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TPP Enrolments Up

It's all go at Tai Poutini Polytechnic with the new intake of 2014 students starting last week. Over 150 students descended on Greymouth campus for a Powhiri and BBQ lunch in the Atrium on Monday 10 February. Further orientation events and activities will continue to familiarise new students with the strong TPP community.

The atmosphere around campus is positive as West Coast enrolment numbers are up when compared to this time last year – with noticeable increases in several programmes.

The Certificate in Automotive Trades has had their highest number of enrolments in seven years. The programme involves a good mix of theory and practical and in turn prepares students for an apprenticeship in the automotive industry. Head of Department, Warren Smith, says "It's a reflection on the great job our tutors are doing, and the support we receive from the automotive industry who take our students on at the conclusion of the programme".

TPP's ever popular Outdoor Education programmes have also drawn in their highest number of enrolments in five years. The West Coast offers the perfect setting for these students and this year they have hit the ground running, literally, running the Point Elizabeth walkway, testing their fitness levels. The Outdoor programmes are highly practical and students make the most of the West Coast's incredible wilderness areas. Outdoor Programme Leader, Paula Roberts, says "the students are excited to get out and explore what the West Coast wilderness has to offer while studying in its backyard.

It's not too late to apply to study at TPP with a few remaining programmes starting in upcoming weeks. The new 2 year Diploma in Professional Culinary Arts, based at Greymouth, starts on 24 February 2014. There is a 50% fee discount available for those students who apply – a great incentive to kick-start a career in the industry.

There are also places available on the Certificate in Engineering (Fitting and Turning) programme, based at TPP's Westport campus, which starts on 31 March 2014. The Westport campus has also had a significant increase in enrolments this year with new programmes being introduced.

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