



# NEWSLETTER

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## Course Selection for 2012 in Underway

All students in Years 9-12 have been issued with Course Selection material for 2012. Both students and their families can access all of this information on our website: [www.selwyn.school.nz](http://www.selwyn.school.nz) > The Selwyn Way > Our Learning.

The information includes things like: Guidelines for selecting courses, course details and pathways, information about NCEA, Scholarship, University entrance and other qualifications we offer here at Selwyn.

Students need to consider their selections carefully, keeping in mind their future pathways and entry criteria to tertiary courses. They also need to read the entry requirements for the courses they are interested in studying which are stated in the course descriptions.

We are running special assemblies and extended mentor time to assist students in the process. Students have a Course Selection Planner which they should bring home to discuss their selections with parents/caregivers. Parents are encouraged to contact their student's Head of House on any matter relating to course selection.



### Parent /Teacher/Student Interview Evening

Our mid year interviews for 2011 are taking place on the following date:

**Thursday 18th August 4:00 – 8.00pm**

**Our On-Line System for making appointments is now open.**

To book your appointments you will need to know the subjects your child is studying and the names of their teachers.

Visit: <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

Use this login: **D87EW**

If you do not wish to use this service, please phone the Student Office 521 9610 ext 637 and we will organise your appointment times and post them out to you.

***We strongly encourage you to attend.***

# 15+

Teachers are being encouraged to get their senior students complete a graph showing the number and quality of credits achieved so far in their individual subjects. This is part of our 15+ campaign. The achievement of 15+ must be every students' goal over the ten weeks left of school this year.

### Australian Principals Visit Selwyn

This week we hosted a group of Principals from Victoria, Australia at Selwyn College. They came to learn about how to bring about school improvement and change. Selwyn was recommended to them by the Ministry of Education. We are of course, delighted that the Ministry of Education has shown this level of confidence in us!



Principals from Victoria, Australia meeting with Sheryll Ofner

### 2011 NCEA Fees Payment is due now to the Cashier

**FINAL payment date is MONDAY 22 AUGUST**

Domestic Students - \$76.70 (includes 3 scholarship subjects)

More than 3 Scholarship subjects - \$76.70 per subject

International Fee Paying Students - \$383.30

Scholarship subject - \$102.20 per subject

*Financial assistance forms are available from the Student Office*



## Under 15's Taste of Defeat

At the last hurdle the undefeated Selwyn U15 basketball team had to taste defeat in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> play-off match against MAGS. With both teams already guaranteed a place at the Auckland Championships pride was the only thing at stake. The Selwyn team took an early lead with an excellent start, however as the half progressed MAGS remained in touch and brought the scores back to level at the half time interval. As the second half started, Selwyn started the stronger of the two teams and took an early lead. However MAGS continued to chip away at the lead and ultimately run out winners by 4 points. The final score was 43-39. Both teams now progress to the championships with Selwyn possibly getting the chance to avenge the defeat. An excellent season until now for the boys.....Long may it continue. In a similar story, the girls basketball team also fell short in their play-off game against MAGS, but again both teams progress to the Auckland Championships in a couple of weeks time. Our fingers are crossed for our first silverware for a few years.

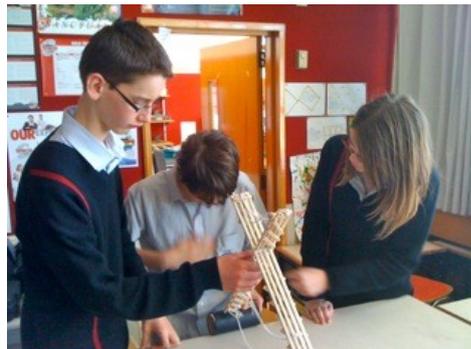


Under 15 Boys



## Selwyn Students are Building Bridges

Last week two Selwyn teams took the model bridges they had designed and built to the first annual Auckland Secondary School Aurecon Bridge building contest. Each team was supplied with a small package of materials which they had to use to produce a bridge spanning 65cm. The Selwyn teams led the field briefly as they enthusiastically sacrificed the bridges they had lovingly created, sending splinters flying, to the pure delight of the crowd. All teams were chasing two records, a team from Wellington set the New Zealand record of 70kg earlier this year and a team from Melbourne had set the world record of 112kg. The last bridge of the day made by three students from King's College supported a massive



Above—Year 9 students  
Dylan van Lier, Stephen Bayley and Taylor Brookes



Right—Year 10 students  
Nilushya Yoganandarajah, Mahdia Rajaiy and Karen Huang

128kg before failure. Well done Kings and New Zealand is once again ahead in this Bledisloe of the Bridges.



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see our website [www.selwyncomed.school.nz](http://www.selwyncomed.school.nz)

or phone 09 521 9623 to enrol

## Another Successful Gateway Student

Last year Alex Bennett was accepted at Waipuna Conference Centre for his work placement. This really gave Alex a very good idea of what a proper commercial restaurant was like. Alex was inspired to carry on with his learning this year and moved to MIT to gain higher level qualifications.

Students who will be in Year 12 or 13 next year and would like to be on the GATEWAY programme must see Mr James as soon as possible.

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