PE top in case it gets ripped). Others play basketball, handball or football.
6. You aren't supposed to stay in classrooms unless it's raining or cold.



Most schools have a 'heat ups' system so it is highly likely that you would have had a heat up before.

The 'heat ups' system at NSC is very simple and straightforward. In the mornings (before the end of interval), there is a large pie warmer in the Office on the right when you enter through the main door (it isn't hard to miss!). You simply put your clearly named heat up in the pie warmer and wait for lunch. Your heat up needs to be wrapped in tin foil or in a container that can be put in the oven. Items **will not be** microwaved.

The heat ups are put on either the wooden table outside Room 18, or, if lunch is in the Gym, they are put on the grey tables near the door inside the gym.

### **Make sure...**

- Your heat up is clearly named
- You put it in the pie warmer before the end of Interval
- Make sure any dish used will be fine to put in the pie warmer
- All food is covered (in a dish/tinfoil/etc) and no food can spill
- You bring your own cutlery if needed!

There is also an urn full of hot water for you to use for your noodles, etc... This is right beside the pie warmer.

# NSC Tracksuits

For most sporting occasions or trips, students wear the NSC Tracksuit. In the notices, it will say that you have to go to Mrs Elder's Office (which is beside the Library) at interval or lunchtime . She will take you to the tracksuit room, which is between Rooms 14 and 15. You will try on a tracksuit and find one that fits. This will be the same tracksuit that you will wear all year.

You will get a blue bag with the number of your tracksuit. It has a long sleeve jacket with yellow and blue patterns. It also has Northern Southland College and your number, as well as pants which are a similar patterning to the jackets.

**DO NOT WASH YOUR TRACKSUIT** after you have used it. Just pack it up in its bag and take it to the Library. As you enter the Library foyer there is a green rubbish bin on the left that says, "Tracksuits" that you put your **FULL TRACKSUIT GEAR IN!! DO NOT PUT RUBBISH IN THE BIN BECAUSE IT'S NOT A PROPER BIN!!**

Make sure you take care of this track suit because it is not yours, it's the schools.

We Respect  
Self  
Others  
And Property



# Peer Support

Peer Support is a programme that is run by the Year 13s of the school year to help the Year 7s feel more welcome and less of an outsider. This programme includes ice breaker activities, games, and competitions between other teams. It is run during class time in Term 1.

All the students get divided up into 4 even teams depending on how many new students there are. Teams are called Whero, Kakariki, Kowhai, Kikorangi. Your group has 2-3 leaders (the Year 13s) who run the sessions.



## *Uniform pass*

### **What is it:**

A piece of paper that explains that you're missing a piece of school uniform.

### **Examples:**

If you don't have a correct uniform item, you can go to any of the following people for a Uniform Pass:

- Your tutor teacher (during Tutor Group time)
- Mrs Barrett (Deputy Principal)
- Your Pastoral Dean
  - Mrs Leach for Year 7/8
  - Mr Dixon for Year 9/10
  - Miss Stark for Year 11/12/13

You will then get a Uniform Pass which you can show to any teachers who ask why you haven't got the right uniform on.

There are spare uniform items at school so you might be given shoes to wear if you haven't got the right ones for longer than a couple of days.

# NOTICES



Daily Notices are read out in the mornings in Tutor Groups.

They inform you of any changes that are happening on that day or through the week. They also tell you if you need to go somewhere or if a teacher or someone needs

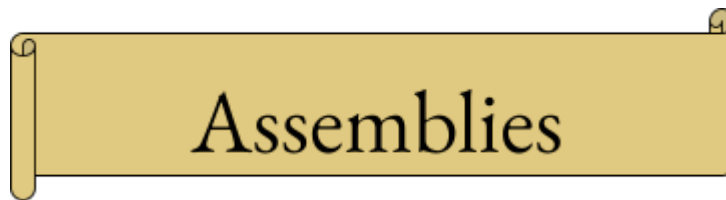
to see you or talk to you about something important. If you have a detention or you did not finish work in class, your name would be on the notices to tell you to go to a particular class.

Daily Notices are important. They tell you if there are mufti days, discos and whether assembly is on or not. It is important that you listen in the mornings and if you are unsure just ask your very kind Tutor Group teacher to read it again if you are unsure of what is happening.

