

SHORT AWARD IN RAFT GUIDING



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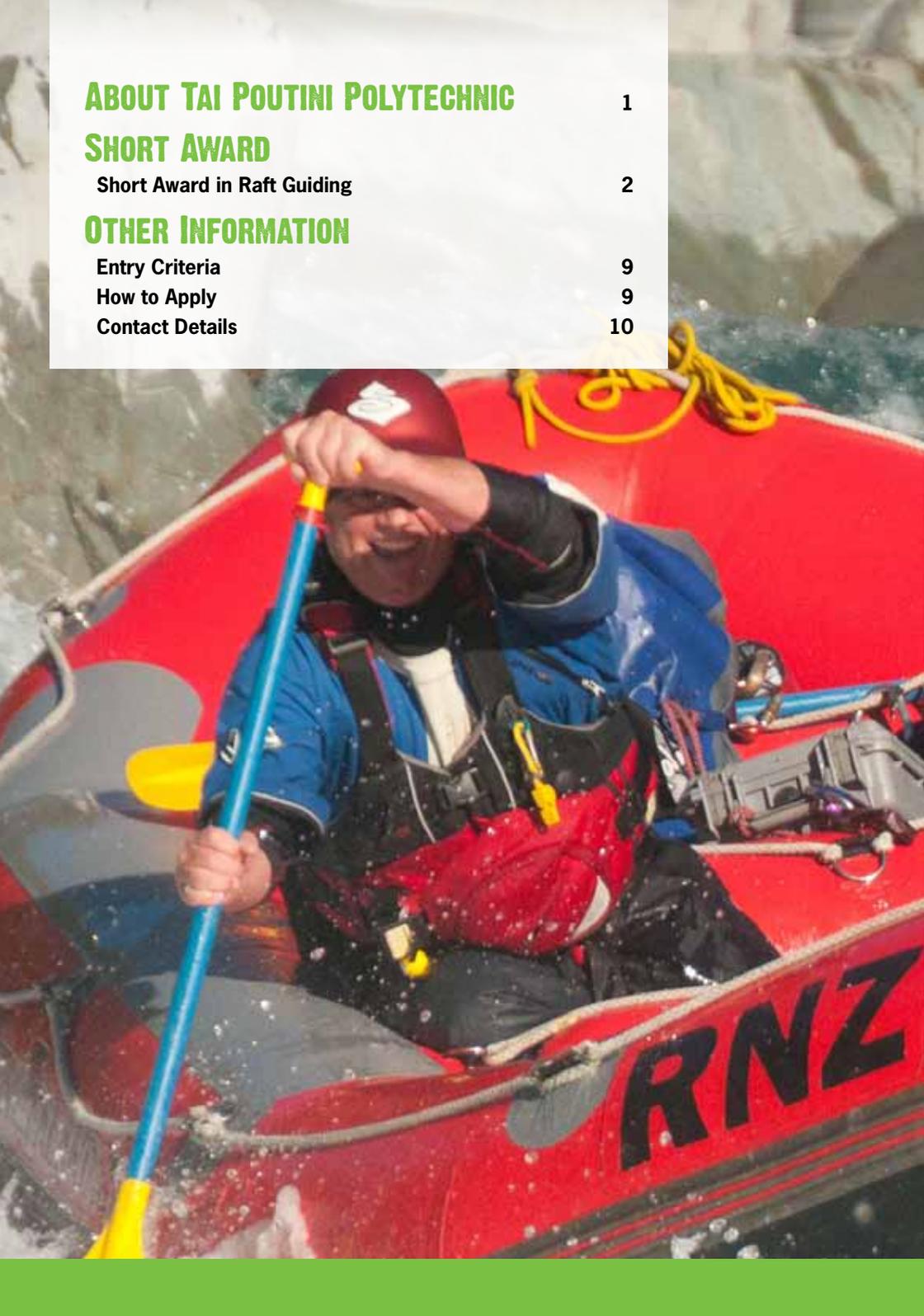
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