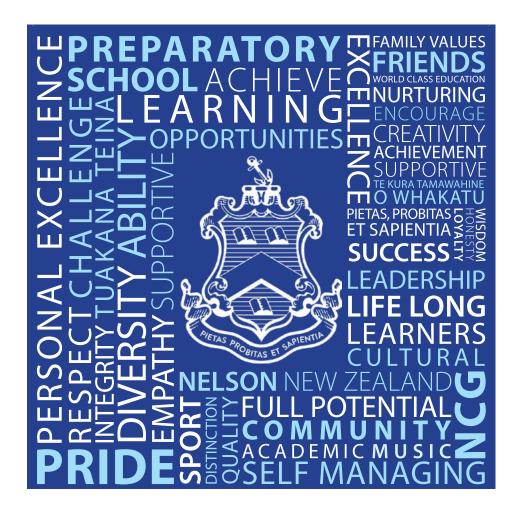


Nelson College for Girls Preparatory School Handbook



## **SCHOOL VISION**

To educate, empower and nurture each student so they can confidently succeed in the world.

## **FOREWORD**

We welcome you to Nelson College for Girls Preparatory School. Standards, expectations, academic challenges, co-curricula activities and pastoral care are presented in a family atmosphere, that fosters a pride in aiming for excellence. Our vision is that each girl becomes the best she can, is valued for her contribution to our school, and is a happy, confident, independent learner and thinker who will stand out in her secondary school education and beyond.

A strong partnership between school and home is essential for your daughter to achieve success at school. To this end, we have prepared this handbook for you so that we can work together to help your daughter. Please contact us on 03 548 2194 if you would like more information or email us on prep@ncg. school.nz

The first day for Year 7 in 2021 is Thursday 4 February. The girls should meet at the Prep School at 11:45 am before we will proceed to a Mihi Whakatau (official welcome) at the College Hall at 12 noon. We encourage you to be part of the Mihi Whakatau if you wish. The time will also be advertised in the back to school section of the The Nelson Mail in January.

Lucy Feltham

Lucy Feltham Head Teacher

## BEGINNING OF TERM 1 - 2021

THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY	11:45 am — All Year 7's meet at the Prep School. 12 Noon — Mihi Whakatau for all new students and their parents 1:00 pm — Year 8 students start 3:15 pm — School finishes	
FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY	8:50 am — 3:10 pm – Normal school day 5:00 pm — 6:00 pm – Music Fair in NCG Hall	
MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY	Waitangi Day – No school	

#### **OFFICE HOURS/TELEPHONE**

- Prep office hours are from 8:00 am 1:00 pm.
- An answerphone service operates when the phone is not able to be answered.
- After 1 pm, any **urgent** messages can be relayed by contacting the NCG Reception on 03 548 3104.

#### **ADDRESS**

LOCATION: (ALSO PARCEL OR COURIER DELIVERY):	POSTAL:
Nelson College for Girls Preparatory School	Nelson College for Girls Preparatory School
400 Trafalgar Street South	PO Box 842
Nelson 7010	Nelson 7040
Phone: 03 548 2194	E-mail: prep@ncg.school.nz
NCG Reception: 03 548 3104	Website: www.ncg.school.nz

# VISITING THE SCHOOL

You are welcome to visit the school but to ensure that we know you are on the premises you will be asked to sign in as a visitor at the **NCG Reception**. You will also need to visit the reception to sign out when you leave.

- For payments of school related costs (michele.perfect@ncg.school.nz) Finance Office (NCG Reception Area)
- To collect your daughter for appointments or if she is unwell Prep Office

Reception is located at the main entrance of the College and staff will be happy to direct you to the Prep Office if required.

## **TIMETABLES**

Timetables are given to all students at the beginning of the school year. These can also be viewed in the KAMAR portal. Access passwords to the portal are sent to all parents at the beginning of the year by email.

- Bells ring for every session and at the end of the school day.
- Notices are available for students to read online and students should check these each day. Parents may also check notices by logging on to the parent portal.
- House Meetings, School Assemblies and School Singing Assemblies are scheduled as required.

