



# NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 25 March 2022

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## Tēnā koutou kātoa,

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our first online Parent-Teacher meetings.

This was a trial with new software. Staff feedback was positive. Over the next few days, we'll seek feedback from whānau as to how you found the experience. It's likely we'll stay with this software through 2022 while deal with the uncertainty of COVID.

Otherwise, life at school continues. We have some trips (e.g. Outdoor Education) going ahead, and students are now gearing up for our winter sports season.

Nelson College has an enviable reputation for our young men/rangatahi being involved in sport, whether its high performance or social. Nelson College is the best of any school that I've worked at through New Zealand for co-curricular involvement. I'm very keen to preserve this alongside involvement in the arts, culture and leadership. I believe that co-curricular involvement, at any level, is vital for young people's development, and their physical and mental well-being.

## New Aotearoa/New Zealand Curriculum

You may have read about the development of a new history curriculum for students in years 1-10 across New Zealand schools. The final curriculum has now been officially launched by the government and will be progressively introduced by schools over the next few years. You can find out more about this curriculum at <https://aotearoahistories.education.govt.nz/content-overview>.

## COVID Self-Isolation

Like other schools and businesses across Nelson and New Zealand, we're seeing varying levels of students and staff isolating due to COVID, either because they have COVID or they're a household contact.

From what is being reported to us, I'm confident that the majority of transmission is now happening outside of school. At the end of this newsletter is information from the Ministry of Health about what to do if you have symptoms, need to isolate, or take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT).

We're trying to stay solely with face-face learning, but are watching staffing levels and our ability to cover absent staff. Currently we're OK. However, if our situation changes I will communicate home to whānau. Fingers crossed.

Ngā manaakitanga,

**R Dykes**  
**Tumuaki**

## Upcoming Events:

### MARCH

28 Mar Summer Sports Tournament  
-1 Apr Week

### APRIL

7 Sports Photos  
13 Nelson College ANZAC Service  
15-30 School Holidays

### MAY

02 Term 2 Starts

[Full Online Calendar](#)

## Introducing our Tuakana / Head Boys for 2022

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One of Nelson College's more recent traditions is to have four Head Boys within an extended Tuakana / Student Leadership Team of eight Y13 students. This means that the duties are shared within a team. It also means that younger students have a number of role models they can identify with and look up to. Our four Head Boys for 2022 are **Kotaro Takemura** (International), **Om Maisuria** (Head Boy), **Ben Lefale** (Pasifika) and **Reece Mahuika** (Māori). They're joined by Deputy Head Boys **Krugar Griffith**, **Sam Newson** and **Oliver Martin**, and Board of Trustees Student Rep, **Jack Franklin**. Congratulations lads, we look forward to your leadership and service.



## Student Achievements

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Noah Malpot has hit another top spot! He's now no.1 for the Paper Tiger South Island Championships, which took place in the Sounds over the last couple of days. Nice one Noah - looking so cool, calm and collected in the pic and the only competitor to fly a hull the whole weekend.



## Brunch Club

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Remember that Brunch Club is every say at interval at the Whare. Weetbix, milk and fruit. Everyone welcome.

If anyone in the community would like to donate fresh fruit, bread and spreads, we'd be thrilled to accept and redistribute to hungry lads! Please contact Jenn Arai on [ar@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:ar@nelsoncollege.school.nz)



## Maths Hack!

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At certain times on a digital 24-hour clock all the digits are consecutive.

You can count forwards or backwards.

For example, 1:23 or 5:43.

How many times are there like this between midnight and 7:00am?



## Updates From Recent Old Boys

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Two Old Boys are following their dreams, playing football at US universities. Adam Hillis (2015-17) is currently in NCAA Division 1 at UNC Wilmington, and is studying business administration. Hamish Pugh (2014-17) is studying at Quincy University in Illinois, and is playing football in Division 2 GLVC conference.

