



# Wesley College

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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### WHAKATAUKI

Te manu kai te  
matauranga nona te Ao

The bird that feeds on  
education has the  
universe.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

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### College Webpage

Parents, caregivers and guardians can access up-to-date enrolment, sporting, and other information of interest by logging on to [www.wesley.school.nz](http://www.wesley.school.nz)

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Board meetings are held once a month at 5pm in the meeting room beside the dining room. The 2007 meeting schedule is as follows:

14 June	19 July	9 August	13 September
11 October	8 November	December (tbc)	

### END OF TERM TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Wesley College will provide transport for boarders to link up with buses at the end of the term, Friday 29 June. Parents /Guardians wishing their son(s) /daughter(s) to catch a bus to go south from the Bombay interchange and north from the Sky City interchange in Auckland are requested to book the ticket (s) and then advise the College Office of the booking number. One Week's notice of the details would be appreciated so that vehicles and drivers can be arranged. Intercity Coachlines is the preferred bus service. They may be contacted on 09 6231503 or [www.intercitycoach.co.nz](http://www.intercitycoach.co.nz) . A Pick-up service will also be available for the return journey on Sunday 15 July.



A similar arrangement will be made for those wishing to book air travel.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Henry Henry on being awarded a Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship to attend the University of Waikato.

### PAST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Leon Sek Hong Tsui (1993—1996) Bachelor of Electronic Commerce

### EXEAT

Please be advised that exeat ends Tuesday 5 June. Boarders are to return by 6pm. Day students return Wednesday 6 June by 8:20am to commence school.

## HOSTEL LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

### HOSTEL LICENCE

All Boarding Schools have been required to obtain a Licence to Operate under the terms of the Education (Hostels) Regulations 2005. Wesley College has been granted a licence.

One of the requirements of the licence is that there is a clear statement about leave. This is the Wesley College statement.

### LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

There are five types of leave:

- (a) Exeat Leave
- (b) Town Leave (for seniors)
- (c) Weekend Leave
- (d) Sunday Leave ("Sunday Drive")
- (e) Special Leave

At the beginning of each year, or upon enrolment, parents are asked to supply a list of the names of people who have their approval to take their sons/daughters on leave from Wesley College. This list may be changed at any time by notifying the Boarding Manager in writing.

### EXEATS

Breaks from Wesley College are programmed each term. These are known as exeats. Where possible these are at least 3 days in length. The term calendar gives the exeat schedule.

Parents are expected to advise the College Office or the House Parents of:

- the travel arrangements made for their son/daughter — this may be to indicate that the boarder will be using public transport; and
- who their son/daughter is travelling with where the parents are not providing the transport.

This advice can be by phone, fax, email, or letter.

The time that the exeat begins is noted on the term calendar. Only in exceptional circumstances will permission be given for students to leave early or return late.

Boarders who have committed themselves to sports' teams are expected to fulfil their obligation to their team. Their exeat begins after their game on Saturday.

Boarders travelling by public transport are expected to wear Number 1 uniform from Wesley College to home and on the return journey. Boarders travelling with parents may wear civvies or Number 1 uniform.

Where boarders are not travelling or residing with their parents during an exeat the following conditions apply:

- the College is to be advised who the boarder is travelling / staying with; and
- the address where the boarder will be staying.

**Note:** the College reserves the right to take disciplinary action should this be necessary for events that occur during the exeat and the boarder is not under the control of a parent / legal guardian.

Where a boarder is travelling with a parent, the parent has duty-of-care.

**Signing out.** Boarders are required to 'sign out' with their house parent when they leave the College.

- This involves the parent (or nominee) going with the boarder to the Hostel Office and signing the Leave Book.
- This allows hostel staff to know that boarders have left with an authorised person and also allows the House Parents to meet and discuss any concerns with the parent.

**Hostel Leave Continued:****TOWN LEAVE [Years 11 — 13 only]**

Town Leave may be granted for boarders in Years 11 — 13 at times specified by the Boarding Manager.