# **TERM DATES 2021**

TERM 1	Thurs 4 Feb – Fri 16 April	Mon 8 Feb – Waitangi Day
TERM 2	Mon 3 May – Fri 9 July (Mon 26 April – ANZAC Day)	Mon 7 June – Queen's Birthday
TERM 3	Mon 26 July – Fri 1 Oct	Thurs 2 & Fri 3 Sept – Mid-term Break
TERM 4	Mon 18 Oct – Wed 15 Dec	Mon 25 Oct – Labour Day

#### PREPARATORY SCHOOL STAFF

YEAR 7	7FT	Lucy Feltham (Head Teacher)	lucy.feltham@ncg.school.nz
TEAR /	7TP	Tania Parekura	tania.parekura@ncg.school.nz
VEAD 0	8PN	Anna Parkinson	anna.parkinson@ncg.school.nz
YEAR 8	8VC	Veronica Coffey	veronica.coffey@ncg.school.nz
SCHOOL SECRETARY		Gwen Redshaw	prep@ncg.school.nz
SPORTS COORDINATOR		Sharona Gordon	sharona.gordon@ncg.school.nz

### **ATTENDANCE**

For your daughter to achieve success, she needs to be in school and in class learning. Our attendance system is designed to monitor students' absences from class.

- If your daughter is going to be absent, please telephone the Preparatory School Office on (03) 548 2194 or email prep@ncg.school.nz to notify us.
- Please do not email the class teacher or pass messages through classmates, as ALL absences must go through the computerised system which is maintained at the Prep office.
- If we cannot account for your daughter by 9:15 am we will contact you to ascertain her whereabouts.
- If your daughter is ill for more than three days, you will be required to provide a medical certificate.

#### PLANNED OR INTENDED ABSENCE

Research has shown that regular attendance at school is an important aspect of student success. The Ministry of Education has a goal of 90% attendance for all students. To support this aim, the attendance guidelines for leave approvals limit me to the following justifications for absence.

A Justified absence, and therefore one that can be approved is defined as:-

- Unplanned absences such as a bus breakdown, accident, extreme weather event etc
- Planned non-attendance such as national/local representation in a sporting/cultural event in New Zealand or overseas.
- Approved absence (including overseas) can also include bereavement, visiting an ill relative, exceptional family circumstances.

## AFTER SCHOOL SAFETY

Students staying after 3:30 pm in the Preparatory School area for any reason need to have this arranged between the Class Teacher and parents. Sports trainings and team sports involvement will often need alternative transport arrangements.

Planned leave from school must be advised to the Head Teacher via the Prep office either by email or letter in advance of the absence and must have a full explanation. Do not write to your arahi teacher. You must write separately to the Prep School, even if you have a daughter at the College. If the absence does not fit the Justified criteria it will not be approved, but it will be coded as **Explained** and not approved. If the explanation is not adequate or no letter is received, the code will be **Truant**.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

If your daughter has a medical or similar appointment during school time, please either phone or email the Prep office, or send a note with your daughter. Students are not permitted to walk to external appointments alone without the permission of their parents. If you wish your daughter to do so, please put your permission in writing to the Prep office.

#### **LATENESS**

As a school, Nelson College for Girls Preparatory school, endeavours to teach students the importance of getting to school and class **on time**. If students are late, they must to report to the Prep office before heading to class.

### **ILLNESS**

If your daughter becomes ill during the day, she needs to request permission to go home from her class teacher. She can then go to the Prep office and her parents will be contacted. Minor injuries/ailments are dealt with at the Prep Office. Anything requiring more than a sticking plaster or panadol will be dealt with at the NCG Student Office Sick Bay. Serious concerns are reported immediately to parents using the contact information provided by parents on the enrolment medical forms. The girls should **never** contact you directly. Please ensure that you keep us up to date with any changes to this contact information.

#### PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

All monies brought to school by students should be in an envelope with the student's name, class and details of what the payment is for on the outside. The envelope can be handed in at the Prep Office. Where possible most payments will be placed directly on your daughter's account. All queries relating to fees and finances are dealt with at the Main College Finance Office – michele.perfect@ncg.school.nz – 03 548 3104 Ext 806

## **CANTEEN LUNCHES**

Our students are able to make full use of this facility. Food can be bought directly from the canteen at morning tea and lunchtime. Please encourage your daughter to make balanced healthy choices if she is buying her lunch from school. We encourage adequate intake of fluids during the day – water bottles should be named.

# STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Exercise books, home-learning workbooks, clear files and such items will be supplied to all students on day one. This stationery will be charged to your account. Diaries are compulsory and must be purchased ready for the first day of term.

The following items will need to be purchased and brought to school on the first day:

- 2 erasers
- 1 set of colour pencils and/or felt pens
- 2 x blue, red and black pens
- 1 x 30 cm clear ruler
- 1 x glue stick
- Please name all items.

- 2 x HB pencils
- 1 x pack highlighter pens
- 1 x black vivid marker pen
- Ringbinder folder
- Copy pockets and dividers

#### SPECIALIST SUBJECTS

- Languages
- ◆ Art
- Music
- Textiles Technology
- Food Technology
- Digital Technology
- Science

There may be some additional stationery requirements for these subjects.

## COMMUNICATION

The Prep newsletter is published approximately three times a term in Week 1, Week 5 and one in the final week. It will be emailed to you and will also be available on the school website. College newsletters are emailed home twice a term. It can also be accessed from the NCG website, www.ncg.school.nz

We provide information on the activities and achievements of our students. We will give forward notice of dates for occasions such as learning conferences or sporting and cultural events via the newsletters and the calendar. The term calendar is always available to view on the website.

#### PARENT INVOLVEMENT AT PREP

Parents are always welcome to be involved at Prep particularly with the following events:

- Mihi Whakatu
- Music Fair
- Information Evening
- Athletics Day
- Interschool Swimming
- NCG Swimming Sports
- Winter Tournament
- Ski Day (alternate years)

- Summer Tournament
- ◆ Kids Lit Quiz
- Coaching/Managing Summer/Winter Sports Teams
- Prep Cross Country
- Interschool Cross Country
- Performing Arts Class sharing sessions
- EOTC Class Trips
- Learning Conferences Terms 1 / 2 / 3



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# BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) INFORMATION ABOUT DEVICES FOR LEARNING

DEVICE	GOOD POINTS	NOT SO GOOD
TOUCHSCREEN/ WRITE ON LAPTOP	<ul> <li>These offer the most functionality for learning</li> <li>Students can handwrite and draw on them</li> <li>Are compatible with a wide range of software</li> <li>Can install the full MS Office suite</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The lower specification devices may have some performance issues with specialist software applications.</li> </ul>
WINDOWS LAPTOP	<ul> <li>These offer good functionality</li> <li>Are compatible with a wide range of software</li> <li>Can install the full MS Office suite.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Some can be heavy to carry around.</li> <li>The lower specification devices may have some performance issues with specialist software applications.</li> </ul>
APPLE LAPTOP	Good general functionality	Tend to be more expensive than a     Windows laptop
CHROMEBOOK	<ul> <li>Costs slightly less than the entry level laptops</li> <li>Tend to be very robust</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All work needs to be done online</li> <li>Can't download software onto the device (eg MS Office)</li> <li>Can't run the specialist software</li> </ul>
PHONE	<ul> <li>Good for taking a quick note, photos, video</li> </ul>	Not suitable for learning in the classroom

If purchasing a device, we recommend purchasing it locally, so that you get the additional service and support.

#### MICROSOFT SCHOOL

Nelson College for Girls has been selected by Microsoft to be Microsoft Showcase School. We have been selected for our



excellence in transforming the learning environment to deliver a more personalised education to our students by using mobile and cloud technology.