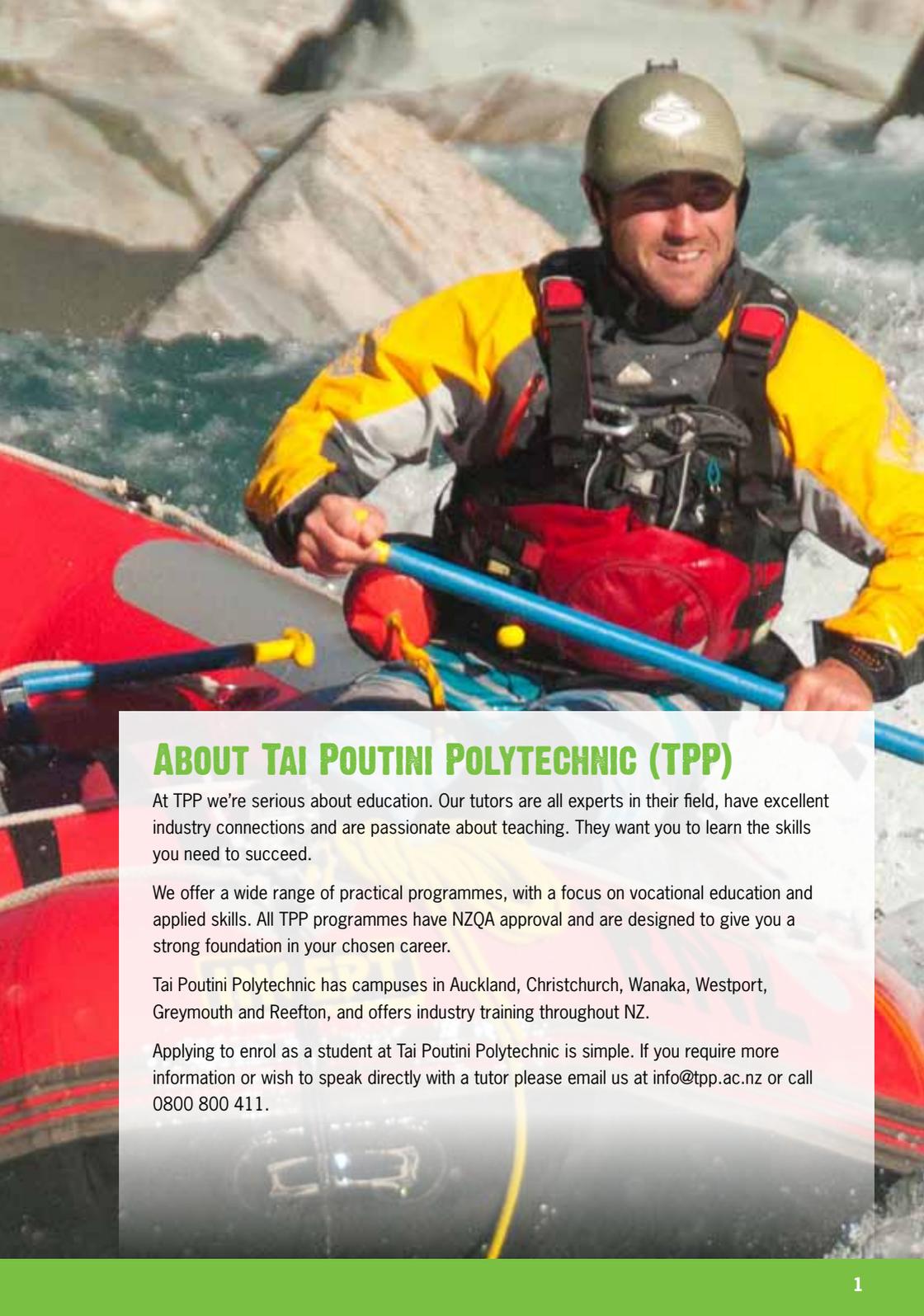
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ABOUT TAI POUTINI POLYTECHNIC (TPP)

