

2022 Work Experience Report to the Board

Work Experience

We currently have 22 students completing work experience across 18 placements. There had been hesitancy for some time from some providers in relation to covid but in the last Term there appears to have been a shift with more placement options opening up. Students return to class recounting positive interactions and experiences whilst at Work Experience.

Community Work Experience

This generally involved volunteer work with Meals on Wheels however our placements were filled when we were unable to continue during covid. I will follow up if spots are available for 2023.

Community Leadership/ Tuakana Teina

Whilst this is not work experience as such it arose from a request from a Student Leader who wished to spend time with another class in a Tuakana /Teina role. This has worked well with the student requesting its continuation one day per week in a voluntary experiential capacity after they leave school which has been actioned.

Good News Stories:

We have a student who has a special interest in John Deere Tractors so much so that he wore a green suit with John Deere accessories and travelled to the School Ball in a John Deere Tractor. He has recently gained work experience at Southland Farm Machinery which specializes in John Deere Tractors. The student arrived at his first work experience with new sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing and his polo shirt with a John Deere logo and his name embroidered. Suffice to say the student was excited and had a great first day.

Another student recently started work experience at Global Bite Café and commented that she was pleased that the Manager was of the same culture. The student attended her interview in cultural clothing as part of the Diwali celebrations which her new Manager complimented her on.

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