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Careers and Smart Paths Learning Models

In terms 3 and 4 2017 we reviewed and revised our Careers and Trades programmes. We used the opportunity to redevelop a more cohesive and inclusive model of career education and future planning for both students and staff.

Careers

Student and staff feedback **of career structures** indicated that some students were struggling with self-choice and interests relevant to potential careers.

As well national career indicators are clearly advising that future job markets are rapidly evolving and students need to be immersed in a culture of adaptability when career planning. Reinvesting in 'vocational pathways' as a vehicle to more relevant learning is essential.

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What is Vocational Pathways?

National education began to invest in Vocational pathways a few years ago. This was designed to link secondary education to tertiary study in a rapidly changing work environment. Vocational Pathways helps you to see how your strengths, interests and achievements relate to future study options and job opportunities. The pathways provide clear study options that are valued by employers and show you what employers expect to see you achieve in your learning.

The pathways covers six broad industry sectors:

- Manufacturing and technology
- Construction and infrastructure
- Creative industries
- Primary industries
- Social and community services
- Services industries





What is Vocational Pathways? (Contd)



Please look on the school website for our student Vocational Pathways starter booklet that is supporting students' introduction to this area.

Toi Ohomai (formerly the campus at Bay of Plenty Polytech and Waikato University Outpost at Tauranga), have offered to work with us to provide a trial model of careers information where students will be given opportunities at the junior school to investigate vocational pathways options over two years. This is seen as critical to create future focused knowledge on options available to them and helps with decision-making on careers.

We have six days over six weeks where students will have the opportunity to rotate through a series of learning schools (vocational pathways) investigating all courses available in a guided process using tertiary expertise. Students will travel to the polytechnic on Thursdays from week 8 through to week 11 in Term 1 and complete a full career profile that will support them into senior school.



Dates for attending Toi Ohomai:

- Thursday, 22nd March
- Thursday, 29th March
- Friday, 6th April
- Friday, 13th April



Trades - Smart Paths

Last year discussion began with Toi Ohomai to redevelop our Trades model to better meet student learning needs the school and our community.

This has provided for 2018, a Trades programmes (renamed as Smart Pathways) beginning in week 6 and continuing to the end of term 3 for 65 senior students in the following areas. We are starting with:

- Automotive (Tony New) (15 students)
- Hospitality (Ken Rowe) (15 students)
- Sport Coaching (Patrick Aislabie and team) (20 students)
- Agriculture (Taratahi) (15 students)

These are 20 credit approved level 2 and 3 programmes that are externally moderated but internally delivered with the support of specialist experts. Specialty days of intensive learning on site at Toi Ohomai are also part of the package. The programmes fit within our NZQA structures and will compliment our traditional senior programmes.

Day name change to Smart Paths

Interest Day will be incorporated into Smart Paths and will continue to give students opportunities to develop their own personal and career pathways. In the next few weeks further information will roll out for selections for this day in terms 2 and 3 and how these will relate to the work on vocational pathways.

Cost

There are no costs for the 4 Smart Days programmes for senior students and no cost for students attending the 4 days at Toi Ohomai.



Whanau meeting with our Smart Paths Advisor

There will be an opportunity to meet Annie Waterworth our Smart Paths advisor. Annie has worked closely with Manawaru School and is currently working with Taratahi. She is highly experienced and advises national tertiary panels on education and future careers.

Later in the term we will host an Open Night for students and whanau to gain information about all the other topics that will be available to students on 'Smart' days in Terms 2 and 3.

Annie Waterworth is also presenting on this evening. She is the School Strategy and Pathway Manager for Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre and an advisor to the Ministry of Education. She will advise us on our Smart Paths programme from a Ministry of Education perspective.

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