At TPP we're serious about education. Our tutors are all experts in their field, have excellent industry connections and are passionate about teaching. They want you to learn the skills you need to succeed.

We offer a wide range of practical programmes, with a focus on vocational education and applied skills. All TPP programmes have NZQA approval and are designed to give you a strong foundation in your chosen career.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic has campuses in Auckland, Christchurch, Wanaka, Westport, Greymouth and Reefton, and offers industry training throughout NZ.

Applying to enrol as a student at Tai Poutini Polytechnic is simple. If you require more information or wish to speak directly with a tutor please email us at info@tpp.ac.nz or call 0800 800 411.



SHORT AWARD IN RAFT GUIDING

Level	4
Credit Value	30
Award	Tai Poutini Polytechnic Short Award
Location	West Coast/Buller and the Ragitata River
Method of Study	Full Time, 4 Weeks + 1 Week Work Based Training
Start Date	3 November 2014
Domestic Total Cost	\$2,782 (2014 cost)
International Total Cost	\$5,023 (2014 cost)
Contact	Phil Johnston-Coates

WANT TO BE A RAFT GUIDE?

Few jobs are as rewarding as guiding a raft down an exhilarating whitewater river. To get your line right, you need proper training and experience. Kick start your career or improve your skills with professional training on the West Coast.

This short award includes:

- 4 weeks intensive rescue and guide training
- 1 week as a trainee guide at a commercial raft company*
- National Grade 2 or 3 Raft Guide Assessment and qualification**
- New Zealand Raft Rescue Workshop Certificate
- World class, senior guide instructors
- Exposure to a variety of South Island rivers (up to grade 5)
- Opportunity to learn using “real” clients

* subject to meeting professional behaviour criteria

** conditional on meeting skill requirements

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

The aim of this short award is to develop each student’s skills and knowledge towards those required by current industry awards.

The consolidation of technical skills in raft guiding and rescue techniques is given priority, along with understanding the principles of client management and the structure and culture of the rafting industry.

All students who successfully complete the course and meet the professional and attitudinal course requirements should have developed the skills and knowledge to work as a competent trainee raft guide. They will have developed at least the following specific skills and knowledge:

- The capacity to perform the functions required of a trainee guide in the rafting industry and the ability to accept responsibility for the safe conduct of activities and the elementary maintenance of equipment.
- Knowledge of the structure and legal requirements of the New Zealand Rafting Industry
- A clear understanding of the professional ethics, attitudes and values which are required in the provision of white water rafting experiences for clients.

STRUCTURE AND LIKELY LOCATIONS

Week	Structure	Location
Week 1	Personal guiding skills and industry awareness	West Coast and/or Buller
Week 2	Personal guiding skills, and river rescue	West Coast and/or Buller
Week 3	Client days, skill consolidations and assessments - long week; incl Sat and Sun	Rangitata River and West Coast
Week 4	NZRA Rescue Workshop - short week; Wed - Fri	Murchison
Week 5	Work based training - completed with a commercial rafting company* dates to be arranged during course	

* Participation in this week depends on the student meeting the professional behaviour criteria of the course.

CLASS SIZE

There are 12 places available on the short award (ratios are approximately 1:4 for guiding skills and 1:6 for rescue training). This enables us to have enough students to run rescue scenarios, and to still be able to focus on each student as an individual.

YOUR TUTORS

Your tutors are all NZRA Rafting Assessors, Class 4/5 Senior Guides, have extensive worldwide Rafting Industry experience, and are experienced River Rescue and Raft Guiding Instructors. The 5th week of the course will involve a trainee placement at a commercial rafting company, working alongside that company's staff.

