



Pathways Newsletter

Week 6

What's Coming Up?



- Introduction - Wellington High Schools Pathways & Gateway Team
 - BCITO - Trade Secrets NZ FREE Event - Porirua, Tuesday 11th March 2025 @ 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm & Lower Hutt, Thursday 13th March 2025 @ 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
 - New Ventures Worldwide - GAP Year Volunteering and Free Zoom Info sessions
 - Connexis - Upskill Connexis New Zealand's Infrastructure Workforce
 - Evolve Wellington Youth Service - Learner Licence Workshops (Thursdays 3.30 pm - 5 pm)
 - University School Visits Timetable (Term 1, 2025)
 - Girls in Infrastructure 2025 - (Applications Now Open)
 - Whitireia & WelTec Term 1 - (Yr11 - Y13) Taster Schedule 2025
 - Applications For Gateway Work Experience 2025 - (Open)
 - Youthline - Gateway Opportunity (Open)
 - IAG Insurance - Gateway Opportunity (3 Day Work Placement)
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Our Pathways & Gateway Team

Wellington High School careers team are available to meet with students to help with subject choice selection, enrolling for tertiary study, applying for scholarships, STAR & Trades Academy choices, CV preparation, applying for jobs, and more. Wellington High School has a dedicated team that provides guidance and assistance throughout this process.

Please contact the team below for any pathway-related advice.

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JOIN US AT THIS FREE EVENT
TO TALK ABOUT YOUR CAREER
IN BUILDING + CONSTRUCTION

PORIRUA
Matauaia Tokelau Hall Cannons Creek,
102 Bedford Street, Porirua
TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2025 6.00PM - 8.00PM

LOWER HUTT
Hutt City Church, 22 Marsden Street,
Melling, Lower Hutt
THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2025 6.00PM - 8.00PM

BOOK YOUR SPOT FAST
OR FIND OUT MORE INFO AT: TRADESECRETS.NZ

BCITO
He Hunga Hanga Mātou
building people

All Welcome. For further information: <https://bcito.org.nz/>

Students and parents need to register using the QR code or visit the website tradesecrets.nz




Gap Year Volunteering & Info Sessions


We offer a range of overseas volunteering placements, with the following three being particularly popular with NZ students. To help your students explore their options, we're running free 15-20 min Zoom info sessions for each programme, followed by a live Q&A with our Programme Managers.

Check out the following opportunities:


1. Canada Outdoor Camp Volunteer



- Volunteer at a scenic outdoor camp, working with children and developing leadership skills.
- Feb or May | 10 months | \$1,250 USD
- Info session:  8:30 pm NZDT on 5th March
- [Click Here to Sign up](#)

2. UK Outdoor Camp Volunteer

- Help run outdoor activities for children while immersing yourself in British culture.
- Feb or Aug | 8-12 months | \$1,250 USD
- Info session:  8:30 pm NZDT on 5th March
- [Click Here to Sign up](#)

3. Spain School Language Volunteer

- Teach English in Spanish schools, live with a host family, and gain a unique cultural experience.
- Jan or Sep | 3-12 months | \$995 - \$1,950 USD
- Info session:  8:30 pm NZDT on 5th March
- [Click Here to Sign up](#)

We also have placements in Ghana, Poland, and Argentina   



Explore more opportunities on [our website](#).

Upskill Connexis - New Zealand's Infrastructure Workforce



We work with industry to upskill the Infrastructure workforce for the **Civil**, **Energy**, **Telecommunications**, and **Water** sectors. Our programmes are nationally recognised by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) and are mostly delivered through on-the-job training with campus and online learning options. Our team arranges, provides support, and assesses on-the-job learning for New Zealand's Infrastructure industry.