The use of technology in and beyond the classroom facilitates an extensive learning process. Here at NCG we are proud to be a certified partner of Microsoft. We will work closely with them to lead innovation in education. Our vision is to give our students the skills they will need for their ongoing success at the completion of their secondary schooling.

## **BYOD**

As you will be aware Nelson College for Girls is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) school and many of our learning activities in Year 7 and Year 8 require the use of a device. The specifications we look for in a device for use at school are that it is lightweight, reasonably fast, has good storage, good wifi, is robust and with a keyboard.

To assist parents in purchasing a device, we have teamed up with Noel Leeming to provide access to devices at a favourable price. Visit <a href="https://www.noelleeming.co.nz/byod">https://www.noelleeming.co.nz/byod</a> and signup for great prices on BYOD devices.

Students can bring devices that they already own. However, a phone is not a satisfactory device for learning. If you need further information or help please contact the IT team at school or pop into any Noel Leeming store..

## **DEVICES FOR LEARNING**

Students do require a device for learning at school and home. These should be brought to school every day. Some devices are better than others for doing school work. The best device will be a lightweight laptop, particularly one which has a touch screen for handwriting and drawing. A phone is NOT a suitable learning device in school.

## SUPPORT AVAILABLE

We have a team of highly qualified IT Support Staff that are available to help everyday during school hours. The technicians are trained in Microsoft, Apple and Adobe products to ensure that our students get the support they need, regardless of the device type or issue.

# SOFTWARE AVAILABLE

Our goal is to help prepare our students for "life after school", so all students are provided them access to industry standard software.

All students are provided with an account which will allow them to download the full suite of MS Office product onto 5 computers (including home computers). Other subject specific software is available to those students that require it.

#### ACCESSING THE NCG NETWORK AND WIFI

When students start at Nelson College for Girls, they will be given a username and password. This username and password will give students access to the computers at school and access to the wifi network for their own device

## **ACCESSING INFORMATION**

#### KAMAR PORTAL

Student and parents can access the daily notices, school calendar, attendance and timetable on the Kamar portal at www.students.ncg.school.nz. Login details will be given out at the beginning of the school year

#### WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

The website and Facebook page can be accessed online at anytime. Our website address is www.ncg. school.nz and our Facebook page can be found by searching for @nelsoncollegeforgirls. These pages contain lots of information about the College, as well as upcoming events and student achievements. Please do not use the Contact Us form to inform us of absences. This must be done through the absences email, a link for this can be found on the Home page of the website

#### SCHOOL STREAM

The School Stream app delivers information directly to parents and students on their mobile devices. This includes events, newsletters, alerts and other information. Download the app from your phone's app store and then select Nelson College for Girls as your school. Prep comes under the Main College umbrella.

If you need assistance regarding any of this information please ring the IT helpdesk on 03 548 3104 ext 809 or email sheridan.mackenzie@ncg.school.nz

# INTRODUCTION TO SPORT

Our school employs a Sport Coordinator, Sharona Gordon, to support teaching staff to encourage maximum participation in available sports. Listed below are the major sports as they were for 2020. Anticipated playing days are listed where appropriate. Updated information will follow in Term 1 in a comprehensive Sports Booklet.

SPORT	DAY PLAYED	TERM
Cricket (Selected students only)	Saturday	Term 1/4
Quick Rip	Friday	Term 1
Volleyball	Wed/Thurs	Term 1/4
Underwater hockey	Friday/Sunday	Term 2/3
Basketball	Monday	Term 2/3
Netball	Saturday	Term 2/3
Touch	Friday	Term 4

#### MUSICAL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

A great number of musical and cultural activities are on offer to all students. The Itinerant Music programme allows students to have lessons on a range of different instruments during the school day, and thus alleviates the need for extra lessons at the weekend. All of our itinerant teachers are experienced professionals and are accustomed to teaching beginners as well as more advanced players. This is a perfect time to start learning one of the more complex instruments: stringed instruments, brass, piano and woodwind all take a number of years to master, so it is always better to learn these instruments while young. Rock and pop instruments are all on offer in school too, though these often take less time to master. Students learning brass instruments and the saxophone will have the opportunity of joining the school's wonderful jazz band one day, and so we strongly encourage learning to play one of these because of the fantastic musical experiences that we can offer within this group.