The NCOBA caught up with Hamish to find out what it's like, his sporting highlights here at Nelson College, and to get some advice and tips for any students thinking of playing sports overseas when they leave College. Hamish and Adam have both gone through recruitment agency Wagner and Woolf to get into their current universities, and Hamish recommends this as a great way to get into Division 1. Check out their website: [www.wagnerandwoolf.com](http://www.wagnerandwoolf.com)

### Q & A with Hamish Pugh:

**What University are you at, and what is your sport/team/ position?** Quincy University in Illinois, I play soccer (Football) in the Division 2 GLVC conference as a Centre Back.

**What are you enjoying most about Quincy?** I'm enjoying both aspects of being a student and an athlete, good academics were important to me, and I made sure to find a school that catered to my criteria. Which Quincy University does well with balancing both those aspects.

**Do you have any advice for boys who are thinking of going overseas to play sport?** The best thing you can do is start looking early and reaching out to people to understand how the system works over here in the states. Agencies are always a great way to get the best school that fits your criteria, but you can always give it a shot yourself.

**What did you love about Nelson College?** For me, I enjoyed how together the whole school was, I almost knew everyone and was able to make some good friends who I still speak to today.

**What were your sporting highlights at Nelson College, and since leaving?** Playing for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI football side was probably the best achievement I had sports wise, before I left to play for Suburbs Mainland side and now D2 in America.

**How did Wagner and Woolf help you to get where you are now?** They didn't help me during the initial stages of getting to America. But I am using them to help me hopefully go D1 for my graduate school.

**Is it an easy application process?** It's certainly not super hard but you do have to be persistent and dedicated to where you want to go and what fits your criteria. Along with that making sure you get all the required paperwork does take some time to get your visa in check and all the NCAA form requirements.

**Where do you see yourself in another five years?** I'm hoping to be completely done with my masters and to be back in NZ where I can gain some experience in Landscape Architecture before starting my own business.

**Any other advice or tips for current students at NC?** Always give your all when it comes to following goals and dreams, as you'll never know what may happen. Networking is also a powerful tool that may get you into places you would have never known about.



## Sports Office Snippets

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- Congratulations to our Senior A & B Volleyball teams who have both competed in the NVL League and their results have guaranteed both teams automatic entry to this league in 2023
- Winter sport registrations are under way. If your son has not yet registered for Rugby, Basketball or Hockey please contact the sports office now [se@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:se@nelsoncollege.school.nz)
- Basketball – Y9 muster/trials are on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm in the gym. No spectators permitted. Y10 trial date will be set very soon. Keep watching the notices.
- Basketball – senior social teams should be signed up. Get your forms into Alethea asap

### RUGBY

Check out the first Rigby e-News for the year: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/cms/news/enewsletter/8564?isNew=true>

## House Sports

We had two comps last week - Chess and Touch. Chess went to Kahurangi Juniors and Domett Seniors - nice moves, lads! And Touch went to Monro Juniors and Chaytor Seniors.

The big jump in the overall table is Robinson rising from 5th to 3rd. Domett hold on to the no.1 spot with Chaytor pushing them hard. Kahurangi and Boarders are both bidding their time in the middle. C' mon Monro – the only way is up! Exciting stuff!



## Kia Ora from the Careers Hub

The University Liaison seminars are in full swing at the moment. I highly recommend students attend these to find out what each university can offer in terms of courses, social life, pastoral care, scholarships etc.

### UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS:

mon	tue	Wed	thu	fri
	<i>study at Vic</i>	<b>30 March</b> <b>Victoria Uni</b> <b>Liaison Vist</b> <b>1.30pm online</b> (link will be emailed out by Monday am) <i>Introduction to study at Vic</i>	<b>31 March</b> <b>ARA Polytech</b> <b>Liaison Vist</b> <b>1.30pm online</b> (link will be emailed out by Monday am) <i>Introduction to study at ARA – degrees &amp; diplomas</i>	
	<b>5 April</b> <b>University of Auckland</b> <b>Liaison Vist</b> <b>1.30pm online</b> (link will be emailed out by Monday am) <i>Introduction to study at UoA</i>			

### UNIVERSITY, NMIT, ARA & Further Study students:

#### ➤ THINGS TO BE DOING:

- Check your @nc email address regularly for events – these all will be online in while school is doing online learning
- Attend the University Liaison visits this term to see what is on offer

## VOCATIONAL students:

### ➤ THINGS TO BE DOING:

- Working towards gaining your Drivers Licence
- Writing a CV
- Thinking about work experience you might like to explore

Work experience opportunities are so valuable for our boys so if you have any contacts that may be able to help with this we would love to hear from you!

