

# CAREERS & TRANSITIONS

Southland Girls' High School



## GATEWAY

We have a number of students enrolled in Gateway this year. Gateway sees students work with employers in a field or industry they are interested in, gain work experience and in most instances gain NCEA credits.

We have students in a variety of industries including - Primary Industries, Beauty Therapy, Aviation, Equine, Retail Ready and Early Childcare.



## HANNAH MILLER

Recently we welcomed back ex-SGHS student Hannah Miller. A track athlete, Hannah received athletics scholarships in the United States, enabling her to chase her dreams to study and race internationally. She met with students to share her insights into why she chose to study in the US, how she found the motivation to stay so focused and how the definition of success changed for her while studying far from home in the time of Covid.

Inspiring, hard-working and dedicated don't even come close to describing Hannah. With her BA's in Political Science & International Relations and Journalism, as well as a Masters Degree in Public Policy, Hannah is now back in NZ embarking on a new chapter in her life and pursuing a place in the NZ Commonwealth Games team.

## DEFENCE FORCE

We received a visit from Jasmine Bent & Mikaela Jamieson from NZDF to highlight the huge range of opportunities for students within the Defence Force. Jasmine has 22 years' experience within the Navy, originally training as a Electronics Technician. She shared with us her experiences in travelling the world, making lifelong connections and testing her endurance & character in some challenging environments. Mikaela, a local Southlander, trained as a Medic and she shared her story and reasons for wanting to join. NZDF offers many benefits to a lifelong career where you get to travel and gain qualifications.



## STAR COURSES

STAR Funding (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource) allows us to support students to explore career pathways and help them make informed decisions about future work or study.

SIT offer a number of achievement and unit standard courses to support students career pathways. The courses run through Terms 1 – 3 and there is great selection on offer including Carpentry, Automotive, Music, Design, Architecture, Digital/Game Design to name a few.

For those students keen to try out University level papers, we can support them into a variety of Level 1 papers via correspondence at Waikato & Canterbury Universities.



## LIAISON VISITS

Term 1 saw the visits from University & Polytechnic Liaison Officers predominately held via Zoom, with Carly from Otago Polytechnic popping in to meet with some of our Year 13 cohort. These visits are really helpful for those students who are unsure what the future holds beyond school for them, and a good opportunity to start those conversations among their whanau and peers.

## MURIHIKU TRADES ACADEMY

Our relationship with SIT is one that we are very proud of, and this is further strengthened by our students who enroll into the Murihiku Trades Academy. These are facilitated by the SIT tutors who work through a three-term programme with our rangatahi across a number of diverse courses. A great stepping stone into the certificate, diploma or Bachelor level programmes offered by SIT for full-time students. We currently have students enrolled in Salon Skills, Health & Support, Animal Care, Design, Building, Group Fitness and Uniformed Services.

## DRIVE MY LIFE – TARAIWA MATAROA

Southern Reap is a community-based mentoring School that has partnered with Drive Tech to mentor our rangatahi to obtain their driver licence. They will use local volunteer mentors as well as a number of resources and kits provided by NZTA Waka Kotahi and ACC. The programme is designed to ensure safer young drivers on our roads and has been successfully implemented by NZ Police. SGHS are proud to be working with Southern Reap to bring this to our students.