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Restorative Practice Ensures ‘The Selwyn Way’



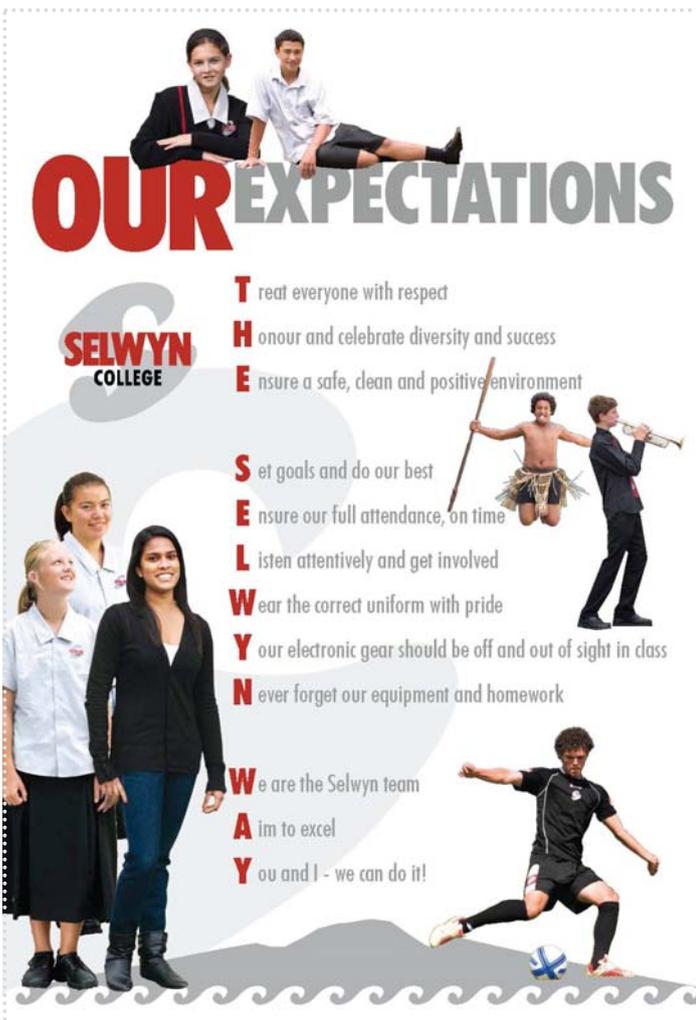
Whenever possible, we use restorative practices to resolve conflict and protect and embed ‘The Selwyn Way’ – shown in the poster below. This means that our emphasis is on wrongdoers taking responsibility for their actions and being given the opportunity to restore the relationship with the person(s) they have harmed. In some cases this approach stands alone, but in others we run restorative conferences and circles alongside the usual discipline processes.

Restorative language is now used widely throughout the school. Our teachers have been trained to engage in restorative conversations based around a special Restorative Chat Card. Students are also catching on to the ideas and accepting that restorative conversations are an integral part of the way we do things at Selwyn.

The last couple of years have seen a significant increase in the number of restorative conferences and circles. Classroom circles are the first option for handling any difficult situations, either with the whole class or with a smaller group of students as appropriate. Students are familiar with the use of the talking stick and have been quick to develop respectful and appropriate behaviour around its use.

A large number of senior students want to be part of a student restorative leadership group. Training has begun in the basic principles of Restorative Practice and in techniques around co-facilitation of circles and restorative chats. This comment came from one of our teachers following a restorative conference:

“I wanted to say how much I gained from this Restorative Justice session. I am convinced everyone was heard, everyone had the time to express themselves and justice was done.....I was absolutely blown away by the effectiveness of this meeting.”



OUR EXPECTATIONS

SELWYN COLLEGE

- T**reat everyone with respect
- H**onour and celebrate diversity and success
- E**nsure a safe, clean and positive environment
- S**et goals and do our best
- E**nsure our full attendance, on time
- L**isten attentively and get involved
- W**ear the correct uniform with pride
- Y**our electronic gear should be off and out of sight in class
- N**ever forget our equipment and homework
- W**e are the Selwyn team
- A**im to excel
- Y**ou and I - we can do it!

