VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS

at Spotswood College

What's Happening ?

GATEWAY

Tertiary Education Commission
Te Amorangi Mātauranga Matua

JUNE 2015

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE

HIGH ENDEAVOUR
EKE MATAURANGA

This term has been busy with our students attending their Gateway placements, STAR courses, Trade Academy and Safety courses. These experiences, knowledge and new skills, along with achieving credits, will help our students when they leave school to join the workforce.

WITT OPEN DAY

On Friday 5th June thirty four of our students were taken to WITT to attend workshops and have a tour of the campus. It was a huge success and our students returned to school with new ideas about their future career path.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Monday 8th June the NZ Chefs Taranaki/ Wanganui Hospitality Competitions were held at WITT . Kate McLean and Chelsea Takamori who have been attending the Restaurant Service Trade Academy and STAR Barista course at WITT both won awards. Kate achieved a Gold Award and was the category winner and Chelsea achieved a Gold Award in the Southern Hospitality Original/ Innovative Mocktail competition.

STAR AND GATEWAY COURSES

This term we have students attending Welding, Barista and Hairdressing courses at WITT once a week.
We have also organised facilitators from Safety 'N Action to run one day courses at school in; Schools Emergency Response Training, Height Safety, Schools Hazard ID and Safety Analysis, Hearing Conservation and Manual Handling, Prevention and management of discomfort, pain and back injury in the workplace.
These courses, combined with the subjects our students study at school, give them a broad education to choose their career path .

EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS

Bailey Benton has had a Gateway placement at Autocity Panel and Paint since March and has gained full time employment with them. He has impressed them with his technical and vast automotive knowledge.
Bailey was a Trades Academy student at WITT last year, and this, along with taking Health and Safety in the workplace courses at school through Gateway, helped him to achieve success.

Ehara taku toa, he takitahi, he toa takitini

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, as it was not individual success but success of a collective

"Bye Spotswood College"
" Today (6th May) I leave to start my apprenticeship at Mercer Stainless, an industrial engineering company. I'm very excited because all of my hard work has paid off ! Because of Gateway and all the awesome experiences I've had (Gateway placements at Meco Engineers as well as Mercer Stainless, a Height Safety course, Forklift Operators course, and the Schools Emergency Response course). I am now able to move onto the next step of my life and look forward to a bright future."
We are delighted for Sam, one of our STAR students who has made the most of every opportunity. All the best for the future Sam.

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

My Gateway placement has helped me realise that hairdressing is the career for me. I have learnt so many skills from the experienced stylists and they make me feel part of the team.

Tenesee
HQ
The Studio

I enjoy working at the counter at Robert Harris dealing with customers and taking their orders. It requires good listening and communication skills. All the staff are helpful and friendly, it is a great place to work.

Jesse
Robert Harris

I code bank statements and trans-actions in Banklink, do journal entries, work papers and filing. I enjoy talking to the accountants and it is valuable to get this real insight.

Jennifer
Armstrong
Fleming

I work with a different team each week. I help weed, trim trees and maintain tools. I use many different tools including weed eaters, blowers and pruning saws. I really enjoy the practical work and the challenges involved.

Jeremy
NPDC Parks

I am studying for the National Certificate in Youth Work Level 3. Being a Prefect and interacting with Year 9 students during peer support has taught me a lot of new communication skills too.

Taryn
YMCA

I really enjoy working on trucks and diggers at Gough CAT. I change oil, service vehicles and do routine maintenance I am working on Automotive units at school too.

Kieran
Gough
CAT

I have helped install new compressor pipes and also laid down some PVC on stainless steel domes. Attending the Welding Trades Academy as well as Gateway is helping me gain experience in the industry.

Luke
Superior
Stainless

I really enjoy helping the teacher in the new entrant class. I am learning so much from the staff around me. I work with children and help them with Maths, Reading and Writing.

Emma
Spotswood

I enjoy doing a variety of jobs such as fencing, building retaining walls. I have learnt that detail and precision are very important.

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