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Gateway

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE



at Spotswood College

What's Happening ?

Congratulations to the 98 students who have been part of the Gateway Programme in 2014.

This year our Vocational Pathways Department at school, combined with Taranaki Futures, has enabled more students to experience and achieve in both academic and practical areas. Our aim is to support our students so that they are better prepared for the transition from school to workplace or tertiary study and able to make informed decisions about their future pathways.

As always we are grateful to the support from the community—the many employers who enable us to continue to offer this valuable opportunity for our students.



Sophie de Waal was a Gateway student in 2011, where she received the Year 12 Gateway Student of the Year award and in 2012 she was awarded the Anne Wilson Entrepreneur of the year trophy. Sophie made the most of every opportunity available to her and worked hard in school and at her placement. She is a wonderful success story for our programme and school.

“Combining Gateway with my school studies which included Tourism, enabled me to successfully apply to study at Travel Careers and Training in Wellington for qualifications in Airline Travel and Tourism Level 3 and also International Flight Attending.

Whilst studying at Travel Careers and Training for a year you have the opportunity to apply for an internship at Disneyworld in Florida. I have just been successful in gaining a place. I will be going to America in January to start this new adventure. Thank you Gateway for all the

support you have given me, even when I was no longer at school. You guys have helped me more than you know. One day I hope to have the honour of serving you your tea and coffee on a flight somewhere in the world.”



“This year I have successfully studied for and achieved the National Certificate in Youth Work Level 3 at the YMCA. Each work

shop revealed a new component of social work, as well as teaching me how to properly support young people. I discovered a career path that I am passionate about, one that involves interacting and helping people who need it most. Next year I am going to study for the Bachelor of Applied Social Science (Social Work) at WITT. Thank you Gateway for giving me the wonderful opportunity to explore this career path.”
Dominique Goldsworthy

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year**

**Meri Kirihimete me
ngā mihi o te tau hou
ki a koutou katoa**

GATEWAY LUNCHEON

On October 31st our annual Gateway Luncheon was held in our school hall. A big thank you to those employers who were able to attend.

AWARD WINNERS

YEAR 12 TROPHY : Xavi Clarkson

YEAR 13 TROPHY: Leteia Beros

**ANNE WILSON ENTREPRENEUR OF THE
YEAR TROPHY: Larissa Garrick**

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

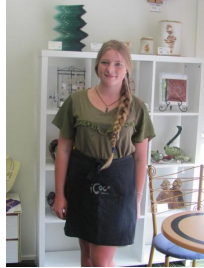
At Newton Gorge Joinery I work with a great bunch of guys. I put cabinets



together, make draws and doors and I have also helped install cabinets into a client's home. This has been an awesome opportunity and my goal is to gain an apprenticeship.

**Jared
Newton
Gorge**

I enjoy meeting new people and working with the other staff at Art Café. I make salads, wraps, frittata and bake cakes. I plate up food and serve customers. I am learning Barista skills and really enjoy the good atmosphere and working environment.



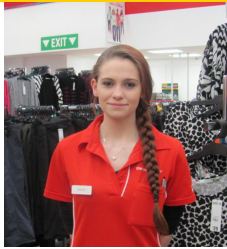
**Ella
Art Cafe**

Its great meeting and working with people who share the same passion for surfing. I pack boards and other accessories to be sent away and gain knowledge from observing the staff. I make coffees too,



**Gabriel
CSA
Surfboards**

My Gateway placement has enabled me to achieve Level 3 Retail industry units and also to be creative in designing displays. My future career will be in Retail. Thank you Gateway for all the support you have given me.



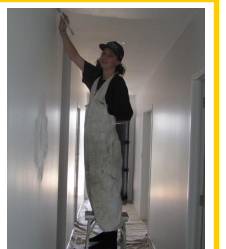
**Shayna
The Warehouse**

I have had a great experience at McFarlane Motors. I have replaced starter motors and changed tyres and learnt many new automotive skills. Gateway has been a useful opportunity.



**Barry
McFarlane
Motors**

I enjoy doing a wide variety of jobs such as putting gib up, hanging wallpaper and learning how to be very precise when painting. I have learnt that preparation is really important in painting. I see myself working in this industry.



**Aiden
Greg Brown**

Magdi and Eparama had the experience of going to the Aquatic Centre gym to work with Jason on their Skills Active units. Magdi is going to enrol in a Fitlink course next year and Eparama is going to WITT.



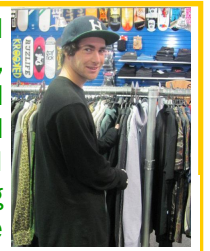
**Magdi &
Eparama
Aquatic
Centre Gym**

Working at the Port is always interesting. The Health and Safety meetings have taught me the things to be aware of here. I enjoy the hands on work and the people here are always willing to teach me new things.



**Logan
Port Taranaki**

At Seasons I serve customers, help them find items, tag and price clothing and help with cleaning and keeping the shop tidy. The people there are cool and it is a very positive working environment.



**Casey
Seasons**

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