STAFF PROFILE

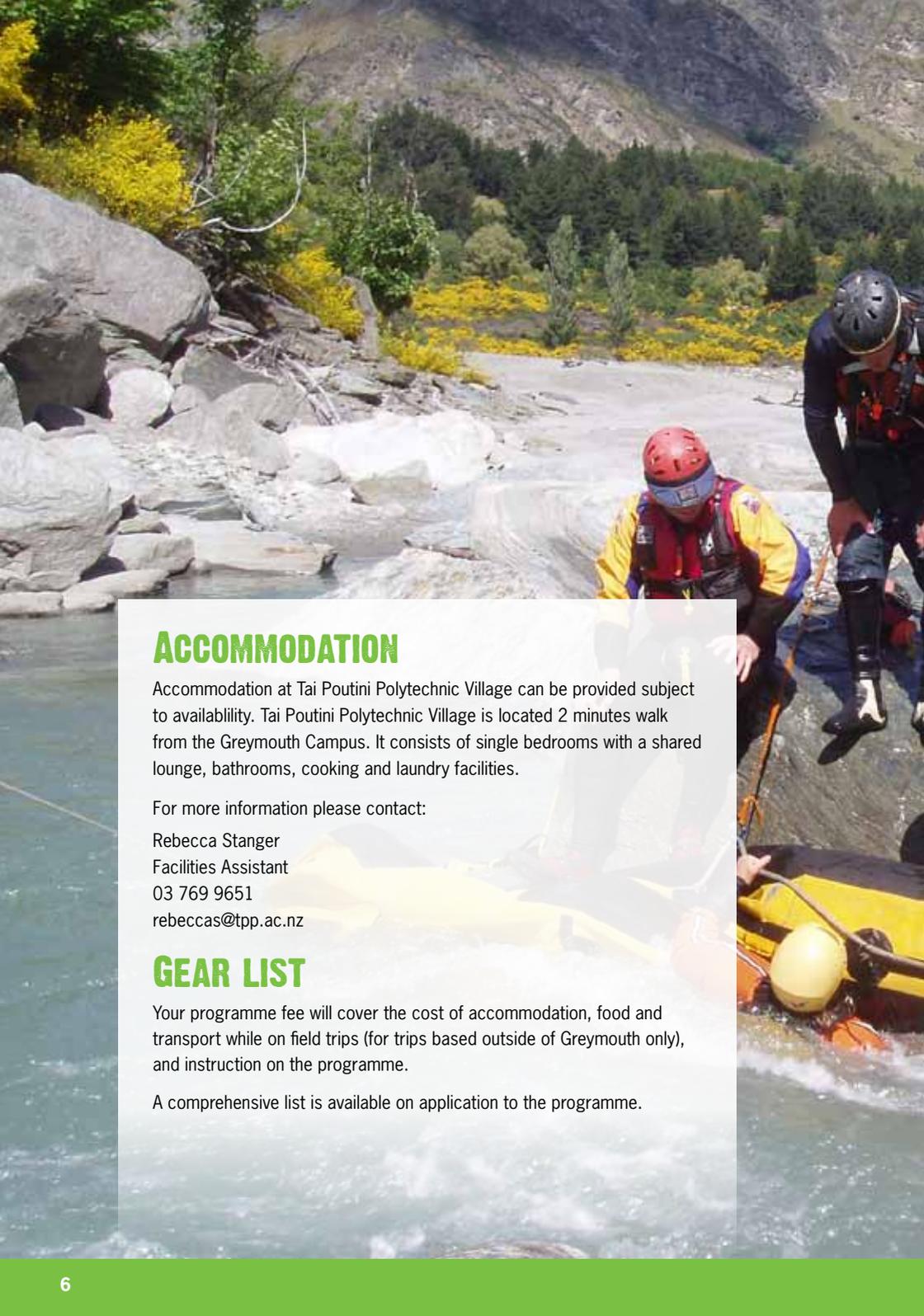
Philip Johnston-Coates

Phil is 'larger than life', dramatic in the classroom, devil's advocate, not afraid to approach an issue from a different angle or challenge the norm. If anyone's making a racket round the Polytechnic, disrupting the CE in his quiet office, it's likely to be Phil with a troop of students in fancy dress. His background as a raft guide, ski patroller, business consultant, and Outward Bound instructor shape his experiential approach to teaching and learning. Phil believes "it's about empowering students to set their own expectations and celebrating achievement; they will always rise to the occasion if you let them."



Phil Johnston-Coates - Tutor





ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation at Tai Poutini Polytechnic Village can be provided subject to availability. Tai Poutini Polytechnic Village is located 2 minutes walk from the Greymouth Campus. It consists of single bedrooms with a shared lounge, bathrooms, cooking and laundry facilities.

