

Automotive





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Vinnie



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Automotive Engineer Apprentice

As soon as Vinnie got his license, he was always out on the road. His appreciation for cars continued to grow, so when he came across the automotive programmes at WelTec, he went for it.

Vinnie qualified for a Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship (MPTT), which was not only a huge help financially, it was also a big motivator. “Knowing that I was being invested in inspired me to keep going and achieve my goals.”

The Tamaiti Whāngai (Māori support) team were indispensable – providing guidance whenever Vinnie needed it, whānau support, and even providing a basket of essential items during COVID.

Vinnie found the tutors went out of their way to make sure everyone got the help they needed. “What really stood out to me was how good they were at reading the room and helping people who were stuck.”

Vinnie's passion for cars really kicked into gear during his time at WelTec. His tutor put his name forward for an apprenticeship at Capital City Motors, and when they offered him the role, it was an easy choice.

Vinnie now works as an Automotive Engineer Apprentice in the Ford Service Department. The best part of the job is seeing the smile on a customer's face after he's repaired all the faults he's found, and they're able to get back on the road.

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

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Job Brokers Tui and Tame

New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2) – Trades Skills for Industries pathway (Manufacturing and Technology)

📖	Level 2
🕒	17 weeks, full-time
📅	07 Jul 2025 (Porirua)
💰	FREE

Sample a range of skills within the automotive and mechanical engineering industries, while gaining career, study, and employment skills at the same time. Students will get introductory skills in engines, brake systems, collision repair, metalwork and fastening systems. Learn how to safely use and maintain tools, perform calculations and choose materials to complete projects. After completing this programme, students can then go on to study their trade of choice.

What you will learn

Work on real projects to gain the skills needed to work in an entry-level position in the automotive, motor body, or engineering industries.

- Learn about Engines, Collision Repair, Metalwork, and Welding
- Learn how to safely use and maintain trade tools and equipment
- Learn how to read and interpret technical manuals and instructions
- Perform trade calculations
- Understand Health and Safety protocols
- Learn about materials, assembly, and fastening techniques

Career options

This programme provides a great start for an automotive or engineering career and is a good way to prepare for an apprenticeship. You can specialise with

further study options.

- Mechanic
- Mechanical engineer
- Welder
- Collision Repair

Entry requirements

Open entry

[Programme Handbook](#)



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