



# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Three, Week Three - Monday 5th September - Friday 9th September 2024



## PATHWAYS FACULTY

### Waitomo Cultural Camp:

During the July school holidays, five Year 13 students attended the Waitomo Cultural Camp at the Tokikapu Marae. They studied and completed Tourism Māori Unit Standards, learnt about nearby tourism attractions, the history and tikanga of the host marae – creating an authentic lens through which to understand Māori tourism and its value to the New Zealand tourism industry.

### Barista Hospitality Gateway Programme:

Level 2 Barista students recently embarked on a fantastic journey into the world of coffee. What started with a mix of nerves and excitement quickly transformed into a daily delight for staff as students served up multiple cups of expertly crafted coffee. Thanks to the invaluable guidance from Ange of The Get Group as well as Mrs Buckley, after two weeks of dedicated practice these budding baristas not only gained confidence, but also aced their final assessment. The future of our barista programme is in great hands with these talented individuals leading the charge.

In order to add value to the Barista Gateway programme, a "Get Started in the Work" Workshop was delivered by Ange from The Get Group. Students were able to achieve Unit Standards that included completing complex forms, communicating in a team or group, demonstrating knowledge of time management and being part of a formal interview.



### QRC Paihia Visit:

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Karen Wright from QRC Paihia at the College presenting to Level 2 and 3 Hospitality, Tourism and Business Students.

QRC provides excellent opportunities for students interested in business, tourism and hospitality. They are dedicated to helping students build confidence as they transition from home to studying and living on the campus. Their supportive, family-like environment fosters both personal and professional growth.

Their flagship programme guarantees a nine month, fully paid job placement anywhere in the world, including Disneyland or other five star resorts abroad. Alternatively, students can stay in New Zealand, working with Air New Zealand ground crew or at local five star resorts.

The QRC team simplifies the process by assisting with everything, including salary negotiations. This unique opportunity allows students to travel safely while gaining valuable experience. Even if students are unsure of their plans, they can join QRC and discover their path along the way.



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## PATHWAYS FACULTY TECH STEP CAREER EXPO

On Wednesday 7 August, we were fortunate enough to take the entire Year 10 cohort to Te Kūiti and the Tech Step Career Expo. The event's objective was to connect secondary students with the many future employment opportunities in the technology sector, bringing together employers, government agencies and tertiary training providers for a day full of learning. The schedule was varied and included both inspiring lectures by industry representatives and practical experiments.

Our rangatahi created electric circuits, experienced VR technology and maneuvered robots. As we left, many had had their horizons widened in terms of career possibilities.



### KING COUNTRY VOLLEYBALL

After weeks of organising teams and trainings, yesterday our teams headed off to compete. It was a great day out for our volleyballers at the annual King Country Volleyball Championships.

Teams were challenged when they came up against some high calibre teams from the other secondary schools involved, however, it did not deter out athletes from putting in their best effort.

For the juniors, it was a positive experience with many of them wanting to continue the volleyball journey whenever possible.

Congratulations to our Senior Golds team for placing third.

## KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 12th August Photolife Team Photos

Monday 19th August Year 9 Vision and Hearing Tests

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th September Secondary School Tournament Week

Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th September NCEA CAA Literacy and Numeracy Exams

Thursday 12th September - Wednesday 18th September Derived Grade Examinations

Tuesday 17th September Year 7 and Year 8 Experience Day

Friday 20th September College Ball

Wednesday 25th September Business Breakfast

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