

## Tai Poutini Polytechnic Media Release

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### Diverse and exciting carving on display for public

This year's Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) jade and hard stone carving exhibition is set to be a great show for visitors, with students displaying exciting design skills and a wider range of work than ever before.

The work of 17 students will be on display at the Westland Recreation Centre from 15 - 29 November. The annual exhibition will kick-off with an opening night for special guests.

TPP Jade and Hard Stone Carving Tutor Sheree Warren says a recent change in the way the programme is delivered is pushing students to show more diverse skills and creativity.

In 2018, TPP began delivering stone carving under the NZ Certificate in Arts and Design programme. Ms Warren says the new model has put a greater emphasis on design from the beginning of training and really pushes students to explore their creativity.

“We’re still turning out the same well-trained, work-ready graduates with a grounding in the basic skills of carving, but the new programme delves more into the creative and design elements. Students are pushed to come up with original and exciting work from the outset.

“As our first cohort of students under the new model move into the second year of training, I’ve been impressed by the detail and originality of the pieces they are producing. The exhibition looks set to be a really fantastic show with some amazing pieces for people to view.”

TPP Leader - Engagement Mequa Hourston says the annual student carving exhibition is always popular with visitors.

“We’re looking forward to welcoming members of the community once again to take a look at the work our students have been doing over the past year. I encourage everyone to head on down to the recreation centre and take a look at what’s on display.”

### TPP Jade and Hard Stone Carving Student Exhibition

Westland Recreation Centre

15 - 29 November 2019

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