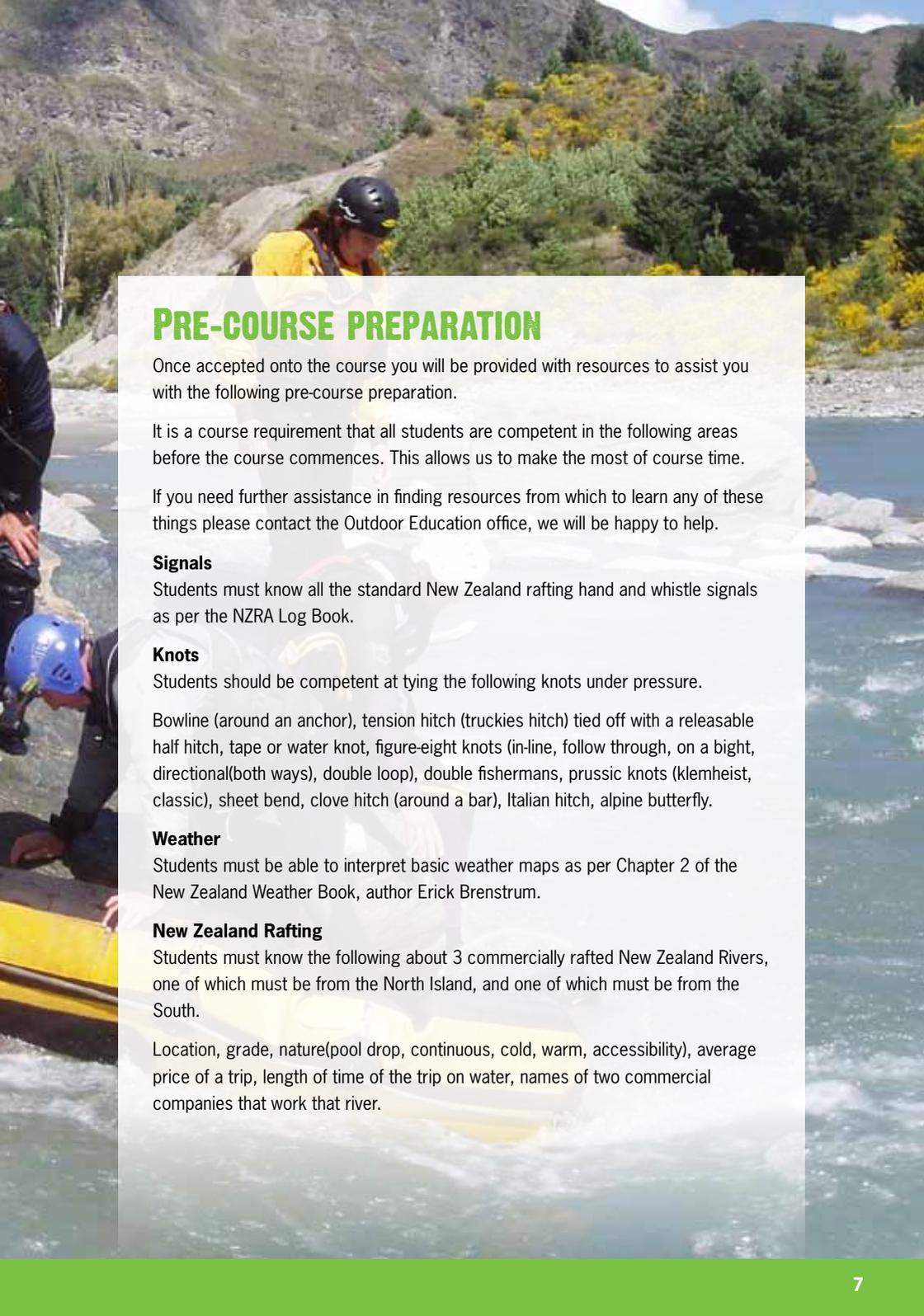
For more information please contact:

Rebecca Stanger
Facilities Assistant
03 769 9651
rebeccas@tpp.ac.nz

GEAR LIST

Your programme fee will cover the cost of accommodation, food and transport while on field trips (for trips based outside of Greymouth only), and instruction on the programme.