Please click on this link if you think you may be able to help.

<https://forms.office.com/r/y6npitNbGx>

Ngā mihi,

Vikki & Chris

## Prep Update

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Our Prep students had a fascinating visit to the Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū this week to see the exhibition 'Rare and Unrivalled Beauty' Landscape Paintings. The boys discussed the art works on display before using techniques observed to make their own artwork showing local landscapes.



This follows on from the previous week, when they were creating their own illustrations for the book, 'The Adventures of Tupaia'.



## Library Resources

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If you are working from home, our Librarians are available by email during working hours to help Nelson College Students and Staff find quality resources for research topics, or a good eBook to read! We can be reached at [library@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:library@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

Check out [Nelson Library Catalogue](#) for instructions on how to access the ePlatform (form audiobooks and eBooks) and plenty of useful links to help with research.



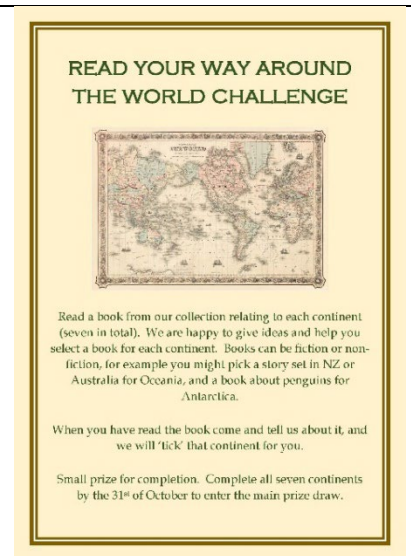
## Read Your Way Around the World

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Seeing as it's a bit tricky travelling the world right now, our canny librarians have come up with an alternative: Read Your Way Around the World. Students can read a book from our library that relates in some way to each of the continents, so that's seven books in total. Books can be fiction or non-fiction. The librarians are happy to give ideas and help select suitable books. The challenge caters to all reading levels and is open to all students and staff.

Students have until the 31st of October to complete the challenge to go into the prize draw.

Now's the time to pick up a book and start your travels!



## Student Absences or Late Guidelines

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### Absence

If your son is going to be absent, please notify the College by either one of the following procedures:

Completing the [Online Absence Form](#)

Email: [attendance@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:attendance@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

Phone: 03 548 3099 Ext 851 (*Please leave a clear message with the student's full name, year level and the reason for absence*).

### Late

Punctuality is important and the school day commences at 8.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at 9.05am on Thursday.

**Explained:** If your son is late to school and it is explained due to a Doctor/Dental appointment or similar, a note or explanation call/email must be received. He will need to sign in at the attendance office on his arrival at school.

**Unexplained:** If your son is just running late and arrives late to a timetabled period he needs to go straight to that class, and his teacher will deal with the lateness as appropriate.

### Unwell or injured during the school day

He must go to reception where we will assess him as to whether he needs to go home. Parent/caregiver will be contacted to come and collect him.

It is important the student does not leave the school without signing out at reception.

### Leaving school during the day

If your son needs to leave school during the day, a note, email or phone call that explains the circumstances and is signed by the parent/caregiver is required. This is taken to the Attendance Office and a Pink Slip given to the student as proof of permission granted. (Parents/Caregivers are sometimes called to confirm notes).

### Leave for non-School related Activities:

Request for leave that is non-school related, during the school year, **must be addressed to your son's year level dean at least two weeks prior to the start of leave**. Please give the dates of absence from school and the purpose of the leave.

Full details and contacts can be found on the college website:

[Attendance Guidelines | Nelson College](#)

## NCEA Information

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All Year 11 students will be given an NZQA brochure "A guide for students/ākonga, caregiver & Whānau 2022". Extra copies for other senior year levels will be available outside the student office. This information is available on the [parent portal](#) "About NCEA" along with the NCEA 2022 Examination Timetable.