Permission for leave to go to Pukekohe after school and / or to Manukau City on Saturday afternoon may be granted by the relevant House Parent, or the Boarding Manager.

Boarders going on town leave will sign out in the leave book and be advised of the return time. The normal return time is in time for dinner. Boarders will also sign back in and the time of their return noted.

Caregivers will be contacted by the Duty House Parent if this procedure is not followed.

The Dress Code will also be specified by the Boarding Manager.

Failure to abide by any of the above may lead to future requests for town leave being denied.

Under no circumstances are boarders permitted to hitch hike to town.

**WEEKEND LEAVE**

Weekend Leave is normally arranged with the relevant House Parent or the Boarding Manager before Thursday evening.

Weekend leave may begin after school on Friday.

Boarders who have committed themselves to sports' teams are expected to ensure that they fulfil their obligation to their team.

Boarders are required to sign back in after weekend leave by 6.30 pm on Sunday. Parents are invited to attend Evening Chapel.

Parents are responsible for who the boarder will stay with while absent from the College and for how they travel. Boarders will not be granted weekend leave to stay with people other than those who parents have granted permission for their sons/daughters to stay with. Parents must also approve who their son / daughter is to travel with.

Boarders on weekend leave are required to wear Number 1 uniform while travelling unless this requirement is waived by the Boarding Manager.

It is the responsibility of the parent / caregiver to ensure that the boarder is returned to the College by sign-in time. If this is not possible to parent / caregiver is expected to advise the boarder's House Parent that the boarder will be late returning.

If the boarder is not back for the evening roll call the Duty House Parent will contact the parents.

**SUNDAY LEAVE ("Sunday Drive")**

Boarders may sign out after Chapel on Sunday morning and spend time with their parents or other people approved by their parents. The Number 1 uniform is to be worn.

Boarders are required to sign back in after Sunday Leave by 6.30 pm. Parents are invited to attend Evening Chapel.

It is the responsibility of the parent / caregiver / authorised person to ensure that the boarder is returned to the College by sign-in time. If this is not possible to parent / caregiver / authorised person is expected to advise the boarder's House Parent that the boarder will be late returning.

If the boarder is not back for the evening roll call the House Parent will contact the parents.

**SPECIAL LEAVE**

Special leave is normally requested for compassionate reasons or for significant family occasions, Special Leave that involves school time must be approved by the Principal. All other Special Leave may be approved by the Boarding Manager.

## Information on Changes to NCEA

30 May 2007

Dear Parent/Caregiver

NCEA (the National Certificate of Educational Achievement) is being improved and we wanted you to know what this will mean for students. Students' learning will not be disrupted by the changes.

From this year, students will be able to gain NCEA certificates with merit or excellence instead of just achieved, depending on their overall achievement. This will encourage students to do their best and achieve as many merits and excellences as possible.

From next year, students will be able to gain merit or excellence in particular subject areas, once again, depending on how many merits and excellences they receive in the standards that make up that subject, for example, English. This will encourage students who are doing well in particular subjects to do their very best.

From next year, the annual Results Notice will include not achieved results for internal assessment. Currently not achieved results are only recorded for external assessment.

Also next year, we are introducing a School Results Summary for school leavers. This will be a complete record of a student's performance at school and will list every standard attempted and the results, including not achieved.

The Record of Learning is being renamed, Record of Achievement. This more accurately reflects that it is a record of all credits gained at school, tertiary education and in the workplace.

We are also increasing significantly the amount of checking (moderation) of teachers' marking for internally assessed standards. This is to make sure marking is consistent across the country and within schools.

NZQA checks and reports on the consistency of internal assessment in each school. These reports, (Managing National Assessment), will now be published on the NZQA website.

There will also be more examples of student work for internal and external assessment on the NZQA website. This will assist teachers with consistent assessment judgments and help students prepare for assessment.

More details about these improvements can be found on [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

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