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## Vocational Pathways – Te Waka Huarahi

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### INDUSTRY TRAINING COURSES

We have held three separate Industry Training Courses in the first term. These courses offer meaningful and relevant learning experiences for our students that they can relate to their work placements and chosen pathways.

We have held three ITO courses in Term 1 with the focus being to allow students to gain skills and knowledge that they can add to their individual learning profile/kete.

Students are fortunate enough to gain valuable skills, knowledge and credits by completing theory and practical elements of these courses.

Student self evaluation forms highlight that they find these courses motivating, engaging and enjoyable due to the focussed and practical elements they provide.

All three courses were related to health and safety based elements of work. These included safe hearing and handling, basic health and safety and also youth responder fire safety.

PJ Safety Solutions is a new and exciting ITO we have used for two of these courses and we thank Paula Jonker and her team for their excellent work.



### Head of Faculty Message

The new school year has started with a busy period of placing students, making valuable connections with the wider community and hosting three industry Training courses on the school campus.

It is fantastic news that we have founded relationships with new and exciting employers within the Gateway part of the department and we look forward to supporting these companies in the future.

The senior Vocational Pathways classes are in full swing with generic units of work focusing on career plans, targeted resumes and the development of employability skills based on the popular theory of ‘Learn to Earn’

*Scott Manson*



### SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS SPONSORSHIP

We gratefully thank the following organisations for their support of our department .



### Red Shirts in Schools. RSIS

Shanelle, Jade and Sandi are completing the Red Shirts in Schools course run through Brittain's Lifelong Choices and The Warehouse. They attend work each Wednesday and are fortunate enough to have great supervisors and the opportunity to gain 22 retail based credits and



fantastic work experience from this successful course of learning.

### Tiva @ Jetcharm

Tiva attends Jetcharm each Thursday and intends to become a barber in the future. Tiva was a WITT Trades Academy student in 2017, completing the Hairdressing course with excellent results. She thoroughly enjoyed the course and focussed on securing a Gateway placement to further develop her industry knowledge and skills.

Great work Tiva.



### Izac @ Z Petrol Courtney Street

Izac is one of two students who hold a Gateway placement at Z Courtney Street. Izac is getting to develop his customer service skills and has also completed a Youth Responder Fire Safety course through PJ Safety Solutions.

Izac shows great enthusiasm in the work force and is learning valuable team work and self management skills.



## IMPRESSIVE ATTITUDES LEAD TO EMPLOYMENT

A positive attitude has always been one of the key qualities that many employers desire from their workers.

Siteri Naumotu and Lucia Whyte made instant impressions on their Gateway employers and were rewarded with paid shifts of work over the busy WOMAD weekend.

Siteri attends her work placement at Crowded House Bar and Café and has been developing her service and Barista skills under the watchful eye of Kerry and his team.

Lucia attended her Gateway placement just once at Locals Café before being asked to work over the busy WOMAD weekend. Lucia has previously completed the WITT Restaurant Service Trades Academy and her skills from this, couple with a 'can do' attitude has made for a very successful start to her career pathway.



Lucia @ Locals Café....

A smile goes a long way :)

## WITT STP COURSES IN FULL SWING FOR SPOTTY

Trades Academy and 3+2 courses at WITT have started and are offering our students with an excellent opportunity to be involved in learning programs that make use of industry standard equipment. Students also enjoy the adult learning environment and obtain credits that go toward full time and national qualifications.

We have 20 Trades Academy students enrolled in courses ranging from Hairdressing to Automotive.

In the 3+2 courses where students gain a full national qualification we have 8 students completing the Sport and Fitness course and 1 student doing Makeup and Skincare.

## HOLIDAY CAMPS / COURSES

The April school holidays are a great time to get away and that is exactly what Jade Austin and Tayla Taiwhati did.

The pair travelled to Waitomo to attend a cultural camp from April 21—25. An excellent experience for the two year 13 students.



Year 12 student Amber Lee stayed local but went to the PIHMS Career week, staying on campus and learning what life as a student at PIHMS would be like. Amber intends to attend PIHMS in 2019. PIHMS is a great local asset and brings a number of highly trained hospitality students to our region.



## “What comes easy, won't last, what last, won't come easy”

Term 1 saw 63 placements being attended by Spotswood students. These fantastic learning opportunities are only possible with the support of the many companies and employers in the local community that we have fantastic working relationships with. THANK YOU