



Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Where has the term gone? In starting up the dual campus model this year we have been extremely busy and despite some teething issues as our model develops, it has been very rewarding.

This week all our students are out at work week. We are currently doing up school reports and doing work placement visits. The students get a lot out of this week. Apart from the enjoyment of doing what they love to do it gives their study and training meaning. It makes sense of the pathway that they are on. Once Year 11 has finished this term, where the focus has been on placement and rotation to find a fit for both them and their employers, they move into an area where they are more employable. They now have a resume that sets them apart from typical school students or school leavers. The focus over the next three months will be on securing indentures and employment contracts. If you do know of someone that might be interested in taking on a student two days a week please let us know. Alternatively, if you know someone in the industry areas we focus on ask him or her if they have heard of our model.

Remember, not all students will be indentured this year. Traditionally we lock 20-25 ASbAs down a year. We do not make that promise. Traditionally yes, all our students have been indentured by the end of the year if they do the right thing by all concerned, and stick with the programme. However with our largest ever cohort this may not be the case this year. What we do give students is the very best chance of securing an indenture upon exit from our programme. **The two year job interview** as we call it toughens them, skills them and makes them work ready from day one. They leave our programme with a head start on the normal Yr 12 leaver who wants an apprenticeship.



*Our three Stage 2
training Construction
crew hard at work.
Wade, Jack and Bill.*

School reports for Year 11 are included in this mail out. It is a check report to highlight general progress and application to school and training. A more formal report comes at the end of each semester which has mark, rank and bands with a personalised comment in normal easy to read language. We do not do formal parent teacher interviews. Instead we support an open door policy where you are welcome to make an appointment to see a teacher as needed. Teachers are also free to contact parents as needed and are encouraged to do so.

School reports for year 12 will come out after the Half Yearly examinations in week two of next term. It will be a full report. We do one check report on Yr 12 and two full. If you want to find out how they are going please give me a call and I will make inquiries for you.

After much negotiation, I am happy to report that under the TVET programme at TAFE ASbA students (us) are **not required to pay any fees** in 2010.

Mr Hunt and ex student Nick in front of our new classrooms built last year. Nick is now f/t with local well known builder David Payne



Please encourage students to stick with the programme. Nick above worked for 12 months before gaining his apprenticeship. He is testimony to determination and tenacity, and he was rewarded for his efforts. He now works for one of the biggest builders in the district in a trade he loves. Nick travelled from Wellington to gain this place.

A message from the teachers - could all students come back next term with a loose-leaf binder for the construction of their work-studies portfolio.

Have a happy and safe Easter

Peter Gaiter.

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