Our industry Initiatives And Events

- Annual Connection
- Gateway
- Girls with Hi-Vis
- Ultimate - Women In Infrastructure

For further information visit <https://www.connexis.org>



Evolve Wellington Youth Service offers Learner Licence workshops to support young people in gaining their driver's licence. The workshops are open to anyone aged 15-24 years based in Wellington. They are free and cover all the content you will need to learn to pass your Theory Test and get on the road safely. The workshops are drop-in-based and are completely at your own pace. We will help you pay the test fee and to get the necessary I.D. (e.g. Birth Certificate) to sit the test. The workshops have been running since 2016 and have supported 100+ young people to get their Learner Licence.

If you are keen to get involved, please get in touch with us. You don't have to be registered with Evolve to join our groups. <https://www.evolveyouth.org.nz/learner-licence>

WHEN & WHERE:

Thursdays: 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm @ Evolve Youth Service.

These times and locations may vary during school holidays. Please contact us, or check out our social media, to stay up-to-date.

CONTACT:

projects@evolveyouth.org.nz

UNIVERSITY VISITS – TERM 1 (2025)

The purpose of these visits:

- To give some general info about the University
- A quick overview of the region
- An outline of the most well-known programmes of this university
- A brief intro about scholarships, accommodation/halls/hostels and applications
- Timeline of important dates
- An invitation to “sign up” for regular updates and reminders

UNIVERSITY	DAY/DATE	TIME	VENUE
University of Auckland	Thurs 13 March	1.20 pm	M410
Auckland University of Technology	Fri 21 March	1.20 pm	M410
University of Waikato	Tues 11 March	1.20 pm	M410
Massey University	Mon 17 March	1.20 pm	M410
Victoria University	Thurs 26 March	1.20 pm	M410
University of Canterbury	Tues 1 April	1.20 pm	M410
Lincoln University	Mon 31 March	11.00 pm	Library Seminar Room
University of Otago	Fri 23 May	1.20 pm	M410

For further information regarding these upcoming visits please contact Chuni Bhikha, Pathways Advisor at bac@whs.school.nz or drop into S502.

Girls in Infrastructure®



We're thrilled to announce that [registrations are now open](#) for the 2025 Girls in Infrastructure® Wellington event!

Event Details:



Location: TBC



Date: Thursday 19th June 2025



Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Students will be able to explore the diverse career opportunities in the infrastructure sector, through hands-on experiences and expert guidance. Participants will be divided into four groups, each led by female industry professionals, rotating through a variety of interactive activities:

1. Industry Exhibitions – Meet leading infrastructure companies and education providers.
2. Heavy Machinery Showcase – Get up close with cranes, diggers, and more.
3. Site Visit #1 – *Details to be confirmed.*
4. Site Visit #2 – *Details to be confirmed.*

Important Information:

- This event is open to students aged 16 years and older.
- All attendees must wear fully closed shoes and long trousers. High-visibility vests will be provided on arrival.
- Lunch will be provided, thanks to the generous support of our industry sponsors.

These events offer an unparalleled opportunity for students to:

- ◆ Step onto live construction sites and experience real-world infrastructure projects
- ◆ Get up close with heavy machinery like diggers, cranes, dump trucks and more!
- ◆ Engage with leading infrastructure companies and education providers to discuss opportunities in the sector

For more details, visit our website: www.girlsininfrastructure.org.nz.

If you have any questions, please contact us at events@infrastructure.org.nz.

If you are interested in this event, please contact Chuni Bhikha at bac@whs.school.nz or drop into S502.

Whitireia & WelTec Term 1 (Yr11 - Yr13) - Taster Schedule 2025

Whitireia & WelTec offer Tasters to secondary school students that run half-days to full-days. These provide experiences for ākonga in a variety of programmes. If you are interested in attending these taster programmes please contact Chuni Bhikha (Pathways Advisor) at bac@whs.school.nz or drop into S502.

