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## Vocational Pathways – Te Waka Huarahi

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### SAFETY N ACTION HEIGHT SAFETY

On June 19th Spotswood College hosted a level 3 and 4 Height Safety course .

Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June saw us host a Heights Safety course for 10 of our senior students. The course is run by Safety N Action, New Zealand's leading Health and Safety training provider. The course is an interactive day where the students learn to evaluate and problem solve height safety scenarios and develop emergency plans. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning about the latest height equipment, including rope lines and harness use for in a variety of workplaces. They also gained 11 credits toward their respective NCEA qualifications.



### Head of Faculty Message

A very busy, rewarding and exciting term 2 has come to an end. Throughout the term we were able to offer some excellent opportunities to our students that will help them in their chosen vocation pathways.

We have acquired a new Vocational Pathways vehicle from Tasman Toyota and thank the sponsors for their support.

We look forward to another action packed term after the holidays as our students again represent the department and college across an array of placements and courses

We thank everyone for their ongoing support.

*Scott Manson*



### SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS SPONSORSHIP NEWS

We gratefully thank the following organisations for their support of our department and its goals to provide meaningful, exciting and unique learning and employment opportunities for our students over the next 12 months.

Shell Todd Oil Services

New Plymouth District Council

Tasman Toyota

Vital Signs

Clelands Construction

Fulton Hogan

Brian Baker Instrumentation Services

### Elena @ NPE Tech

I attend my Gateway placement at NPE Tech every Tuesday and enjoy the practical learning that I get to experience. I am also completing some electrical units. In the future I wish to be an electrician or aircraft technician. Gateway has given me a really valuable insight to the industry.



### Tanwen @ Marfell School

I volunteer at the Rising Achievers program, working with students who have learning difficulties or lack resources at home. I complete reading and writing activities. In the future I have aspirations to be a social worker, working specifically with young offenders and adolescents who have drug and alcohol addiction.



### Saffron @ St. Aubyn Vets

I have just finished my Gateway placement at St. Aubyn Vets. It has opened my eyes and I learnt so many amazing and new things that will help me at university. I hope to become a vet nurse through studying at Massey University. I am enjoying the voluntary work I have been offered and thank St. Aubyn vets so much for the opportunity.



### NZ Swim School Placement

Jaxon Madden, Azaria Court, Gaby Cole and Britney Picard are keen on the water. Jaxon and Gaby come from a swimming background, with both having been competitive swim squad members. Azaria and Britney come from a more unique background of Water Polo. All four have an interest in swimming and are part of the NZ Swim Schools cadetship. Based at various swim schools around New Plymouth the senior students are working hard on completing their instructors certificates. They work with young swimmers, developing their water skills, confidence and water safety. The students are proud of their achievements and are commended for their passion and dedication to helping others. Great work team.



Britney at NP Aquatic Centre.

Jaxon at Coastal Aquatics



### DUAL PLACEMENTS SUCCESS FOR DENIOL JONES

Deniol Jones is in Year 13 and readying himself for transition in to the work force and/or tertiary study. With a passion for Horticulture and the outdoors Deniol has taken on two separate placements in 2017. He works at both Betts and Bishop Landscaping on a Friday and also at the Taranaki Retreat, a casual placement based around weather and work availability.

Deniol is developing his work place skills and enjoys learning new horticulture techniques, and knowledge that will help him with his future goals to work in the Primary Services industry.

Deniol Jones @ Betts and Bishop and also with his work colleagues at Taranaki Retreat.



### Brittains Lifelong Choices Barista Course

Each Monday afternoon 10 of our Senior students have been attending a Barista course. During their time on the course they have learnt how to make both cold and hot beverages using commercial barista machines. They have gained valuable skills and knowledge for this increasingly popular area of the hospitality industry. We thank John and his team for their work with this course.

[www.lifelongchoices.co.nz](http://www.lifelongchoices.co.nz)



To date we have 96 students placed in a large variety of workplaces throughout the region. Some new and exciting placements have been found and lots of existing employers have again returned to support our program. We thank and acknowledge the continued support of our employers and also Gateway car sponsors.