If you are late to school or miss the notices, you can check by going on to Kamar yourself (you'll get a username and password for this) or you can check at the Office as there is always a copy printed off and sitting in the rack beside the counter.



You can even check the notices before you come to school in the morning - and so can your parents.



# Assemblies

NSC has assemblies on Wednesdays but they are not always on every week. You will be told in the notices when assemblies are on.

On Wednesdays instead of going to Tutor Group/SSR after lunch, the whole school lines up on the basketball courts (outdoors) from Year 7-13.

Students are expected to stand quietly and to have their uniforms correct and tidy. You line up in your tutor groups (a teacher or other student will show you on the day). You must remain silent until the National Anthem.

Assemblies are normally led by that year's Head Students. Assemblies start with the National Anthem, then the Principal can be asked to come to the front and talk about upcoming events, notices etc. Sometimes other teachers will be asked to come forward and talk about a topic. Sports Achievements and Awards are often presented to the student(s) in assemblies. We have a thing called the Achievements Book that is kept in the Library. In this book, over the week, you can write down something that you or another student have achieved (nothing silly!) and it will be read out in assembly. There will be teachers that help at your first NSC Assembly.

# Class Roll

Unlike Primary School, the class roll is taken at the start of each period. The teacher will read out a list of names. When your name is called out you say, "yes". The roll is taken so the teacher knows who is in their class, in case of an emergency. The roll is taken on the teacher's computer. During the roll, you need to be quiet.

## *Dental appointments*

*When you have a dental appointment, it will be read out in the notices with the time (your parents should have already been contacted by the dental nurse so hopefully it won't be a surprise). 5-10 minutes before you're supposed to be there, tell your teacher about it and go to the Office to sign out (this is a really important thing to remember). Once you have signed out, you will have to walk to the Dental Clinic (little white building at the corner of the street past Lumsden Primary) and wait. As soon as you leave the Dental Clinic you have to walk back to school, sign in again and go back to class.*

# BUSES

After school you go to the bus area and find the other students that are on your bus. You wait for the roll to finish then you can get on the bus with your bus mates. If you're not on the bus, make sure you cross your name off the bus. To do this, just go to the Office and say, "hello, can I please sign off the bus?" The office lady will give you the bus roll so you can cross yourself off. She may ask you to go around and cross your own name off. If you need help finding out what bus you're on or where the bus area is, then just ask an older student or a teacher. A teacher will help you the first week until you know which bus you are on and where to go. **YOU MUST ALWAYS CROSS YOUR NAME OFF WHEN YOU ARE NOT GOING TO GO HOME ON THE BUS OR ELSE THE BUS WILL BE HELD UP WAITING FOR YOU!!**

# RESPECT

**At NSC we respect self, others and property.**

## **Respecting Self**

*You do things like keep your uniform tidy, work hard with your school work and do your best in everything you do.*

## **Respecting others**

*You do things like encourage other students to do better in everything at school and give them compliments.*

## **Respecting Property**

*You do things like respect other people's property, including the school's property, and do things like clean up your mess if you make one.*

*Our PB4L programme links to our school values of Respect. You may win prizes in assembly for showing the school values in the classroom or around school.*

## Newsletters

Every second Friday, the College Newsletter is published. The newsletters are put on the NSC Facebook site, NSC School App and the NSC website.

## Fortnightly Reports

Every second Friday, you and your parents will receive via email, your fortnightly report. Each of your teachers gives you a grade for your last two week's work/effort. At the end of the year, the students who have the highest fortnightly reporting grade, get a "Diligence with Distinction Award" at Prize Giving. The students with very good fortnightly reporting grades get a "General Diligence Award".

You will get awarded a grade from 1 - 4 for both behaviour and effort in class.

## Prize Giving

Usually on the last school day, NSC has its Prize Giving. It starts at 7pm and is held in the hall. Students need to line up on the basketball courts by 6.45pm in their clean and tidy uniforms. Parents and families sit in the hall. The students then walk into the hall and sit down in their classes with the Year 13s in the front row. During the day of the Prize Giving, the school practices what to do in regards to coming up on stage and getting prizes etc.



