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# Gateway

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE



## at Spotswood College

### What's Happening ?

Our students are busy in the workplace gaining valuable experience in their career pathways. We appreciate the time and effort the employers in our community give to our students. We have already placed 53 students in a variety of industries including: Accounting, Animal Care, Automotive, Building, Education, Engineering, Hairdressing, Health, Hospitality, Radio, Music, Sport, Retail, Butchery, Joinery, Real Estate and Travel & Tourism.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Melissa McLeman who was a Gateway student for the past two years in the Special Needs Unit here at Spotswood College. She is now employed in the Unit as a Teacher Aide.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring our car for 2014.



Tasman Toyota  
Shell Todd Oil  
Services  
Vital Signs



On Friday March 7th, we attended, along with representatives from our school, the launch of Taranaki Futures. Taranaki students will gain valuable work experience through a new initiative aimed at encouraging youths to stay and work in the region.

Newly-formed Taranaki Futures seeks to equip students with first hand industry experience and skills to get them workplace ready for future employment.

future employment. Already 18 Taranaki students are involved in its first skills squad project, which will see pupils 'Build a Bach' to industry standards as part of their school work.

Taranaki Futures was designed to provide people with a pathway to a career which is hopefully going to give them job opportunities without having to leave the province and go to university.

Spotswood College, through the development of the Vocational Pathways courses, combined with Gateway and STAR programmes, offers our students the best opportunities to gain knowledge, workplace experience and work ethics.

**He taonga rongonui  
te aroha ki te tangata**

**Goodwill towards  
others is a precious  
treasure**



My placement is with Michael Keat at Theatre Lamp and Lighting. I had a great opportunity to assist at WOMAD and worked there for 3 days setting up. I also received a three day pass to attend. I helped with rigging the lights for Brooklands, Gables and the Bowl stages. This involved assembling trusses, attaching lights to them and also running data and power for the lights. I assisted with the sound on the Pinetum stage and the lights for DJ Yoda, which was an awesome experience. I also met Blair McLaren, from Wellington, who was one of the first Gateway students. His placement was with MJF Lighting in Tawa, He was then employed by them and is now the Production Team Leader, travelling NZ and the world - a great Gateway story.

Spotswood College would like to thank all those employers who are helping to make the programme a success. Without their positive response the programme would not be so successful.

## Extracts from Student Profiles

I work in the office at Lone Star doing data entry. Accuracy is very important, as customer details are constantly updated along with competition and voucher details. I also help with the banking and mail and setting up of the restaurant. It's a good experience.



**Alvin  
Lone Star**

Every morning I work at Nice n Sweet in Moturoa. I make sandwiches and set up the cabinet food. I also make hot chocolates and bag lollies. It is interesting finding out how the business runs, I enjoy it.



**Taylor  
Nice n Sweet**

I am gaining so much experience in butchery and learning how to cut the meat from the animals. I cut the pigs from the legs to the head and then vacuum seal the meat. I also make patties and I am working on a Food Hygiene unit.



**Sean  
Mad Butcher**

I do a lot of computer work, make flyers and folders. I also go out with the agents when they view properties, take photos and do the final viewing before buyers move in. I enjoy working with the friendly team.



**Larissa  
McDonald  
Real Estate**

At Newton Gordge all kitchen joinery, as well as other domestic and commercial joinery, is made on site and then installed off site. I am gaining so much hands on experience and the other workers are very helpful. My goal is to obtain an apprenticeship.



**Wereta  
Newton  
Gordge**

My Gateway placement is at NP Vet Group. I really enjoy it and I am gaining so much experience in Animal Care. I watch procedures, help look after the animals and clean their cages.



**Tegan  
NP Vet  
Group**

I am learning from the experienced staff at Headquarters. They are very friendly and make me feel part of the team. I am working on units from HITO. Gateway is an awesome opportunity.



**Bree  
Headquarters  
Design Space**

The team at Western Auto Services is very friendly and knowledgeable. I am learning about servicing cars; checking tyres, oil, water, lights and car maintenance. I am working on Automotive units too.



**Cody  
Western Auto  
Services**

At Crowded House I am enjoying learning new hospitality and customer service skills. This experience will be very useful in the future and I have also gained part-time work here.



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Crowded  
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