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Extra “free fee” places now available for youth tertiary study

Hokitika youth now have more opportunities to access free fees at Tai Poutini Polytechnic and students of all ages can travel free to the Greymouth campus.

Due to demand TPP is offering additional places on the Government’s free fee scheme for youth wanting to begin studying mid-year. 16 and 17 year olds who meet the Youth Guarantee Scheme eligibility criteria do not have to pay fees for specific TPP programmes in Greymouth and Westport.

Places are limited to six programmes : Hair, Beauty and Grooming and Pre Health Science in Greymouth, Engineering (Fitting and Turning) in Westport, and Hospitality, Business Administration and Computing in Greymouth and Westport.

TPP’s West Coast Coordinator Marja Kneepkens says TPP has opened up more places on the scheme.

“TPP wants to remove barriers for young people accessing tertiary education on the West Coast so have provided extra places on the scheme. Not only does the Youth Guarantee Scheme pay programme fees it also provides travel assistance, but because you can only apply when you are 16 or 17 I would recommend prospective students acted fast to see if they are eligible,” she says.

Hokitika students are now also able to use a free bus which provides transport between Hokitika and TPP’s Greymouth campus Monday to Friday. Students who live at least 60km from Greymouth can also apply for TPP’s new Accommodation

Scholarship which gives students staying in TPP accommodation in Greymouth \$75 a week towards their accommodation costs.

TPP has 13 mid-year programmes starting in July in areas including Hair, Beauty and Grooming, Civil Construction, Quarrying and Mining, Culinary Arts, Hospitality, Pre Health and Science, Business, Computing and Engineering. Four short courses are also starting including Flexi-computing, Driver Education and the Certificate in HR Management.

To find out if you are eligible for the Youth Guarantee Scheme, to apply for the Accommodation Scholarship, or get more information about programmes contact Tai Poutini Polytechnic free phone 0800 800 411, text 027 467 5574, e-mail info@tpp.ac.nz or visit www.tpp.ac.nz

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