A comprehensive list is available on application to the programme.

A person wearing a yellow jacket and a black helmet is standing on a rocky riverbank. The background shows a river with white water rapids, surrounded by green trees and yellow flowers on a hillside. The sky is blue with some clouds.

PRE-COURSE PREPARATION

Once accepted onto the course you will be provided with resources to assist you with the following pre-course preparation.

It is a course requirement that all students are competent in the following areas before the course commences. This allows us to make the most of course time.

If you need further assistance in finding resources from which to learn any of these things please contact the Outdoor Education office, we will be happy to help.

Signals

Students must know all the standard New Zealand rafting hand and whistle signals as per the NZRA Log Book.

Knots

Students should be competent at tying the following knots under pressure.

Bowline (around an anchor), tension hitch (truckies hitch) tied off with a releasable half hitch, tape or water knot, figure-eight knots (in-line, follow through, on a bight, directional(both ways), double loop), double fishermans, prussic knots (klemheist, classic), sheet bend, clove hitch (around a bar), Italian hitch, alpine butterfly.

Weather

Students must be able to interpret basic weather maps as per Chapter 2 of the New Zealand Weather Book, author Erick Brenstrum.

New Zealand Rafting

Students must know the following about 3 commercially rafted New Zealand Rivers, one of which must be from the North Island, and one of which must be from the South.

Location, grade, nature(pool drop, continuous, cold, warm, accessibility), average price of a trip, length of time of the trip on water, names of two commercial companies that work that river.

PROGRAMME FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

This short award requires a base level of fitness that will allow full and unhindered participation.

Soon after the programme starts, you will be tested through a number of tasks to evaluate your fitness. If your fitness is not adequate, you may be withdrawn from the programme.

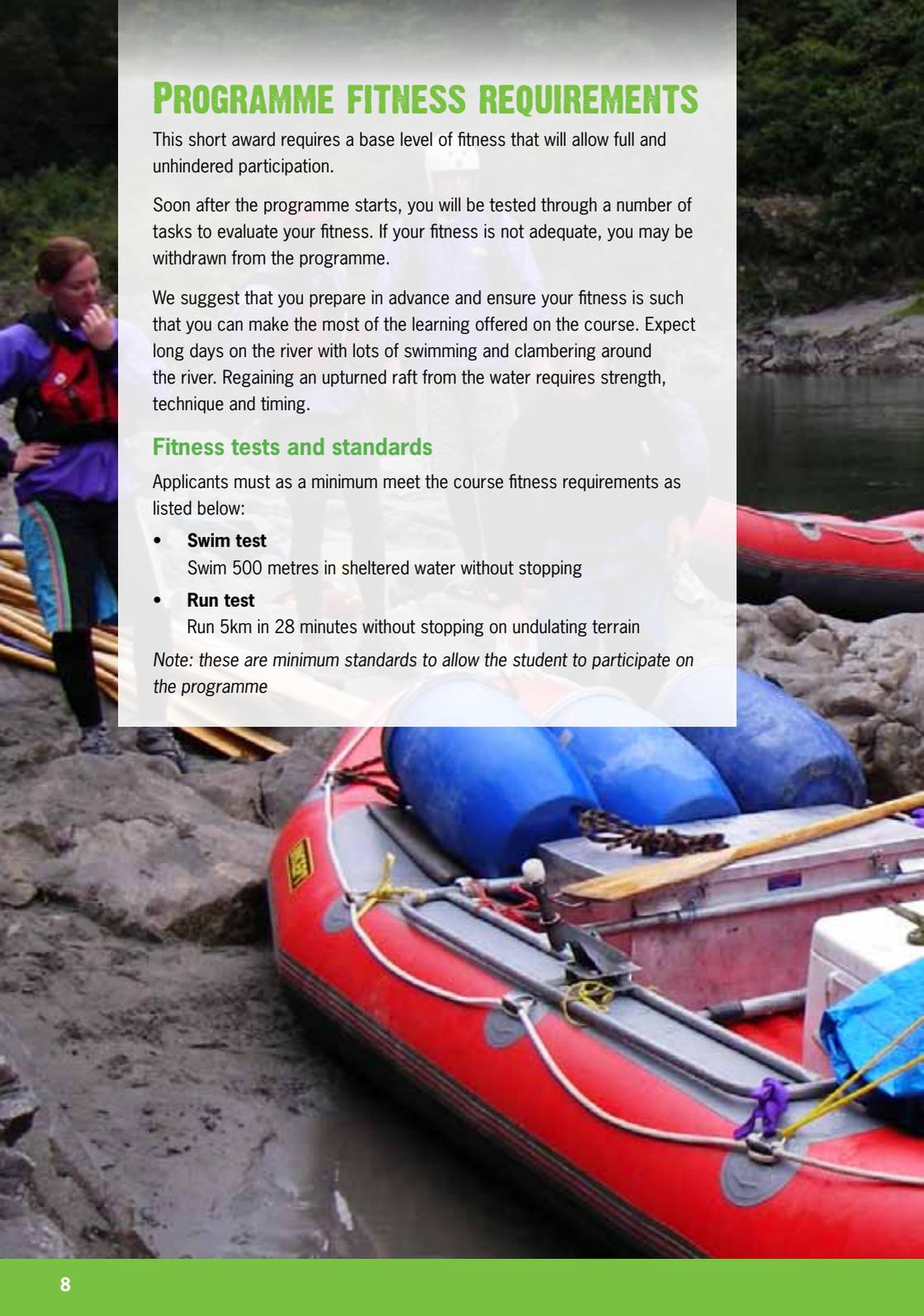
We suggest that you prepare in advance and ensure your fitness is such that you can make the most of the learning offered on the course. Expect long days on the river with lots of swimming and clambering around the river. Regaining an upturned raft from the water requires strength, technique and timing.