## Sports teams

At NSC there are opportunities to play in pretty much any sport or team you would like. If you're interested in playing a sport and you're not sure how to go about signing up or want to know more information - see Mrs Elder in her office. Listen to the daily notices to see if there is any information about sports/activities. If there's a sport you're interested in that NSC doesn't have a team for, Mrs Elder will find you a team to join up with. NSC students currently participate in:

- Netball
- Athletics
- Triathlon
- Duathlon
- Adventure Races
- Rugby
- Hockey
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Football
- Golf
- Rock Climbing
- Clay Target Shooting
- Squash
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Paddles Up (Kayaking)

## **Gym and PE things you need to know:**

1. PE uniform, you need to have your PE t-shirt with blue or black shorts or tights. Your shorts/tights need to have a small logo or no logo. White is the only colour logos or stripes (vertically not horizontally) can be.
2. The only hoodie/sweatshirt you are allowed to wear is the NSC hoodie.
3. You are not allowed in the sports shed without your teacher's permission.
4. You are not allowed to go into Mr Kington's office.
5. During PE, we learn how to catch, play fair and work as a team and practice athletics.
6. Types of PE games are hitting and throwing games like sideline basketball, soccer, hockey and 5 bats.
7. We help set up the games.
8. We have fun.
9. We need to listen.
10. The gym is also used for Assembly and Camp Meetings, Prize Giving, Colours Day and a Tutor Group.
11. No jumping around on the mats.
12. No taking any of the equipment out of the sports equipment shed without permission from Mr Kington.
13. No school shoes on the court or turf while playing. You have to wear gym shoes or bare feet.
14. Show respect for the property.
15. No climbing on the gym roof.
16. No eating on the turf.



# Colours Day

Colours Day is a day where you and your house dress up in your house colours and play games to score points. The house with the most points wins. There are points for best chant, best costumes and for winning the sports.

A month or two before Colours Day, each house will have meetings to discuss and organise what they are dressing up as. Then you need to make your costumes and make sure you have lots of the right colour clothing/wigs etc. You will then practise your chants and sort out what sports you are playing.

After lunch we go to the house room and get dressed up.

Then your house will walk to the basketball court, and sing your house's chant.

Then you play games like basketball, futsal, touch rugby and chess.

You will be told all the games on offer each year during House Meetings.

The basketball is 3 on 3. You have to have 1 girl on the court at all times.

The houses are Eyre, Taki, Hokonui, Lintley

The colours of the houses are: Eyre is green, Taki is blue, Lintley is black, Hokonui is red.

The air horn will go off every time groups need to change or if the games ends.

Play nice and support your team and you could win.

At the end they will add up the points and they will announce the winner.

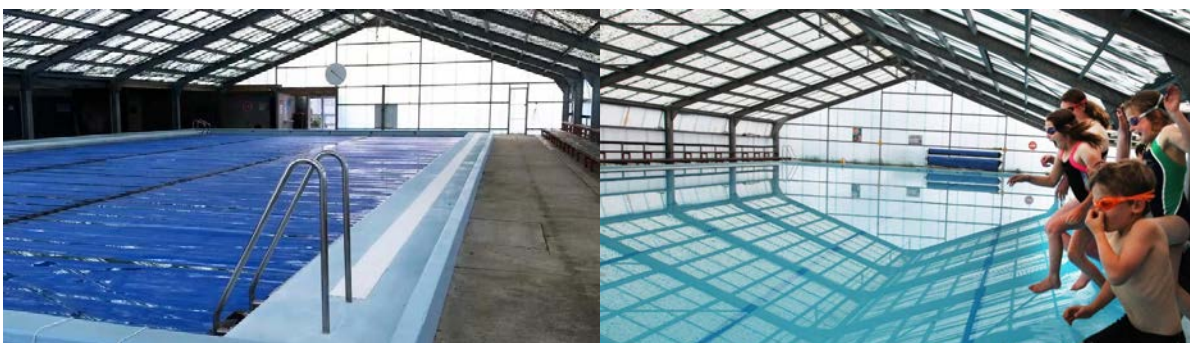
The houses choose what you dress in. For example: Hokonui is red so they choose santa.

Have pride in your house.

No cheating or your team loses points.

