

Tai Poutini Polytechnic Media Release

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Interest in Polytechnic's Westport training programmes increases

Calls and enquiries from people interested in signing-up for Tai Poutini Polytechnic's Westport-based training programmes are on the rise.

People have shown growing interest in a range of Polytechnic programmes, with driver education, forklift and first aid training top of the list.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic Chief Executive Alex Cabrera says it is a good indication that the community is keen on upskilling in key areas.

"We have been getting out and about in the community much more in recent months, supporting events and taking part in regional initiatives.

"We have also been working closely with our industry partners across the region to identify training needs and make sure we're delivering training programmes that meet those needs.

"For Westport, in particular, we have been working with industry representatives on future training options we're looking to extend options into the fields of engineering, technology and primary industries," Mr Cabrera says.

The increase in students' is good news for the region, as the Polytechnic works to address financial and strategic challenges to help ensure the future of tertiary education on the West Coast. Mr Cabrera says there is a lot of work ahead and it is important that the community is closely involved.

"To ensure the future of tertiary education on the West Coast we need the support of the community and we need to be working closely with our regional partners. We'll continue to increase demand for our programmes if we are in partnership with industry and offer training that reflect the needs of West Coast employers.

"We can't do this alone so it is great to have the support of West Coast businesses and industry representatives as we seek to increase and improve the training options on offer," he says.

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