



Careers Newsletter

Term Three 2018

Latest Career Research

The changing world of work

Latest research¹ focused on the change from education to fulltime employment has identified four elements which can support transitions. These are: work experience, enterprise skills, targeting a growing employment sector and maintaining a positive attitude. Work experience has previously been identified as a key factor in making sound career

“Employability Skills” which they deem as essential components of a student’s “skills toolbox”.

Many jobs, which did not exist fifteen years ago, are developing. Jobs such as: offshore wind farm engineer, virtual assistant, Uber driver, search engine specialist,

Students who have had at least four career experiences make better career decisions.

choices. Enterprise skills are incorporated into the NZ school curriculum across subject areas. Seek NZ has recognised growth in the following sectors:

Human Resources &
Recruitment

Manufacturing, Transport
& Logistics Trades &
Services

Engineering

Community Services

A positive attitude is included in Careers NZ² list of seven

wellbeing coach, app developer, social media manager, web analyst, genetic counsellor, sustainability director, information security analyst and even chief listening officer.

While some jobs are vanishing, many new ones are emerging. It will be important to fill the toolbox with a number of skills, be flexible, resilient and positive.

Important Dates for Tertiary Applications



Scholarship applications should be underway. Closing dates vary and some time is required to contact referees, write a personal statement and ensure that verified* copies of documents have been made. *Instructions and information are available on Schoology under Careers, then Resources.*

Hostel Applications open on 01 August and should be **completed by 15 September**. References are completed by school - no special requests are necessary. *There is no credence to the urban myth that places are awarded on a “first in, first served” basis!*

NOTE: First round places are offered in October. A **deposit of around \$900** will be required to secure a place, most of which is refundable if plans change. A **larger deposit of around \$6 000** is required by most hostels in January.

General course applications close in early December. Restricted entry courses close earlier. Check portfolio requirements, if any.

Career Activities

Terms 1 and 2



Year 10 participating in "The Real Game."



Programme Incubator at the DHB allows some senior students to listen to a variety of speakers.



Some Year 11 students chose to attend a Health Careers Expo which had many interactive activities and the opportunity to speak to people in a variety of roles.

Years 12 and 13 attended the HB Careers Expo with exhibitors from a range of tertiary providers.

The Wednesday programme has included a number of career and life skills modules.

*DOCUMENTATION

Year 13 students have been reminded to have available copies of the following verified by a JP:

- ✓ ROA
- ✓ Birth certificate

They will also require an IRD number for student loan applications.

For those Year 13 students who are, as yet, uncertain of their plans for 2018, they should make an appointment as soon as possible to see the Careers Advisor. There are many tools, publications and much advice available.

For those planning a GAP year in 2019, an information sheet will be provided to support applications in 2020.

The Careers Office is open during lunchtime, after school, at the beginning of interval and at many times during the school day. Students can call in for a quick chat but need to make an appointment for longer consultations. Parents and caregivers are also welcome.

There are many resources available in the Careers Foyer which is accessible whenever the IRC is open.

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¹ Foundation for Young Australians: Preparing Young People for the New Work Reality <https://www.fya.org.au/report/the-new-work-reality/>

² Careers NZ: Skills employers are looking for https://www.careers.govt.nz/plan-your-career/not-sure-what-to-do/skills-employers-are-looking-for/#cID_2457