



PATHWAY PROGRAMMES NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2026

Welcome to students and whanau of our Pathways Programmes. I would like to firstly acknowledge the wonderful students we had last year and how well they did on the programmes.

- 84% of the students achieved NCEA Level 2
- If we take away the 6 that left during the year for employment then the results would be 92% achievement of NCEA Level 2
- 10% also achieved Level 3 NCEA
- 60% gained employment or transitioned into further education
- 23% have returned to school to complete Level 3

It was great to also see several of our students win top and diligent awards at the MIT prizegiving.

We continue to keep in touch with our students to ensure they are making positive transitions into employment or further education.

I would like to acknowledge all of the staff who taught on the programme and the SLT for all of their support. It was a crazy but fulfilling year for all.



We have had a positive start to the year with our students. It is encouraging to see them fully participating in their programmes and learning new industry skills. The focus of this term is to get the students settled into learning, developing good work ready skills and preparing them for work experience in Term 2.

Good attendance and punctuality are of high importance as we make recommendations to future employees.

We have already made several industry visits which are exposing students to the vast opportunities that are available to them in the future if they work hard.



Kiwi Properties Visit with Building Pathway



On Tuesday 3rd February Mr Silk and Mrs Matthews took the Building Pathway students to Drury to meet with Rod Cunningham, Drury Community Engagement Specialist to give students an insight into the growth and development that is taking place with the new Drury Town Centre build.

Rod outlined all the work that needs to be done to get the town center built. Between now and 2030 there will be a high demand for project builders with an estimated (2400 new jobs), carpenters (800 new jobs) and other tradespeople required.

Projects are expected to continue until 2054 and will require skilled workers.

The opportunities are there for our students and we would be thrilled to see them part of this historic project which is the biggest economic development in the history of New Zealand.

Students on the pathway are also looking into sustainable building practices, and it was great to see how Kiwi Properties were using sustainable initiatives in their development. The development that is taking place will offer many employment opportunities for our students in the future with the idea that future employees will be able to live, work and play within 20 minutes of their homes.

Students were most excited about the new Cosco that should be up and running within the next 4-5 years.





Visit to Pukekohe Racetrack

On Friday 13th February Mrs Myburgh and Mrs Matthews took our Automotive Pathways students down to the Pukekohe Racetrack.

The class were invited by Lance Hastie, Corporate Technology and PR Manger for Grit Motor Sport. The purpose of the visit was not only to watch the cool cars and drivers doing their drifting and racing for the very last time at Pukekohe but also look at the career opportunities that exist within the motorsport industry.

Lance came into the school and gave students an insight into the industry and the vast range of career opportunities.

Whilst at the racetrack students were able to get down into the pits and meet the drivers and support teams.

The students were also able to get into the truck where all the live production and broadcasting take place.

Thanks to Lance and his team for making these opportunities available to our students.





Visit to Cardinal Logistics

On Tuesday 17th February the Electrical Pathway Students took a trip to Cardinal in Drury. Cardinal Logistics is a relatively new facility in Drury. It is New Zealand's first ultra-high fully automated storage and retrieval system capable of processing pallets from arrival to storage to dispatch without human touch.

We were very grateful to Les Wooten from Interlogic Limited and Leonard Griessel, CIO, Cardinal for an inspiring tour of the facilities.

Inside the Cardinal Warehouse looks like something from a futuristic movie, but the reality is, the future is here and the opportunities for our students are incredible! We just need to expose them to these career opportunities.

The visit gave the students an insight into automation systems and electronics and how they could diversify their careers if they become a qualified electrician.





General News

Equipment

Whanau, we seek your support to ensure your son/daughter has the necessary equipment with them each day.

Students are required to have the necessary stationery as part of the course, and this can be found on the school website

[Stationery Lists - Pukekohe High School](#)

Students are required to have laptops so that they can access the online learning programmes from training organisations like MITO and BCITO etc.

Pens are also useful tools at school!

We encourage our students to be work ready and having the basic tools to do their job is important.

Uniform

Being work ready also includes wearing the appropriate uniform or PPE gear.

We have a few students who are choosing not to wear the correct uniform especially shoes and shorts.

Birkenstock sandals with no backs are not part of the uniform. We also have school shorts with the logo or long black pants, these must be worn, any other variation is not acceptable.

If the students are working on the cabin, or in tech workshops, kitchens, or automotive workshop they must wear covered shoes.

We also strongly encourage the students to wear their overalls they have been given by MIT in the automotive workshop due to the amount of grease and chemicals that are used.

Here is the link to the uniform required to be worn.

[Uniform - Pukekohe High School](#)



Franklin Career Expo is taking place on Thursday 30th April.

This is a great opportunity to meet employers, providers and industry for future training opportunities or career pathways.





INDUSTRY EXPERTS IN THE TEAM



We are thrilled to have industry experts on our pathways team.

This year Lindsay Baker – Automotive Engineer has kindly agreed to teach our automotive students the skills and knowledge they need to transition into the industry. Lindsay comes with a wealth of knowledge of the industry having trained apprentices in the past and running his own workshop. Lindsay is well connected in the community through the Lion’s club and other community initiatives.



We also welcome to the team Eric Ryda, Ryda ECT (Electrical Consulting Training). Eric comes with a wealth of expertise in the electrical industry and presently works with many training organisations in supporting trainees/apprentices into the industry. Our Electrical Pathway students are enjoying the hands on learning that they are presently doing with Eric.

Free April Holiday Courses

Skills Institute is running free school holidays courses in Nail Tech, Hairdressing, Cookery, Hospitality, IT and Pre-Police and Defence Force Preparation. If any of these interest you, drop in to the Careers Centre or register online here.