Itinerant music lessons are all offered on a private basis, so if you sign up for these you will receive a bill from the teacher directly. School does not process itinerant music payments. Lessons are generally charged at \$33 per half hour, though some teachers offer group rates that are cheaper. You can learn the following:

Violin	Cello	Piano	Clarinet	Saxophone
Trumpet	Trombone	Viola	Keyboard	Flute
Guitar	Bass Guitar	Drums	Classical voice	Contemporary Voice

All students are members of the Preparatory school choir.

The School Orchestra, under the direction of Mrs Christine Foote, is a senior group and students who are Grade 4 or above on a string instrument are welcome to join.

There will be a Music Fair in the Main College Hall from 5:00 – 6:00 pm on Friday 7 February 2020, where students can meet the teachers and sign up for lessons.

Year 7 students can also receive 'Taster' music lessons during term time. This is a great way to try an instrument for two terms. They cost \$10 per lesson.

If you require more information about the itinerant programme, please contact Patricia Anderson – Arts Administrator at the College: Ph 03 548 3104 – ext. 843, or email patricia.anderson@ncg.school.nz

# INTRODUCTION TO DRAMA

The Preparatory school offers after school drama lessons, at present on a Mondays.

Drama activities and performing arts are a feature every year at Nelson College for Girls. There are opportunities for Prep students to get involved in a variety of events onstage or behind the scenes.



## **UNIFORM**

Uniform is compulsory at our school and we expect all students to wear it correctly and with pride at all times.

#### **SUMMER UNIFORM (TERMS 1 AND 4)**

- Skirt or NCG trousers, blue with crest
- School navy jersey with crest or school vest with crest
- NCG short-sleeved blouse with crest
- EITHER: black shoes made from polishable material with black or white ankle socks; with either laces, buckle or one elastic strap (no adornments or ankle boots; no canvas)
- OR: navy blue, black or brown sandals worn without socks; sandal style similar to those pictured (no jandals).
- Optional plain black or navy blue jacket (not worn during class time).



#### **WINTER UNIFORM (TERMS 2 AND 3)**

- NCG kilt or NCG trousers, blue with crest
- NCG navy jersey with crest or NCG vest with crest
- NCG long sleeved blouse with crest
- Black shoes made from polishable material with either laces, buckle or one elastic strap (no adornments or ankle boots; no canvas)
- Black tights OR white or black ankle socks
- Plain navy blue, plain black or NCG scarf (not worn during class time).
- Optional plain black or navy blue jacket (not worn during class time).

#### **JEWELLERY**

- Earrings only one plain, small stud or sleeper in each ear.
- Other jewellery one taonga/small necklace or bracelet
- Tiny metal/plastic nose stud (ball no larger than 2 mm); this may need to be removed for some classes or health and safety reasons.

#### HAIR AND MAKE UP

- Worn in a neat style, off the face
- Plain and unobstrusive ribbons or hair ties.
- Hair must be a natural colour
- No make-up and no coloured nail polish

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

- Navy shorts (student's choice of style) these are not available in the Uniform Shop.
- Navy track pants in colder weather (optional).
- Pale blue PE shirt with navy side stripes (available from Uniform Shop).
- Sports shoes with non-marking soles and plain white sports socks.

#### **Swimwear Requirements**

- All students using the school pool are required to wear either:
  - Swimming togs
    - Swimming tops and short board shorts

#### **GENERAL**

- Most uniform items are available from the School Uniform Shop.
- All property, including school uniform, shoes, sandals, sportswear, bag etc, must be **clearly marked** with the student's initials and surname. This should be done in indelible ink or with a firmly stitched name-tape.
- The school accepts no responsibility for lost property.
- Lost property can be claimed at the NCG Student Office.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

**Location**: Beside Music Rooms, follow the path on the right-hand side of the main gates, under the canopy and turn left.