To see your son's NCEA entries log into the parent portal and click on Results, Current Year Entries/Results. If you have any queries regarding your son's entries contact your son's subject teacher or his dean.

Queries regarding any of the above please contact either:  
Principal's Nominee Leonor White [lw@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:lw@nelsoncollege.school.nz)  
Or Sandra Cahill [sc@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:sc@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

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The Uniform Shop is open again!  
Tuesday 1:30 - 2:15pm  
Thursday 1:30 - 4:00pm

All stock is also available in our Online Shop  
<https://shop.nelsoncollege.school.nz/>



## General School Information

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### Student Contact Information

If you have moved recently or have any new contact details like phone numbers for email address, please check into the [Parent Portal](#) and update your details or email [jn@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:jn@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

### Student Achievement

The College aims to acknowledge all outstanding student achievement. Please contact the Leadership Team, on [excellence@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:excellence@nelsoncollege.school.nz) with any information on your son's successes.

### Lost Property

Please ensure your son's property is named, so that found items can be returned promptly. For enquiries about Lost Property please contact the College Office on 03 5483099.

**All general school information for caregiver can be found on the college website.**

[General Student Information | Nelson College](#)

This covers: Absence, Buses, Policies & Procedures, stationery and much more

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm (Term time only)

Phone: (03) 548 3099

Email: [excellence@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:excellence@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

Visit us on the web at <https://nelson.school.nz/>

## All Things Finance

Statements for the Day School are being emailed, and in some cases posted every fortnight to keep you up to date with your son's charges. You can also sign-on through the [parent portal](#) to track your account.

When making payments via direct credit, please quote your son's name, Student ID number and / or what you are paying. If you are making payment for multiple charges, please email Jo to advise what the payment is for. This is most helpful in ensuring the payment is allocated to the correct charges. Email [si@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:si@nelsoncollege.school.nz)



The Nelson College bank account number is stated on all statements sent out.

**Nelson College**

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For Boarding and Prep account queries, please email Sharon on: [sd@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:sd@nelsoncollege.school.nz)

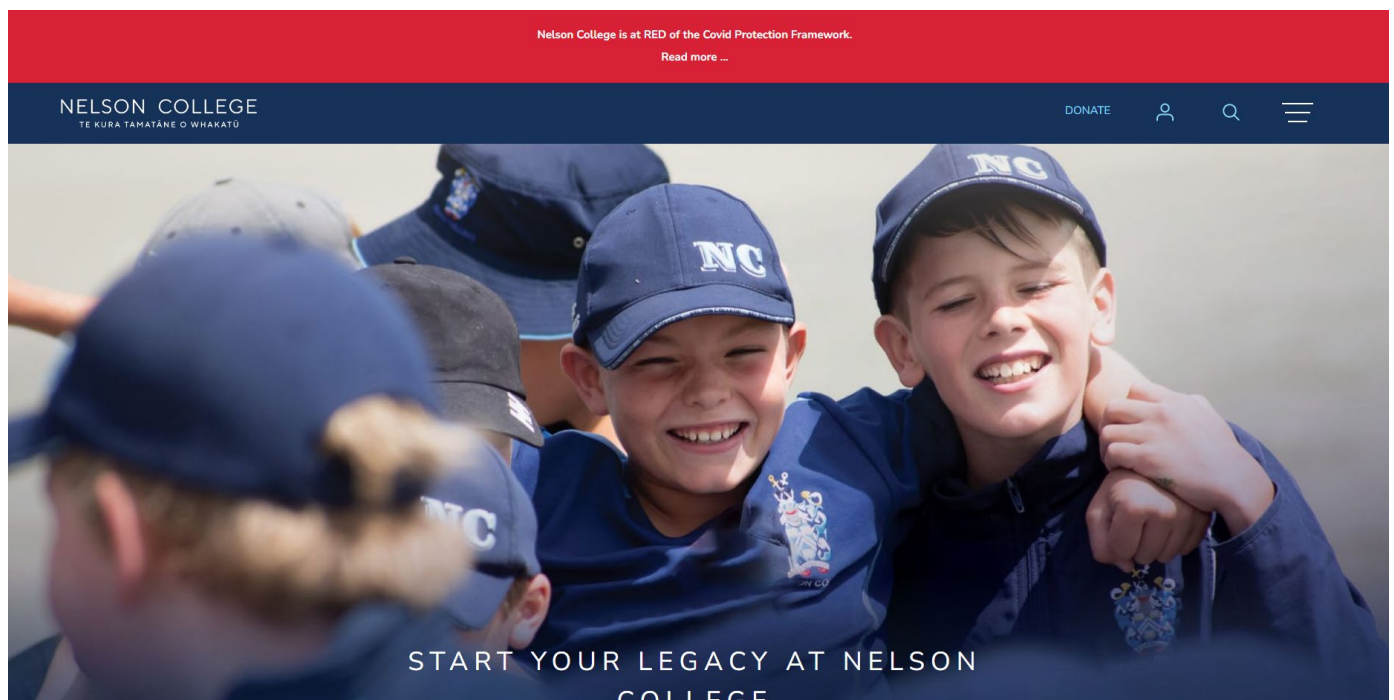
Setting up an automatic payment can help ease the financial pressure; please organise this with your bank. We also have Eftpos and PayWave facilities. We hold very little volumes of cash and therefore if paying by cash, the correct money would be appreciated.

