

CAREER GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS POLICY

PURPOSE:

To provide appropriate career education and guidance for all students in Year 7 and 8 with a particular emphasis on developing awareness of employment opportunities and varieties for those students who have been identified by the school as being at risk of leaving school unprepared for the transition to the workplace or future education / training.

OBJECTIVES:

Students at every opportunity will:

- Focus on career self awareness and exploration.
- Gain knowledge of themselves in terms of their strengths, needs and aspirations.
- Have access to accurate and up to date information about careers and training options.
- Be engaged in discussion about the world of work and education.
- Be informed of the definition of career and what this implies.
- Have access to and be able to listen to people in the community who are involved in interesting and different careers.
- Realise that accessing curriculum content will enhance their opportunities and choices about employment and their quality of life as community members.
- Have opportunities to explore the different careers that people are involved in and what is necessary for them to do at this stage of their education to allow them to access these careers (e.g, this may be as part of a Social Studies or Science topic).
- As appropriate have access to careers displays information evenings etc.
- All students at Otumoetai Intermediate will experience a smooth and informed transition to the secondary education facility of their choice.
- Where applicable, special scaffolding will be put in place to ensure this happens.

CONCLUSION:

At every opportunity students at Otumoetai Intermediate will be informed of trends, choices and opportunities of career options.

*To be read in conjunction with:
"Characteristics of children in Middle and Early Adolescence"
"Career Decision Making Contextual Model"
"Career development Model for Intermediate/Middle School Students"
"Career Development Process"*