#### Uniform Sales - 2020 / 2021

The Uniform Shop will be open during term time on:

Tuesday and Thursday Lunchtime usually 1:30 – 2:15 pm

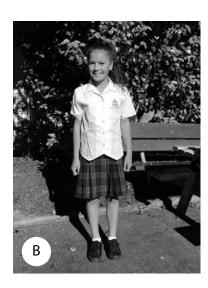
(If you are making a special journey in, we advise phoning first: 03 548 314 ext: 897)

There will be additional opening times prior to the start of 2021. These will be advertised on the College website: ww.ncg.school.nz

#### **Second-hand Uniform**

The uniform shop stocks only dry-cleaned second hand kilts, blazers and summer skirts. The shop will not stock other second hand items. Eftpos is available.







- A Summer uniform with jumper
- B Summer uniform showing blouse
- C Winter uniform worn with long-sleeved blouse

# **UNIFORM PRICE LIST**

Item	Description	Price
Kilts	New Second-hand	\$180 from \$80
Summer Skirts	New, Pleated in the College tartan Second-hand	\$90 \$45 approx
Trousers	New	\$130
Jerseys	Navy blue with College crest Second-hand	\$80 Variable
Blouses with crest	White peaked over-blouse (T1 & T4) White long sleeves (T2 & T3)	\$38 \$40
Physical education	Blue polo shirt with dark stripe	\$30
PE Shorts	New (Optional)	\$22
Bucket hat	New (Optional)	\$16
Scarves	Dark blue with light blue stripes	\$22
Puffer jacket	Black with College crest	\$95

Prices correct at time of going to print.

# NCG PREP 2021 DRAFT COSTS DURING THE YEAR

NOTE: THESE ARE APPROXIMATE FIGURES ONLY AND WILL DEPEND ON INDIVIDUAL STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN ACTIVITIES.

ACTIVITY	COST in \$	TIME FRAME
Stationery – including online subscriptions	Approx \$80	Beginning of year
ICAS Exams – TBC	\$15 each	Term 2/3
EOTC Activities i.e., Camp, Outings or Ski Day (varies each year)	\$350 - \$400	Term 1 / Term 3
Maths and Science Badges	\$10	Ongoing
Sports	Ranges from approx \$10-\$70	Ongoing
Bus Transport to, Interschool venues, visiting performances, discos	Ranges approx. \$5-\$10 each	Throughout the year
Arahi Rep/House badges	\$7 optional	

This is a guide only based on 2020, NOT a guarantee that ALL activities are listed here, or listed at the correct price.

#### **SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION**



GENERAL INFORMATION:  NCG = Nelson College for Girls  NCG Main Gate = Trafalgar St South a	t Gum Tree	NCG Rutherford St entrance is by old gym/pool Nelson Coachlines (NCL), Bridge St, Nelson	
ROUTE 7094 : Hira	AM 7.58am leaves Rest A While – Hira 8.20am arrives at NCG PM 3.35pm departs NCG Main Gates		
ROUTE 7096 : The Glen – Todds Valley – NCG	AM 7.50am departs The Glen 8.20am arrives at NCG PM 3.35pm departs NCG Main Gates		
ROUTE 7097 : TUI GLEN	AM 7.50am departs Tui Glen – Malvern Ave – Brooklands Road – Cemetery exit – Iwa Road 8.20am arrives at NCG PM 3.35pm departs NCG Main Gates		
ROUTE 7104 : Atawhai	AM 7.50am departs City Boundary – Clifton Tce– Marybank 8.20am arrive at NCG PM 3.40pm departs NCG Main Gates		
ROUTE 7102 : Dodsons Valley	AM 7.50am departs St Peters Church - Dodsons Valley (by Supermarket) 8.20am arrives at Rutherford St entrance PM 3.40pm departs NCG Main Gates		
NBUS 2 : Sub Port SBL – Port - Tahunanui - Stoke – via Annesbrook	AM 7.45am leaves Richmond 8.20am arrives NCL Bridge Street depot 8.15am leaves Richmond 8.50 arrives NCL Bridge Street depot  PM 3.45pm and 4.15pm departs Bridge Street depot		
NBUS 1: Sub Main SBL – Wakatu – Stoke - Richmond NB All Richmond students should use this service	AM 7.30am leaves Richmond 7.59am arrives NCG Rutherford Street entrance 8.00am leaves Richmond 8.37am arrives NCG Rutherford Street entrance PM 3.35pm departs Rutherford Street entrance. All stops to Richmond.		
ROUTE 5 : Sub Waimea SBL – Hope - Brightwater – Wakefield	AM 7.35am departs 88 Valley Bus Shelter, Wakefield 8.45am arrives NCG Rutherford Street entrance PM 3.20pm departs Rutherford Street entrance		
ROUTE 3/ROUTE 1 (starts Mapua): SBL – Motueka Coastal Route – via Mapua	AM 7.10am departs from Information Office, Motueka 7.30am one bus departs from Mapua Country Store 8.45am arrives at NCG Rutherford Street entrance PM 3.20pm departs NCG Rutherford Street entrance.		

