

Tai Poutini Polytechnic - more than a polytechnic



Polytechnic Carpentry students frame the 2021 Project House.

Meeting the needs of the West Coast and getting behind great local initiatives is all part of the job at Tai Poutini Polytechnic.

We are the West Coast's largest tertiary education provider and one of the region's significant employers – and we're more than a polytechnic. Part of our purpose is to support West Coast people, events and activities to help make great things happen here at home.

You'll often see our community engagement team, tutors and staff out-and-about at local events to help create connections between the community and learning. We also support a range of local enterprise and host our community partners at events across the year. Here are some of the fantastic projects we get involved in.

Student-built Project House

Every year, carpentry students build a three-bedroom home that is auctioned to the highest bidder for relocation on the West Coast. The Project House build gives students the opportunity to work on a real-world project, under the watchful eye of expert tutors, and the proceeds are donated to a good local cause.

Carpentry Tutor Rick King says the students love creating something that they know will become someone's home at the end of the project. "It gives them a real sense of purpose and we enjoy fantastic support from our local tradies and suppliers, who all get behind the project and donate materials and time."

Bringing Dragon's Den to the West Coast

Tai Poutini Polytechnic is giving young business enthusiasts a taste of the Dragon's Den. Partnering with

the Young Enterprise Trust, each year we bring the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme to West Coast high schools. Teams of high school students are challenged to come up with a business idea, prepare a business and marketing plan and launch their product or service to the local community. Local mentors help along the way and the year ends in a final Dragon's Den-style pitch to a panel of judges.

West Coast Pathways Careers Expo

The annual careers event has grown in size and scale recently, offering dozens of local employers, industry representatives and trainers a chance to discuss opportunities with schools and job seekers. The expo is a unique opportunity for West Coasters to learn, face-to-face, what's out there for them in our region.



Led the West Coast Pathways Roadshow event bringing more than 40 businesses and training providers under one roof.



Contributed to Trees of Māwhera project supplying a native tree to every school student to be planted in the community.



Kick-started a collaboration with BCITO in supporting 35 carpentry apprentices in Westport.



Supported the 1st ever Wāhine Toa Empowering Woman programme through the Ministry of Social Development.



Employs 80+ staff on the West Coast.
Trains over 1000 people on the West Coast.



Supported 64 West Coast students through the Young Enterprise Scheme.

2022 training spots filling up fast!

There's still time to enrol in 2022 Tai Poutini Polytechnic study programmes starting in February.

While many of the Polytechnic's programmes are filling fast for the academic year, students can still enrol across a range of learning options including agriculture, engineering, business studies, foundation programmes and supported learning.

Vanessa Rankin, Leader – Student Life says the surge in interest in trades training is continuing, with many study options almost at capacity for 2022.

"We know that this is fuelled by very busy trade sectors across the West Coast, with many employers actively looking to take on Polytechnic graduates. The Government's Covid-19 Targeted Trades and Apprenticeship Fund, which makes training in some key trades free for students, is also helping to boost enrolments in these programmes.

"However there are still plenty of options for people looking to start their career or thinking about changing their focus. Places remain in a range of programmes such as agriculture, cookery, hard stone and jade carving, business, foundation and supported learning – so if people are thinking on embarking on a course of study or gaining new skills, there's still time to enrol for 2022."

Tai Poutini Polytechnic's popular outdoor education and ski patrol programmes are now at capacity, with

strong interest from local learners and others coming from around the country. Some of the programmes with spots still available include:

Agriculture – learn on the farm with hands-on agriculture training covering all the skills needed to get started as a farm assistant: animal handling, machinery operation, fencing and more.

Mechanical Engineering – prepare for your apprenticeship from in our purpose-built Westport workshop learning skills like: machining operations, welding, CAD drawing and more.

Hard Stone and Jade Carving – we'll help you turn your passion for art into a real career. You'll learn the art of carving and prepare to work in a range of scenarios from busy carving studios to launching your own business.

Business – learn your way around the office, upskill on key computer programmes and activities or get ready to take the next step in your career with business administration training.

Foundation Skills – whether you're about to leave school, or you want to prepare for tertiary study, foundation skills will get you ready to make top marks!

Find out more at www.tpp.ac.nz or call today on 0800 800 411. Training for some programmes is free right now – to find out if you are eligible check www.tpp.ac.nz/feesfree

More study options now on the West Coast

West Coasters have access to more training options that ever thanks to a partnership between Tai Poutini Polytechnic and NZ's leading provider of distance and online learning, Open Polytechnic.

You can enrol in any of the Open Polytechnic's online study programmes, and still get all the benefits of campus life with access to all of Tai Poutini Polytechnic's West Coast facilities and student support options.

More study choice and flexibility, with all the benefits of campus-based learning. It doesn't get any better than that!

When you enrol in Open Polytechnic's online courses, you'll also now have access to face-to-face student

support at Tai Poutini Polytechnic including:

- use of computers and printers
- library
- our onsite café
- BYOD free wifi
- connections with other learners
- learning support in study skills, literacy and numeracy
- health and wellbeing support
- Māori and Pasifika support

You can see what programmes Open Polytechnic offers by calling them directly on 0508 486 769 or visit www.tpp.ac.nz/studyonline



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Business graduate says 'give it a go!'



Hannah Sims is putting the technical and communications skills she learned at Tai Poutini Polytechnic into practice in a great job with a local accountancy firm.

"I was still at school when I heard about the Business Administration programme at a Careers Expo. I got talking with the team and I thought: this sounds like me."

"It was a really good programme and I found it easy to learn. My tutor was really nice and the training was very structured, which worked well for me."

"Doing the study got me a foot in the door to a great job. I'm now working with Westland Accountancy and the training really helped set me up for success here. The technical skills I learned helped me get started, and the communications and customer service parts of the training have been very useful as I'm talking to our customers and helping them all the time."

"If you're thinking about enrolling, I'd absolutely say: give it a go! It will help you get a job and it's a qualification you'll have all your life."

Agriculture 2022 training flexible to students needs



2021 Agriculture student Kate Greig on the Polytechnic farm.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic is next year extending a new collaboration with the Primary ITO that makes it easier and more flexible for agriculture students to learn their trade and get working.

The partnership was launched at the start of 2021 as a collaboration under the new Te Pūkenga national vocational education model. The key difference for West Coast learners is that they would be able to seamlessly move between learning at the polytechnic, to on the job, or back to the polytechnic without disrupting their studies.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic Manager Teaching and Learning Peter O'Sullivan says the programme has been designed to enable and encourage students to transition into full time employment when they are ready, and to complete their studies as farm-based learners.

"This is a great example of how we can pursue new ideas and partnerships under our new national education model. We want to be innovative and respond to industry, and we'll continue to adapt and change along the way as we learn from new approaches," he says.

The Polytechnic's Agriculture programme covers the basics of farm and animal management, including

operating farm machinery, key maintenance jobs like fencing, and a strong focus on health and safety on the farm.

"As with all the trade industries around the West Coast right now, farmers are always looking for good staff who have a basic understanding of the job and can get to work straight away. Our graduates are well-regarded for the grounding they have in key farm jobs and health and safety."

"The introduction of our partnership with Primary ITO earlier last year provided a way to support farming students as they transition from study to work. This partnership will be refined and continue in 2022, allowing us to jointly support students as they respond to work opportunities," he says.

As part of the pilot programme, Primary ITO's local West Coast Training Adviser is now based at the polytechnic Greymouth campus, further supporting the development of learning pathways and engagement with local students and high schools.

Enrolments are now open for Tai Poutini Polytechnic's 2022 Agriculture training.

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