Ensuring a Smart School Uniform

We would like to remind everyone in our community that ‘The Selwyn Way’ Expectation: “Wear the correct uniform with pride” applies from the time students leave home in the morning till the time they return home after school.

Black canvas shoes, visible tshirts and caps of any form are *not* part of the school uniform. Please be aware that any student in Years 9 to 12 wearing these items will have them confiscated for the remainder of the term or until a parent comes to retrieve them. Break 1 detentions will also be given by the HOHs for students who do not meet the uniform expectation. The only scarf that can be worn is the red Selwyn College scarf which can be purchased at the School Uniform Centre on Remuera Road.

We have a smart school uniform and we want to see it worn with pride at all times.

‘The Selwyn Way’

Every student at Selwyn College is acutely aware of ‘The Selwyn Way’. The expectations set out in the poster identify how everyone in the school is expected to behave. These expectations were developed and agreed upon the students, staff and parents in 2008 and we treat them very seriously indeed. There is a fuller explanation of what each expectation means and how it should be implemented in the Student Diary.



Sports News

An enthusiastic squad of 7 students competed at the Eastern Zone swimming championships last Wednesday. Thank you to Adaleen and Jack Griffith, who with the help of PE teacher, Selwyn Hodges allowed this group to compete. The students ranged from Years 9—13 and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

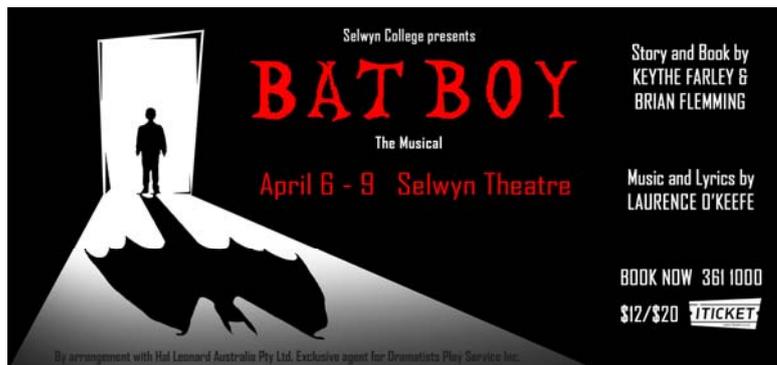
Selwyn College Boys Cricket Team have enjoyed success on the field for their last 2 games. They scored 93 runs for 2 wickets (Tahana Tippett 33 no, Taneroa Emery 24) to beat Glendowie College 91 all out (Rakesh Patel 2 wickets for 10 runs, Jarron White 2 wickets for 2 and Hamish Graham 2 wickets for 13).

Well done to the team.

BAT BOY—The 2011 Selwyn Musical— is Coming!

Rehearsals are well underway for the 2011 Selwyn College musical, with our lead performers working on their songs with singing tutor, Milly Grant. The production team is working behind the scenes with Richard Fausett. The cast, band and selected crew will continue intensive rehearsals at Drama camp from Sunday 20—Friday 25 March.

Tickets are now on sale through iticket.



CWF Centre: Cans for Christchurch

REAF students and those from the Carol White Family Centre have donated 'Cans for Christchurch'. The cans of food will be sent down to Christchurch via the Resene programme. If anyone in the wider school wishes to support this initiative just pop your can of food into the Carol White Family Centre. Many thanks to all who have contributed.



Talented Selwyn

Rugby League Player

Taine Hamon (left) in Year 9 recently returned from the Gold Coast where he was playing Rugby League for the Otahuhu Rovers U13. Taine reported it was a wonderful experience. He said playing league is a bit like school - you have to try your hardest!!



SCHOOL LIFE IS NOT A REHEARSAL



SELWYN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

WEEKEND CLASSES Saturday 19 March

Places are available in the following:

- Basic Car Maintenance
- Biodynamic Gardening
- Sushi Making
- Paella
- Painting in Oils and Acrylics
- Bike Skills and Maintenance

see our website www.selwyncomed.school.nz

or phone 09 521 9623 to enrol