Enquiries regarding Routes 7094, 7096, 7097, 7102, 7104 telephone. NCL service enquiries, please contact

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Nelson Coachlines: 03 548 3290. MOE – 0800 BUS2SCHOOL (0800 287 272)

**ROUTE 2** 

SBL - Motueka Inland Route

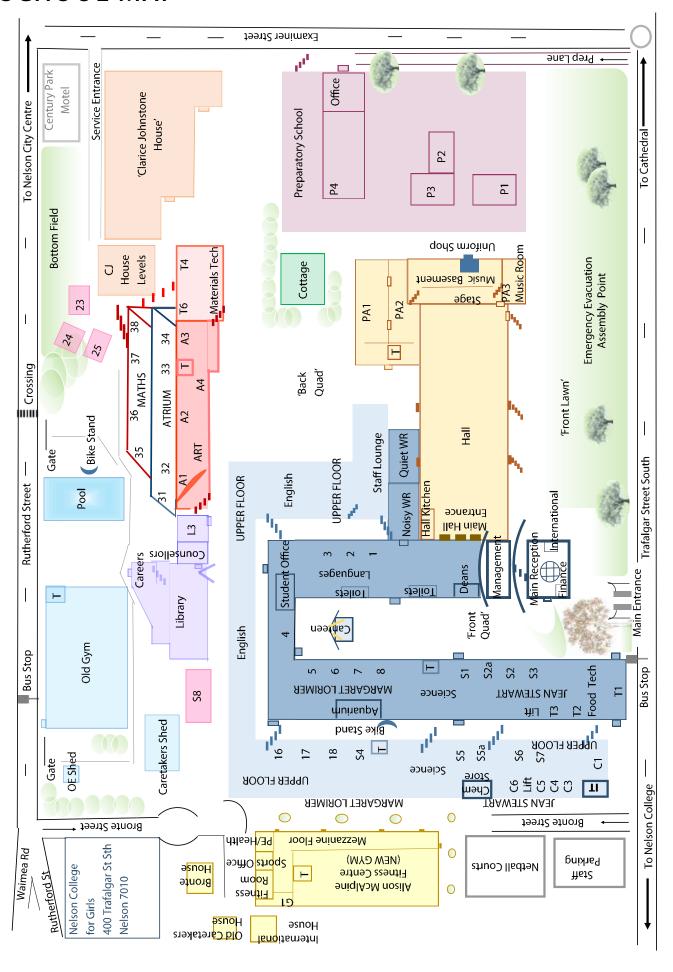
THESE TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – PLEASE CONFIRM WITH THE BUS COMPANY IF YOU ARE UNSURE PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE AT BUS STOPS AT LEAST 5 MINUTES BEFORE TIMES INDICATED.

7.10am departs from Clock Tower, Motueka

8.45am arrives at NCG Rutherford Street entrance

3.20pm departs NCG Rutherford Street entrance

# **SCHOOL MAP**















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