



**PARENT AND CARE-GIVER
INFORMATION**



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ABOUT US

- The West Coast Trades Academy (WCTA) is a partnership between all of the West Coast high schools, area schools and tertiary institution.
- Greymouth High School, through Karoro Learning, coordinates the Academy, and Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) is the Tertiary Partner.
- Trades academies are part of the Government's youth initiatives. They focus on providing more choices for young New Zealanders and giving them greater opportunities to develop their knowledge, skills and talents through trades and technology programmes that are jointly provided by schools and tertiary education organisations.



Schools Involved

Schools involved in the programme are:

- Buller High School
- Greymouth High School
- John Paul II High School
- Karamea Area School
- Reefton Area School
- South Westland High School
- Westland High School



Who can enrol?

- The Trades Academy is open to year 11, 12 and 13 students
- Trades Academy students will continue to attend their school, taking their usual subject options, while one day a week they will attend the Trades Academy programme at school or Tai Poutini Polytechnic.
- Trades Academy students will make a two-year (minimum) commitment to the achievement of NCEA Level 2 and an Industry National Certificate.
- Students will also miss some ordinary school classes and may need to commit extra time to keep up with their learning and achievement in other subject areas.



How does it work?

- Schools are responsible for student applications and recommending students for the Trades Academy.
- Parents must sign student enrolment forms.
- Each school will have a coordinator (or contact person) responsible for Trades Academy students.
- There are no fees for the Trades Academy.
- Transport costs will be covered by the Trades Academy.
- Additional items required for some of the courses such as work boots and overalls will be provided by the West Coast Trades Academy.



Student care

- While at school students will be under the usual pastoral care provisions in their school's policies.
- When attending part of their course at the polytechnic, another school or in a workplace, students will need to comply with the code of behaviour and health and safety requirements of the provider delivering that part of the course.
- Schools and Tai Poutini Polytechnic will monitor student attendance and progress.
- Trades Academy reports will be included with school student reports.
- Co-ordinators will notify parents if there are any issues with Trades Academy student attendance and behaviour.



Training Options

- Introduction to trades programme
- National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3)
- National Certificate in Hospitality (Entry Skills) and National Certificate in Hospitality (Introductory Cookery) (Level 2)
- National Certificate in Building and Construction (Level 2)
- National Certificate in Automotive Engineering (Level 2)
- National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Level 2)



Hospitality

What you learn	Employment options	Further study
Beginner cookery	Kitchen hand	Certificate in Professional Culinary Arts (L3)
International cookery	Waiter/waitress	Certificate in Advanced Professional Culinary Arts (L4)
Front-of-house	Barista	Certificate in Hospitality and Tourism (L3)
Barista	Bar work	Certificate in Hospitality Supervision (L4)
Food safety	Events, functions and conference service	
Waiting tables	Front desk in an accommodation or tourism business	
Bar service		
Function activities		



Early Childhood Education

What you learn	Employment options	Further study
Taking care of a baby	Working in an early childhood centre	New Zealand Certificate in Nanny Education (L5)
How a child develops	School holiday programme staff	Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)
Health and safety for children	Special needs assistance	(Note: this qualification can be done in the field by distance learning as well as directly with an education provider)
Getting ready for working in an early childhood centre	Nanny in NZ and overseas	
Child play, art, music and activities	Home based care	
Managing child behaviours	Music teaching	
Understanding child development	Sports or activity coaching	



Building and Construction

What you learn	Employment options	Further study
How to manage hand tools, power tools and machinery	Building apprenticeship	Certificate in Carpentry (Residential and Commercial) L3
Build decks, utility buildings, garden furniture and other items	Joinery	
Develop trade sketches and drawings	Construction sites	
Concreting	Roofing	
	Paving & landscaping	
	Concreting & bricklaying	
	Painting and decorating	



Automotive Engineering

What you learn	Employment options	Further study
Taking vehicles apart	Automotive engineering apprenticeship	National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (L4)
Fitting tyres	Panel beaters	
Servicing vehicles	Tyre servicing	National Diploma in Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) L6
Locating and diagnosing electrical faults	Warrant of fitness testing	
Engine rebuilding	Automotive sales and servicing	Note: The status of a fully qualified tradesperson is achieved at the completion of The National Certificate in Engineering L4
Drawing and understanding engineering sketches	Brake servicing	



Mechanical Engineering

What you learn	Employment options	Further study
Designing, repairing, building or maintaining machines	Mechanical engineering apprenticeship	National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (L4)
Engineering drafting	Fitting, turning and tool making	National Diploma in Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) L6
Welding procedures	Precision machining and fitting	
Safe work practices	Plant maintenance and diagnostics	Note: The status of a fully qualified tradesperson is achieved at the completion of The National Certificate in Engineering L4



Benefits of the Trades Academy

- Encourages students to stay at school and complete their NCEA level 2.
- Students can start training towards a career while at school.
- No fees.
- Students are more work ready once they have completed their National Certificate.
- Students develop independence, workplace skills and become responsible for their learning and career options.
- Student progress is monitored by their school, trades tutor and the Trades Academy.



Information

- School Co-ordinator
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 - 03 768 9998 ext.702
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- Student brochure
- Student enrolment form