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# Te Tai o Poutini IPE Programme

Te Hōtaka Mātauranga Whatu Ngaio o Te Tai o Poutini

Te Tai o Poutini (West Coast) IPE Programme

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What we've  
been up to ...



In Block 2 we had the chance to visit Federation Mining's Ikamatua Gold Mine. This was an amazing opportunity as staff and students had the chance to go underground and check out the two portals as well as the safety bunkers. It was a fascinating insight into the working conditions and the complexities and varieties of skills needed to make it in mining. This was a great stereotype busting exercise - no boneheads here!



## Farm Visits continue to be a BIG hit



Students get the chance to see the BIG impacts on farm - this is one of two barns each of which can host 400 cows. The big advantage of these barns is the reduction in the destruction of soil structure from cows grazing over winter. An unplanned but much appreciated benefit is cows calving inside as well, which is less stressful on the calves and the staff appreciate staying dryer too!. There is less waste of feed, the bark can be composted, and the cows also use them in summer to get out of the heat. Win win WIN!

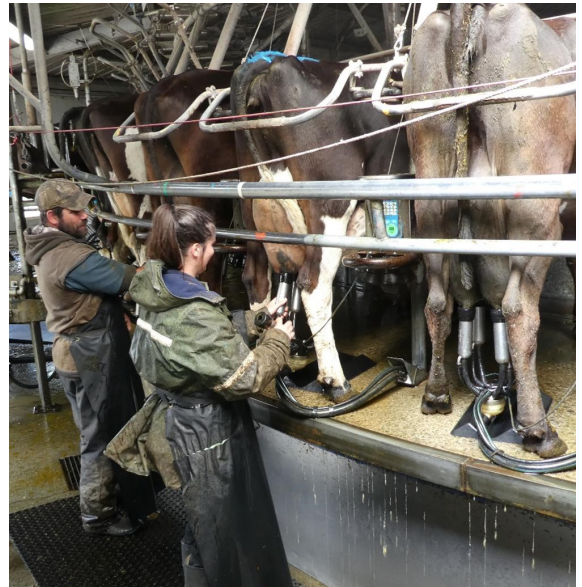
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## The Ideal Student .....

What do you think makes a good student for the West Coast? Here's some starters but we'd love to have your thoughts .....

- Independent, Resilient, Flexible, Appreciative and Respectful
- Have had a bit of exposure to 'real life' (eg flatting)
- Has an interest in rural
- Can-do attitude
- Appreciate #8 wire and duct tape
- Have their own gumboots
- Keen to get involved and give things a go
- Not afraid to get dirty



## Blocks 1 and 2 2024 Students

We've had a great turnout of students in blocks 1 and 2 this year with a total of 19 students.

Block 1 - 2 Dental, 1 Dietetics, 1 Medicine, 2 Nursing (our first from SIT), 2 Oral Health and 1 Physio

Block 2 - 2 Dental, 1 Dietetics, 2 Medicine, 1 Paramedic, 2 Pharmacy and 2 Physio

Our dental students had the opportunity to split their placement between Garry Rae Dental in Greymouth and Hoki Dental with Angelo in Hokitika. This seemed very successful so we're going to trial this approach with the pharmacy students coming in block 3.

For block 3 the students are 2 Dental, 1 Med Lab Sci, 2 Nursing, 1 OT, 2 Pharmacy and 1 Social Work. This will be the first time we've had Social Work and Medical Laboratory Science students on the Coast. It's great to be able to add these disciplines to our mix.

## Discipline Mix

Here's the mix of students since the Te Tai o Poutini (West Coast) programme began in 2021. It's exciting to see the range of students that come to the Coast.

