

Hairdressing





'I gained so much confidence at WelTec.'

Piripi

 Hairdressing

 Hairdresser

Piripi started his journey with WelTec with a vocational pathways programme, where his passion was sparked after a taster in Hairdressing. Two years ago, he graduated his Hairdressing programme and found a job at a local salon.

Currently working at Vivo in Wellington, Piripi is a third year apprentice, and he loves being able to study while making money to support himself at the same time. He'll be a fully qualified hairdresser next year in March. The thing he loves most about hairdressing is the cutting because he finds it more of a mental challenge – because if you make a mistake in a cut, everyone can see it! In his opinion, colour is just easier to do.

Piripi left school early and had never thought much about a career in hairdressing. Then he started the Vocational Pathways course at WelTec where his tutor got him to do a full service blow-wave treatment on one of the girls in his class. He saw the effect it had on his friend – he had made her day. It was this pride he felt about changing someone's day by making them feel better about themselves that kept him in the hairdressing programme. He ended up doing a second year at WelTec under a Māori Pasifika Scholarship (MPTT). During this time, he made incredible connections with his tutors and the Māori Pacific support group. The Māori Pacific support group even helped him get his Learner drivers licence! The learning environment was both creative and supportive which helped him get further in the course.

WelTec's hands-on course work helped him land a job when he graduated - especially the foundations of cutting component where he worked on live models. His favorite part of the job is interacting with clients and the buzz he gets after doing a great job. In the next 5 years, he wants to take his skills around New Zealand and then come back here and help future stylists follow their dreams too. His advice for aspiring hairdressers is to ask for help when you need it. "If you need the support, just ask for it."

Follow the QR code below to read the full story.





Māori and Pasifika Trades Training

Ākongā Māori and Pacific looking to learn a trade can apply for a Māori and Pasifika Trades Training (MPTT) scholarship to cover full fees and course-related costs.

Tautoko while studying

Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship students are supported by both Te Pūkenga - Whitireia and Te Pūkenga - WelTec through the Tamaiti Whāngai team.

The Tamaiti Whāngai team will support you with mentoring, goal setting, pastoral and cultural support. You'll have the opportunity to get your drivers license, site safe, and first aid certificates. The dedicated Tamaiti Whāngai Job Brokers have close links with employers and industry and will assist you to find an apprenticeship and/or employment.

Programmes where you can get a Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship include - Automotive, Bakery, Collision Repair, Construction, Electrical Engineering, Hairdressing, Makeup and Skincare, Mechanical Engineering, Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying, Painting and Decorating, and Tiling.

Job Brokers

Our Tamaiti Whāngai Job Brokers have close with employers and have information of available jobs for MPTT ākongā.

We thank our iwi partners, Te Rūnanga o Te Āti Awa and Ngāti Toa Rangatira as well as our Pasifika partner, Mafutaga Faifeau Samoa for the support they provide to our Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship students.

Scholarship criteria

You need to meet the entry criteria for the programme you are enrolling in and be:

- of Māori or Pacific decent
- 16-40 years old at the start of your study
- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- able to meet the entry requirements for your programme

We want you to be passionate and show that you are motivated to succeed.

Get in touch

✉ twa@weltec.ac.nz



Job Brokers Tui and Tame

Kua tuwhera ā tumatanui ngā ratonga

Services open to the public

Bistro 107

Our fully supervised training restaurant has moved to Petone Campus and is open on selected dates throughout the year. Keep an eye out on our websites for the next round of bookings!

Aria Beauty Therapy

Our beauty therapy students offer an array of beauty treatments, with support from fully qualified professional therapists. Enjoy a professional spa service for a fraction of the cost today.

The salon is open every Thursday from 9:30am–2:30pm, July through to October, at two locations:

- 📍 **Te Kāhui Auaha**
65 Dixon Street, Wellington
- 📍 **Petone Campus**
O Block, Buick Street, Petone

Barbering

Sharpen up your look in our professional barbershop. Our barbering students frequently cut and shave all types of hair to build their portfolio in their pursuit to become a professional barber.

We have two locations available:

Te Auaha Barbering Academy

- 📍 Te Kāhui Auaha,
65 Dixon Street, Wellington
- 📅 Tuesday–Thursday
- 🕒 9:30am–3:30pm

The People's Barber

- 📍 Whitireia Porirua Campus,
3 Wi Neera Drive, Porirua
- 📅 Tuesday–Thursday
- 🕒 10am–3pm

Te Whare Makawe

Hair on Campus

Experience a range of different services at highly competitive prices. You'll leave looking and feeling great.

We have two locations available:

Petone Campus Salon

- 📍 O Block, Buick Street, Petone
- 📅 Thursday
- 🕒 1–7pm

Whitireia Porirua Campus Salon

- 📍 Corner of Tutuira Place and
Wi Neera Drive, Porirua
- 📅 Wednesday
- 🕒 9:45am–4:30pm

Latte Lab

Located in the Hospitality Campus at Petone, the Latte Lab gives students the chance to develop front of house and barista skills in a cafe-like environment. The Latte Lab is where we do the coffee training for our programmes and STAR tasters (Secondary Schools).




The lab opens up as a pop-up cafe at certain times of the year. Customers are able to purchase barista-made coffee and bakery items.



Book now!

Scan the QR code to book your appointment and find out more information!

New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Level 3) (Salon Support)

 Level 3
 1 year, full-time
 \$8,502 (indicative for 2025 intake)

Learn essential skills such as shampooing, applying treatments or colours under supervision, styling and reception duties. You'll also be introduced to cutting. Develop experience working as a team member in our salon. Work backstage on the World of Wearable Art Awards Show and take the opportunity to work on other productions and fashion events.

What you will learn

- Fundamentals of hairdressing and styling
- Understand the use of elementary colours, foils, highlights and lowlights
- Perform elementary blow drying and long hair styling techniques
- Gain knowledge in hair treatments and scalp massage
- Learn about safe, hygienic and professional practice
- Work on real clients in the salon and develop your reception, customer service and consultation skills
- Opportunity to work on the World of WearableArt™ Awards show, regional competitions, fashion shows and theatre production

Career options

Work as a salon assistant. Or you might continue on with training as a second-year apprentice working in industry.

- Salon assistant
- Colourist
- Fashion hair stylist

Entry requirements

Domestic

Open entry.

International IELTS

Minimum IELTS (academic) score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5, or equivalent.

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

*For fee exclusions, please see our [terms and conditions](#).

Course related costs

Equipment Kit costs: Approximately \$1000, may be less based on individual course requirements.

These course related costs are not covered under any fees free funding schemes. To apply for course related costs (as a loan) visit [studylink](#).

Ākongā who qualify for the MPTT (Māori and Pasifika Trades Training) scholarship may be able to have their course related costs covered.