



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1 February

Student/Teacher/ Parent Interviews

Tuesday 7— Thursday 9 February

Basketball trials (Times to be advised)

Thursday 16 February

Instrumental Programme at NX,
Introductory evening in the PAC at
7.30pm. See information below.

Friday 17 February

Y7 Netball trials (9am—3pm)

Monday 20 February

Y8 Netball trials (9am—3pm)

Wednesday 22 February

Swimming/Waterpolo trials at
Millennium Institute 10am - 3pm.
Swimmers will return to NX at 12.30pm

Wednesday 22 February

Boys Hockey trials at Northcross

Thursday 23 February

Girls Hockey trials at Northcross

**BYOD packages available at Albany
Noel Leeming during February.
Flyer out Soon.**

[Check the School Website for regular updates](#)

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Tēnā koutou Parents

A warm welcome to all our school community. We trust that the start of the school year will be a positive experience for both you and your child. A special welcome to our Year 7 students, it is exciting to have you join the Northcross family for the next two years.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Sophie Carr and Tracey Pickford, new staff for 2017.

We look forward to meeting students and parents at our first day interviews on Wednesday.

Kind regards

Jonathon Tredray

Principal

NX SPORTS 2017

NX Sporting Opportunities



Welcome to NX Sport - we are offering sporting opportunities from the very first day of

school! Basketball, Hockey, Netball, Swimming and Waterpolo registrations will be open on Wednesday 1 February on the NX Online Shop. Registrations are only open for a limited time, so don't miss out. Pop into the Library on Interview Day to pick up information on the Basketball, Hockey and Netball competitions, Swimming and Waterpolo trials, and/or a general NX Sport newsletter detailing the different sporting opportunities that are coming up this term. This information will also be available on our NX Website. We look forward to another successful NX sporting year.

Registration opens for the following sports on the 1st of February, on the NX Online Shop.

- Basketball**
- Hockey**
- Netball**

**Waterpolo / Swimming
Registration, Trial, and
Competition details will also be available on the NX website.**

Keep up to date by checking the website and 'This Day Notices'

DON'T MISS OUT

Interested in Coaching, Managing or helping out at Camp?

As always, we greatly appreciate all parent volunteers who help in coaching or managing our sports teams or who assist at camp - we couldn't offer these valuable opportunities if we didn't have your incredible support! Once again we are looking for keen volunteers to help us provide opportunities for our students. As part of the Code of Practice, all those over 18 years involved with supervising children must have a police vet check done. If you are keen to coach, manage or help out on any camps/ overnight activities please click on the Police Consent form link and fill out Section 2 and sign Section 3. Bring in your form to the Library on Interview day along with two forms of photo ID (Passport and Drivers Licence) and we can start processing it. This will very much help in easing administration time. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Inger (annai@northcross.school.nz).

[Police Consent Form](#)

Shannon Hale (Director of Sport)

Anna Inger (Homestay Coordinator)

NOTICES

Music Instrumental Information Evening



Be part of the music tradition at Northcross during 2017. Learn a musical instrument and become a member of one of our many performing groups. From Rock Bands to the Concert Band... the String Group to Flute Ensemble... the opportunity awaits you. If you already play an instrument... GREAT. For those who are still undecided, we will have an introductory evening where you get to hear the instruments and meet the tutors and hopefully start your musical journey.

Thursday 16 February at 7.30pm in the PAC. More information to follow. If you started last year and wish to carry on learning during 2017... watch 'This Day' for further information

Hope to see all you promising musicians on the night

ICAS 2017

Information is on the school web site with notices also available from the school office. Applications for the tests close **Friday 7 April**, the end of the second to last week of Term 1. Check 'This Day' for more information and reminders to get those applications into the office.

Exams can be taken in: Digital Technologies , Science , Writing, Spelling , English, Mathematics.

Glen Spurdle—Deputy Principal

NXONLINE SHOP

Please note that this year we are encouraging families to pay for their school costs via our online shop. Instructions will be giving out on the interview day and are also available on the School Website in the Online Shop Section. See link below:

[NX Online Shop Information 2017](#)

Digital Literacy

Digital literacy or the ability to understand and fully participate in the digital world is fundamental to digital citizenship. It is the combination of technical and social skills that enable a person to be successful and safe in the information age. At Northcross digital literacy has become an essential skill, to be a confident, connected, and an actively involved life-long learner. This is in part why we do encourage all our students to bring their own learning device to school.



Responsibility is the key to digital literacy:

As you head fully into the New Year it is a good time to think and act on your familie's digital behaviour. What guidelines does your household have to encourage **good digital citizenship**. You may wish to act on some of the following points:

- Set family guidelines for use of digital devices in the home;
 - ⇒ how much time spent online?
 - ⇒ discuss the qualities a good Digital Citizen
 - ⇒ talk about the use of Social Media and how it can be handled
 - ⇒ have 'digital down' times (where all devices are switched OFF)
- develop a family Responsible Use sheet
- Do users take regular breaks when using digital devices?
- Discuss family rules and strategies for dealing with online risks.



For more information check out the links at: www.netsafe.org.nz

And particularly for parents: <https://digi-parenting.co.nz/>

<http://www.netsafe.org.nz/tag/parental-controls/>

If you have not yet made a decision on a device for your child. Noel Leeming will be holding a special promotion for Northcross families over the month of February. A flyer will be sent out very soon.