# SWIMMING

In Summer and sometimes in Spring and Autumn, the PE teachers change one lesson from PE in the Gym or on the field to going swimming in the cool Lumsden Pool waters. For warm ups you do lengths/widths of 3 strokes, then you either do training or free time. Then there is a game at the end of the lesson. Be careful though, if your PE teacher decides you're too slow at changing you have to get out of the pool earlier than the rest of your classmates. It's pretty embarrassing, if I say so myself. You can't wear a bikini or a 2 piece. It has to be a one piece. If you forget to bring your togs then you have to walk laps of the pool in the sweltering heat! Have fun!



# Mufti days.

- At College we all wear uniforms and we wear them every single day so we have mufti days.
- Mufti days are days when you go to school in mufti (clothes that are not your uniform.)
- Mufti days always have a theme so you can either dress up in the theme or just go in normal clothes.
- Going as the theme is fun because you get an opportunity to dress up.
- If you go dressed up in the theme then you also might get your photo on the NSC Facebook page or win a prize.
- You can come to school in your uniform if you want to but 99% of students wear mufti on mufti days.
- Usually there is a gold coin donation to wear mufti. The money is collected during the day by senior students when you are in class. If you forget to bring your gold coin, you will need to pay the next day.
- If you have DTY, FTY or Art, you will need to wear covered in shoes and have your hair tied up.
- You still need to wear the correct PE uniform on mufti-days.
- You need to make sure that your clothes don't have inappropriate slogans on them and that your clothes are respectable.

# Clubs

We have clubs every Friday afternoon from 2.20 -3.20pm. Clubs is a fun time when you play a sport, undertake activities or practice for things like the production. If you are playing a sport you need to wear the NSC PE uniform. You can wear your PE uniform home on the bus too after clubs.

Twice a term you get to choose what club you are in. You do this in Tutor Group time. You pick a first and second choice. If you want to change your club you need to see Mrs Barrett at Tutor Group time by the end of the first week of clubs.

And when you get older there are other clubs for Year 9 and 10 like Grass Kart and some clubs you need a certain thing like a gun for Clay Target Shooting.

Some of the clubs we have are:

- Tennis
- Squash
- Clay Target Shooting
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Athletics
- Cricket
- Theatre Sports
- Poi
- Board games
- Clash of Clans
- Paddles Up
- Grass Kart

# *Phones*

*This year NO CELL-PHONES are allowed to be used by students during the school day.*

*Any students using their cell-phone during the school day will have their phone delivered to the office and will need a parent to come to school to collect it.*

## *Hair rules*

*Hair:*

*Your hair has to be tied up mostly the whole time you go to NSC. The only time you can have your hair down is mufti days. If your hair is long enough to go past your shoulders, you have to put it up until you get a haircut. Even for boys. Mufti day is the only time you can do whatever you want to do with your hair and even then you need to put your hair up if you have DTU/FTU/Art. You can wear any coloured hair ties and headbands (but not big headbands with embellishments).*

*Year 11 and above students are permitted to have their hair out.*

## *Uniform:*

*You have to wear your uniform all the time apart from mufti day. You can't wear clothes from home with your uniform. You can get a uniform pass if you have to wear a non-uniform item. Certain jewellery also counts as a non-uniform item. Talk to the Principal if you have a significant piece of jewellery that you want to keep wearing or that can't come off.*

## TUAKANA/TEINA

All Year 7 students will be buddied with a student from Year 10 or above who will be their mentor for the year. Throughout the year, Tuakana (older child) and Teina (younger child) will spend time undertaking various activities during SSR time.



## Athletics at NSC

- Athletics at NSC is held in the first term of the year. It starts first thing in the morning, and ends just in time for buses
- A couple of days before Athletics, there is a form handed out in your Tutor Group. Surprisingly, you get to choose what you want to do. Although you get to pick, you still have to do one running activity and three events in total.
- For Athletics Day, you should wear as much house coloured clothing that is suitable for athletics. You don't have to wear your PE uniform. Come dressed in your house clothing in the morning. You can wear tutus or anything like that.
- When you get off the bus or when you get to school, you will go to Tutor Group as normal. Then when the bell rings, everyone meets on the courts outside the Gym. That's where we all meet up to start athletics. Mr Kington will announce what is first up and where to go. There will be a timetable given to you before the day so you know what order your events are in.
- Northern and Southland: When you either get first, second or third you will qualify for Northern where more schools join. If you get first or second you will then qualify for Southland Athletics where you will compete against schools in Southland which is on a Saturday.
- There are records that can be broken and awards for each age group's champion.
- At the end of the day there are house relays. Each house has one student from each age group running 100m.
- It's a good idea to have lots of food, a drink bottle, sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat.