Programme	Campus	Term	Dates	Time
Site Safe Building Construction Passport	Porirua J Block J Block	1	Wednesday, 26th February Wednesday, 5th March Wednesday, 12th March Wednesday, 19th March Wednesday, 26th March	10 am - 3 pm 9.30 am - 2.30 pm 9.30 am - 2.30 pm 9.30 am - 2.30 pm 10 am - 3 pm
Taster Introduction to Cookery	Petone Petone	1	Monday, 24th March Monday, 7 April	9.30 am - 2.30 pm 9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Taster Introduction to Bakery	Petone	1	Monday, 10th March	9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Taster Introduction to Hairdressing	Porirua	1	Monday, 14th April	9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Taster Introduction to Hairdressing	Petone	1	Monday, 7th April	9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Taster Introduction to Barbering	Porirua	1	Monday, 14th April	9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Taster Introduction to Barbering	Te Kahui Auaha Campus 65 Dixon Street Te Aro	1	Monday, 14th April	9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Taster Introduction to Makeup Basics	Te Kahui Auaha Campus 65 Dixon Street Te Aro	1	Monday, 14th April	9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Taster Introduction to Nursing & Paramedicine	Porirua	1	Friday, 28th March	Nursing 9.30 am - 12 pm Paramedicine 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm
Taster Introduction to Nursing	Porirua	1	Tuesday, 1st April	9 am - 12 pm
Taster Introduction to Carpentry	J Block	1	Friday, 14th March	9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Taster Introduction to Painting & Decorating	J Block	1	Friday, 14th March	9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Taster Introduction to Tiling & Plastering	J Block	1	Friday, 14th March	9.30 am - 2.30 pm

Applications Open For Gateway Work Experience 2025



You can collect an Expression of Interest form from Student Services, or email Paula Willis at wsp@whs.school.nz. All applications will need to be signed by a parent or caregiver.

Gateway work experience is for one day a week for a term/10 weeks or over a school holiday period. Being on Gateway the student will achieve a minimum of 10 to 20 credits on a Health and Safety course and a Work Ready course or Industry-based unit standards.

Gateway is not a timetabled class and successful students will have to catch up on the school work they miss due to the work placement. Students can choose a day that works best for them and that least impacts their school timetable, students must have a high level of attendance at school.

Some areas our students have done their work experience in are:

Animal care
Aviation/Airport work
Baker
Beekeeping
Butcher
Cafe/barista
Chef
Childcare
Computer Repair
Corporate office work
Hairdressing
Horticulture (WCC)
Landscaping
Live sound, Event management or Photography (Zeal)
Physical fitness trainer
Predator control
Radio host
Retail
Trades: builder, electrician, plumber, mechanic, panel beating, metal fabrication & joinery
Youth Services (Youthline)

Gateway Opportunities

Youthline



If you are interested in youth work, other social sectors or simply supporting people in your community, this is the perfect way to begin your journey! This programme runs outside of the classroom setting and is youth-focused, meaning we always aim to work in ways that suit young people in the programme.

The programme runs on Wednesdays in Terms 2 and 3 with the option to continue into Term 4 to complete a full level 3 certificate in youth work. We run two groups, one in Wellington Central, and one in Porirua, so you can choose what option you think will work best for you. Sessions run from 1 pm – 3 pm in Porirua and 4 pm – 6 pm in Wellington Central. You can earn 31 Level 3 credits in youth work in Terms 2 and 3 and additional 14 credits if you continue into Term 4 (45 credits total).

For more information and to apply please see Paula Willis in COM 5 or email at: wsp@whs.school.nz

Gateway - IAG Insurance (3 Day Work Placement)



IAG is an international insurance company with a community focus. This 12-credit, Level 3 programme for Year 12 & 13 students is aimed at building independent and creative young minds where you will be exposed to different departments within the company and product and service knowledge. This experience provides a supported work placement opportunity to business-minded learners wanting a taste of the corporate world. For more information and to apply please see Paula Willis in COM 5 or email at:

wsp@whs.school.nz