Thank you for your support and please feel free to make contact with Sharon and Jo anytime. The Finance Office is open between 8am and 4pm daily.

## NEW WEBSITE

Please use our new website. [www.nelson.school.nz](http://www.nelson.school.nz)

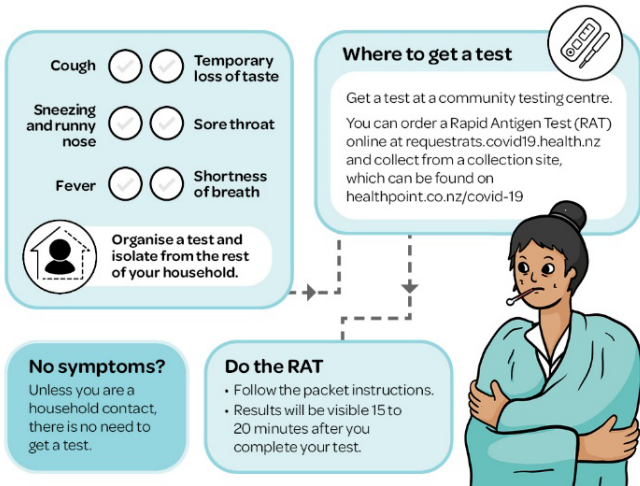
To direct you to the absences, parent portal, Microsoft 365, Calendar, Daily Notices, Library etc click on





## Got any symptoms?

[Covid19.govt.nz/positive](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/positive)

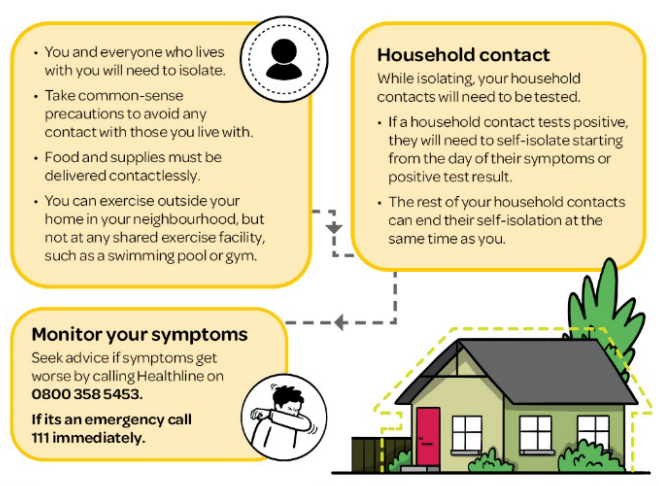


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## How to self-isolate

[Covid19.govt.nz/positive](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/positive)