# NSC Houses



First of all EYRE!  
Eyre's colour is a nice lush green.



Secondly Taki/Takitimu  
Taki is a very good team, they won the 2018 Colours Day out of all the houses. Taki's house colour is blue.



Thirdly Hoki/Hokonui  
Hoki is a very tough house. Their colour is bright red.



Lastly Lintley  
This house is from the dark side of NSC. Their house colour is black.

Each house has 3 Tutor Groups named after the teacher who is the leader of that Tutor Group. For example: ELD Eyre, Lynda Duncan; HWC = Hokonui Wendy Coghlan.

# Referrals!

You only get a referral if you have been really naughty or silly in class. The teacher will give you a yellow form and you take the form to the timetabled referral class. This will be a Senior Class. Your Pastoral Dean will find you either later the same day or the following morning to talk about your referral. You will need to meet with the teacher who referred you and your Pastoral Dean to discuss why you were referred and establish guidelines for your return to class.

The teacher who referred you will contact your parents.

## **Pastoral Deans for 2024:**

Year 7/8 students - Mrs Leach - Room 15

Year 9/10 students - Mr Dixon - DTY room

Year 11/12/13 students - Miss Stark - Room 7

# Jewellery

**Rule number one: Only small and simple earrings are allowed.**

Small and simple earrings are the only type of earrings you're allowed. They're also allowed to be any colour as long as they're no bigger than 5mm in diameter. No big hoop earrings or feather earrings or flower or animal shapes. You are allowed a maximum of 3 per ear.



**Rule number 2: No rings, necklaces, tongue rings or ankle bracelets.**

If you get caught with rings, necklaces, or ankle bracelets on, you will get told to take them off. If you don't, you get it taken off you. You are only allowed a small nose stud.





- NSC Discos happen at least once a year but the most you can have is four discos in a year.
- NSC Discos are like your Primary School ones but are way fancier and 100% better.
- The DJs (the seniors) play the best party beats ever and people like to sing along as they dance.
- How low can you go? The limbo is very challenging but so much fun. The winner of the night wins a prize.
- Best Dressed: The best dressed up person that is with the theme will win a prize.
- Best Dancer: The best dancer of the night will win a small prize.
- When you enter the disco you get a drink & a candy bag.
- You need to make sure you have picked up a disco notice from the Office and filled it in and returned it before the disco.
- The discos usually go from 7-9pm.



# NSC CANTINEIN ORDERS



With the closure of Route 6 at the end of 2023, you are unable to order bought lunches at the moment.

**Ikura**  
**Manaakitia te whare tangata**  
Period Products in Schools

The girls bathroom by Room 4 and the girls bathroom off the gym foyer both have Period Product dispensers. Period products are provided free for all female students.

Once a term, Mrs Leach will also invite you to her room to take home a few months supply of products. (if you want too)

In 2024, you are also welcome to collect packets of products from the big blue cupboard in Mrs Leach's classroom. You can do this during break times when the room is empty.

You are also able to get period products from the office if needed.

# Elwing Voyage

The Elwing is a boat voyage that is at the start of the year. You can get the chance to do it in Year 8. To be able to do it, you have to write a letter to the Principal about why you think you should get chosen to represent NSC because only two NSC students get chosen.

On it you will meet new people and do cool activities such as kayaking, snorkelling, bush walking and sailing. As well as doing activities, you also sleep on the boat as well. It is a leadership course so you do a lot of leadership activities.



# Sports Mufti

For some special days, you are asked to wear “Sports Mufti” to school. This means you wear mufti sports clothes like track pants, a sweatshirt, t-shirt and sneakers. They can be any colour or style.

# NSC Magazine

Every year NSC produces a school magazine. All of the class photos, sports photos and other sporting events are included in the magazine. Students and Teachers write reports on each activity and they are included with the photos. Orders are taken for the magazine in Term 3 (you will be sent a link to order) and then after Prize Giving, you can collect your magazine. It is a great record of everything that happened at NSC each year.



