

# VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE



## at Spotswood College

### What's Happening ?

SEPTEMBER 2015

**O**ur students have had the opportunity to attend many different industry based courses this term:  
Forklift Operators Licence through AB Equipment  
Sales & Service Course – GETraining  
Host Responsibility - GETraining  
First Aid – Meditrain  
Creative Illustrations – WITT  
One of our aims is to increase the skills and knowledge our students can take with them when they attend their Gateway placements and in the future into the workforce.

*Kia hora te marino,  
Kia whakapa  
pounamu te moana,  
kia tere te  
Karohirohi i mua i tou  
huarahi*

*May the calm be  
widespread,  
May the ocean glisten  
as greenstone,  
May the shimmer of  
light ever dance  
across your pathway*

#### RED SHIRTS RETAIL PROGRAMME AT THE WAREHOUSE



Congratulations to our eight students who completed the Red Shirts Programme and achieved the Customer Service Award through Service IQ and 27 credits at Level 2.

“ The Red Shirts in Retail programme has been the best experience. The staff at The Warehouse have been very friendly and helpful. I have learnt so much and my communication skills have improved and also my ability to use my own initiative. I have also gained product knowledge and customer service skills by helping customers with their enquiries .”  
Romi Hackett  
Well Done to Cerisa Walters and Romi Hackett who have gained part time employment at The

Warehouse after completing the Red Shirts programme as their Gateway placement.

#### VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS EVENING

On Thursday 3rd September our school held an information evening on NCEA and for future Vocational Pathways and Gateway students and their families.

The success of our Gateway programme relies heavily on good communication between our students, their families, employers and our school so it was pleasing to see so many in attendance

Thank you to our Gateway students Daria Hardgrave and Sapphire Moke who spoke on their experiences.

Carina Crawford and Nicole Goble from WITT gave a talk about Trades Academies; The Trades Academy is a partnership between Taranaki Secondary Schools, WITT and the industry sector The students learn in a practical environment using industry standard equipment and technology and develop foundation skills to progress toward further tertiary study or employment.

We look forward to working with you all in the future to enable our youth to become productive members of our community.

#### VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS LUNCHEON

*Our Luncheon this year is to be held in the School Hall at Spotswood College on Friday 30th October This is to celebrate the successes of our students and to show our appreciation of your support.*

**INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW**

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 chiller and stack shelves at Countdown, Spotswood. Each week there are different products on special to learn about and I interact with the customers. My goal is to work in Security so this experience of working in a big store is useful.



**Logan  
Countdown**

I really enjoy being a Teacher Aide at Spotswood Primary. Working with children is definitely challenging and worthwhile. It is so rewarding to see the children's confidence grow as they learn.



**Nicki  
Spotswood  
Primary**

In my placement I have learnt how to find new ways of solving problems. I set up new computers, fix and troubleshoot and help teachers and students. I plan to go to WITT next year to study.



**Matthew  
Spotswood  
College IT**

At Jumpstart I like building relationships with children and helping them achieve new things. I like to see them be proud of something they have done. I aim to create different activities including outdoor and craft.



**Hannah  
Jumpstart**

I have learnt a lot about the aspects of carpentry in commercial building at my placement. I have worked on the new Countdown in Vogeltown and also the new BP in Moturoa.



**Connaugh  
Street & Cook**

I am enjoying being part of the vibrant team here, learning new skills, cooking and serving customers. I look forward to a future in hospitality now and am excited about working part time at Espresso as well.



**Cascade  
Espresso Cafe**

At my Gateway placement I do a lot of different work such as using the stump grinder, using the chipper and pruning trees and hedges. I have learnt heaps of new skills and work with a great team. I really enjoy going there.



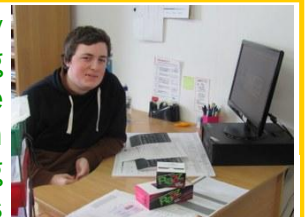
**Jack  
Tricky Trees**

I have had the opportunity to meet and bond with many amazing children. My goal is to be an Art Teacher as I am passionate about sharing the beauty of Art with children who are full of innocence and creativity.



**Marie  
West End  
School**

I enjoy being creative when working on logos at Razz Print and have learnt how to use Adobe Suite. I also help on the machines which print, fold and stack the designs.



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