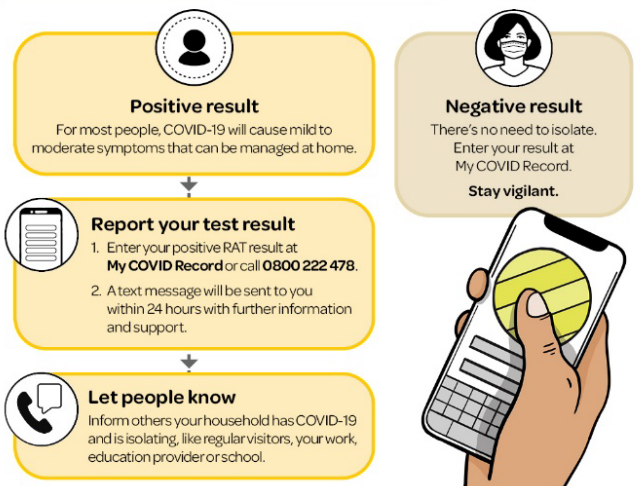


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## Test results

[Covid19.govt.nz/positive](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/positive)



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**Maths Hack Answer:**

There are 10 times like this between midnight and 7:00am

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# The coolest job in the world



Will Harley, manager of the Pepin Island sheep station. Photo: Barbara Stuart.

Barbara Stuart

At 19, Will Harley has already secured the 'coolest job in the world'.

Bought up on a lifestyle block near Nelson he enjoys hunting, fishing, riding horses and the out doors lifestyle. It was the school Gateway programme, one day a week out of the classroom for real

work experience, that was to give him the direction he was looking for.

He was introduced to farming at Wantwood-Castledown property of Claire Parkes and the people he met there gave him an experience he describes as "very cool." He credits mentors Tom Curnow and Tim Berry, among a number of people he met subsequently,

who took the time to explain and show him skills of day to day stockmanship, drenching and wool handling, etc.

While still at school he had a part-time job with Farmlands and was offered a couple of days a week on the Parkes Farm.

"Finally, I found a full time farming job at Bluff Station, along the Kaikoura coast," he chuckled. "I

reckon I got the job because I was a bit cheeky. I rang and said I was passing and asked if I could call in. I left that meeting with the job," said Will, with a huge smile. "I loved the Kaikoura area. Mustering on horseback with my dogs, it was an awesome experience."

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Will has enrolled with the Primary Industry Training Organisation (Primary ITO) to gain certification in the Sheep & Beef level Four qualification.

Will says he is also doing the Beef+Lamb business training course, which really interests him, through the Generation Next Programme.

"I'm learning industry recording procedures, it helps me to be thorough and do a good job."

He has learned to use an app to record the drenching history of animals, with-holding days and it also tells him how much drench they have in stock.

When I learned from a friend that Pepin Island were looking for a worker. I rang Andrew Newton the farm director and I've been there for almost two years now.

During that time Pepin Island has been through a sale



Local Primary ITO Training Advisor, April Mainland. Photo: Barbara Stuart.

and the property has new owners.

Working on Pepin Island with the Newtons has been amazing, Will says. "Andrew and the new owners have encouraged me to take on responsibility and I am now the resident farm manager."

Andrew has shifted off the island and is retained in a part-time capacity, directing operations. "Overall I am

ally grateful for the opportunities I've been given and feel very thankful and loyal to the island team for their faith in me."

April Mainland, local Training Advisor for the Primary ITO programme, says Will showed enormous potential from the start.

"I was busy recruiting the necessary twelve students to run a sheep and beef course.

He had to be patient while we got a cohort together for training and he even brought a friend to join in."

April recommends the Primary ITO course to young people looking for a career in the rural sector. There are a number of different modules and industry types where they can get training while working in meat and fibre, dairy and horticulture industries, to progress their future careers.

April completed her level 4 course through the programme herself some years ago which led to her current position as a training advisor for young people starting out. She said that keen, energetic young people who prefer the hands-on training in the Primary ITO system find our programme and support helps as they launch into meaningful work.

For further info contact April on [april.mainland@primaryito.ac.nz](mailto:april.mainland@primaryito.ac.nz) or 027 446 6268