# Photo Day

In Term 3, NSC has two school photo days. The first day you come to school in your tidiest uniform and have class, tutor group, house, whole school, sports team, choir, production, librarian, council members etc photos. You change into your sports uniforms for the sporting photos.

There is a list of the order of the photos and you have to remember which photos you are in and go over to the gym at the time those photos are being taken. You always line up shortest to tallest and then wait to have your photo taken. If you are in lots of teams/activities, you might be in ten or twenty photos.

The second photo day you come to school in your tidy mufti clothes as you will be getting individual photos taken and you want to look nice. If your parents want you to have a family photo then they need to book a slot for a photo and these are taken during the day as well.

# Ski Trip

In Term 3, NSC has a ski trip, usually on a Saturday once winter sport has finished. We go to the Remarkables and family members and friends can come too. We usually take the school vans or a bus. We leave at 6.30 am and get back at 6pm or something like that. It's usually a great day out. Your parents don't have to come with you if they don't want to.

We haven't been able to hold this for a few years so hopefully 2024 will see this up and running again.

## Lost Property

If you've lost anything, go to the office and ask the office ladies if it's in the lost property box. That's where things get taken when they're found around the school. The most important thing you can do is to make sure all of your clothing and belongings are **clearly named**. It is very easy for clothing/shoes to get mixed up when getting changed for PE/Clubs. If your clothing/belongings are handed in the office and they're named, the office ladies will return them to you.

## Colour Run

The Student Council often hold a Colour Run in Term 4 as a fundraiser for worthy causes. You wear white clothes and run through obstacles whilst getting pelted with coloured chalk dust. There is a water slide. You get wet and colourful but it's great fun. It is usually held during Clubs. There is an entry fee. Those not wanting to do the Colour Run can sit on the field and watch. You need to bring a towel to dry yourself and a bag to take your wet and dirty clothes home in. The chalk dust comes out of your clothes when they're washed.

## Swimming Sports

The NSC Swimming Sports are held in Term 1. The whole school participates. Prior to the day, you choose which races you want to enter in. You have to enter in at least one race.

On the day of Swimming Sports, you come to school in sports mufti and bring your togs, goggles and a couple of towels (named)!!! You go to Tutor Group and then we head to the pool. Parents are welcome to come along and watch.

The races go most of the day so you have to listen carefully to the announcer to hear when it is time for you to line up for each race. Make sure you have lots of food and drink. At the end of the day there are the house relays where one student from each age group races in a house relay.

It's a fun day. Even if you're not the greatest swimmer, you'll feel proud when everyone cheers for you (even if you get last).

## Cross Country

The NSC Cross Country is usually held in Term 2 and is one of the best (and possibly hardest) courses in New Zealand but you will feel so proud of yourself for finishing it and it is a great chance to spend time with your friends and it gets you out of doing school work :-)

On the day of the Cross Country, you come to school wearing your house colours (that you will run in) and other warm sports mufti clothing.

Usually, around 1pm we all meet on the basketball courts and then walk to the course which is on Stafford Street (about a 20 minute walk). Then each age group starts at a different time and makes their way around the course. Some students run all the way, others just walk with their friends. There are teachers stationed along the course to cheer you on (and even give out lollies). You will get a great cheer at the end from the crowd, for finishing.

Your parents are most welcome to come along and watch and take you home afterwards.

After everyone has finished, we walk back to school in time for buses.

## Young Farmers

**NSC has a Young Farmers' Club. It meets three or four times a year and there are activities such as guest speakers, Teen-Ag Competitions, workshops, quizzes etc. Any student at NSC can be a member of the Young Farmers' Club. Listen to the notices for more information or talk to Miss Stark.**

# SCHOOL APP

**It is really important that you have the school app downloaded on your and your parents' phone/ipad/tablet/laptop so that you get the NSC alerts. These get sent out frequently and provide information about everything that is happening at NSC. There will be reminders about mufti days, discos, sports practices, prize giving, bus route changes, when buses are late, heat ups, swimming, newsletters, camp information etc.**

**You need to download the School AppsNZ app and then select NSC. You then need to sign up to your class level, bus route and sports teams to get all of the information that is relevant to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask the office staff how to download the app.**

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