Fitness tests and standards

Applicants must as a minimum meet the course fitness requirements as listed below:

- **Swim test**
Swim 500 metres in sheltered water without stopping
- **Run test**
Run 5km in 28 minutes without stopping on undulating terrain

Note: these are minimum standards to allow the student to participate on the programme



ENTRY CRITERIA

Short Award in Raft Guiding (Level 4)

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be 18 years of age or over applicants must have attended a minimum of four years secondary schooling and successfully completed NCEA Level One, or equivalent.
- Mature student's who do not meet the academic criteria, but demonstrate the motivation and commitment to study and are able to meet and provide documented evidence of the outdoor experience requirements (see below) will be considered.
- Applicants must hold a current First Aid certificate.
- Applicants for whom English is a second language must meet IELTS (or equivalent) Level 5.5 or above.
- Applicants must meet and document the whitewater experience requirements as listed below:
 - Competent grade 2 kayaker with a reliable roll; and/or
 - 10 days in a Trainee Raft Guide role with a commercial rafting company operating trips on Grade 2 water or above.

Special Notes:

- Selection criteria may be determined through application documents, charter referee statements and interviews, written candidate questionnaire and an interview by the Programme Co-ordinator.
- Candidates must supply contact details for two character referees.
- The following will be considered advantageous for candidate selection: favourable referee statements, prior experience in the rafting industry, extensive whitewater kayaking experience, prior tertiary education qualifications, prior experience working in the adventure tourism industry.

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for the programme at any time by telephoning (03) 769 9400 or free phone 0800 800 411 to request an application pack. Application forms can also be downloaded from www.tpp.ac.nz

We do not set a closing date for applications. The Polytechnic reserves the right not to accept late applications i.e. after the programme has started.

You will be offered a place subject to meeting the entry and selection requirements and the availability of places on the programme.

The Polytechnic reserves the right to cancel, prior to commencement, any programme which does not attract a minimum number of students.

CONTACT DETAILS

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THE TAI POUTINI "EDGE"

Tai Poutini is nestled between the wild Tasman Sea and the grand Southern Alps. People who live on the West Coast know what it takes to live on the edge. Confidence, skills and a "can do, will do" attitude set them apart.

TPP graduates are out there on the edge doing it!

He aha te mea nui o te ao?
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world?
It is people, it is people, it is people!