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The Tertiary Education Commission has released a comparative report on the performance of New Zealand polytechnics. The report evaluates the success of students. On the primary measure, the report indicates 73% of Whitireia students successfully complete their courses, placing the institution in the top third of polytechnics.

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The indicators are: 1. Successful Completion of Courses score 73%. This is measured against every module, unit or course by every student. 2. Scores for Qualification Completion 56%. The percentage of students enrolled completing a qualification. 3. Students Retained in Study 49%. 4. Student Progression (levels 1-4) to Higher Level of Study 28%.

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"Whitireia scores highly, there has been consistent high success rates at Whitireia over many years. Our success is built on long term connections to industry and employers. The report underlines the exceptionally high quality teaching here and indicates that Whitireia is a large provider of qualifications from certificates to post-graduate level" says Chief Executive Don Campbell.

Whitireia has recently completed an independent organization wide review, as an early mover into the national External Evaluation and Review framework that measures the quality of tertiary education providers in New Zealand. The report finds the effectiveness of teaching at Whitireia New Zealand is excellent. It finds that outcomes for learners and key stakeholders – industries and employers – are excellent. The report concludes that a rating of highly confident in the educational performance of Whitireia New Zealand be awarded. This is the highest possible score, in a report that will also be made public, this time by NZQA.

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Whitireia welcomes the open and transparent approach, these reports will be made public on the Tertiary Education Commission and NZQA websites.

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The December graduation ceremony was a huge success with over 800 students graduating from certificate and diploma programmes. There were two graduation ceremonies which took place at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua. Students graduated in their programmes of study from the Faculty of Service Industries, Faculty of Trades, Te Wānanga Māori, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Business and Faculty of Health.

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From left to right - Chair Education Forum Russell Marshall, Porirua Mayor Nick Leggett, Whitireia Chief Executive Don Campbell, Whitireia Councillor Ron Wilkinson.



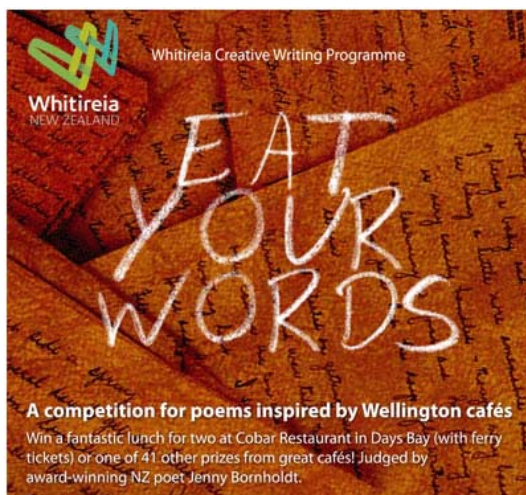
Graduates from the National Certificate in Mental Health

Cafe Poetry Winners Announced

Kapiti poet Mercedes Webb-Pullman has won the 2010 Eat Your Words Cafe Poetry Competition. Her Poem "I miss you", about the Lembas Cafe in Raumati South, was chosen from 227 entries by the judge, Wellington poet Jenny Bornholdt.

Mercedes has won a meal for two at Cobar Restaurant in Days Bay, and ferry tickets to and from Wellington. Second equal winners, Selina Powell and Amanda Hunt, have won generous vouchers to Seatoun Cafe and Bar and Marsden Village Cafe. Thirty nine other poems have won vouchers from participating cafes.

Mercedes Webb-Pullman is a past student of the Creative Writing Programme at Whitireia.



Australian Design Week Finalist

Whitireia graphic design student Edi Go was recently announced as a finalist in the Australian Graphic Design Association student poster competition "Words of Optimism" which was part of the International Council of Graphic Design Associations (ICOGRADA) International Conference and Design Week held in Brisbane recently.

The competition was an opportunity for graphic design students to promote their talent on the world stage. The competition titled "Words of Optimism" was all about looking forward, whilst paying homage to the traditions and techniques that have brought graphic design to where it is today.



Edi Go - "A Change is Gonna Come"

Whitireia Up Front 2010 gig

Whitireia New Zealand music students featured in their very own rock concert at the Illott Theatre at the Wellington Town Hall on 22 and 23 September.

The show was a wonderful fully staged rock concert that featured Whitireia School of Music students and two of New Zealand's iconic musicians, Karl Steven from SuperGroove and Warren Maxwell from Trinity Roots, Fat Freddy's Drop and Little Bushman. A number of Kiwiana classics were performed along with student originals and some of Karl and Warren's favourite songs.



Jewels of Whitireia

Contemporary jewellery lovers had a chance to bid for some original pieces at the Whitireia student contemporary jewellery auction on the 18 November 2010 at Mighty Mighty, Wellington.

This year's auction saw pieces by contemporary jewellery practitioners Peter Deckers, Matthew McIntyre Wilson, Mel Young and Owen Mapp as well as original works by the students. Around 30 jewellery pieces were auctioned away. The money raised from this auction will go towards the printing of the student's 2010 catalogue.

To have a look at the auction pieces visit <http://jewelsofwhitireia.wordpress.com>



These are three pieces which went up for auction by artists Peter Deckers, Christine McLmly and Jess Winchcombe

Hon Steven Joyce visits Whitireia

The Hon Steven Joyce visited Whitireia in Porirua on Friday 12 November, where he was accompanied by Hekia Parata, MP for Mana.

The visit was an opportunity for My Joyce to view the polytechnic and to listen and learn about Whitireia and its achievements. A guided tour through the Porirua facility took place with an opportunity to stop and have his blood pressure taken by Hanele Lemisio, a Bachelor of Nursing Pacific student.

Mr Joyce was impressed overall with Whitireia. He congratulated the polytech on its effective and efficient provision and the development of specialised qualifications to meet market requirements.



Hon Steven Joyce, Minister of Tertiary Education and Hanale Lemisio, a Bachelor of Nursing Pacific Student

Whitireia wins bright idea challenge for Education

On Tuesday 16 November at the Grow Wellington "Bright Ideas Challenge" award function Whitireia won the Brightest Idea Education category. Whitireia was selected out of a total of 1233 business ideas that were submitted to regional economic development agency, Grow Wellington. The challenge was all about capturing ideas and giving organisations or individuals the connections and support they needed to take their idea to its next level.



Saudi Arabia Visit

Whitireia hosted an education delegation from Technical and Vocational Training Corporation in Saudi Arabia.

The visit, thought to be the first to New Zealand by a Saudi delegation are visiting polytechnics during a two week visit. Leading the delegation group is Dr Muneerah Alaloula, Vice Governor for Girl's Training at the Technical and Vocational Training Corporation in Saudi Arabia.

The key focus of the visit to New Zealand polytechnics is to learn about what vocational training polytechnics could deliver for Saudi women. The delegation is also looking at partner opportunities with New Zealand polytechnics for teacher upskilling, curriculum improvement and to increase the number of Saudi Arabian women studying at a polytechnic in this country. Also of interest is professional teacher and lecturer development.



Jewellery Student/Tutor Viv Atkinson with Saudi Arabia visitors

Driven 2010

Whitireia Visual Arts and Design students are showcasing original artworks from their studies this year, in an exhibition called "Driven" at Pataka Museum of Arts and Cultures, on until 8 January 2011.

The exhibition in the Bottle Creek Gallery is showcasing student's work in contemporary jewellery design, illustration, graphic design, textile and fashion design, painting and printmaking, teaching and curation.

There have been a number of successes for Whitireia Visual Arts and Design students, on the national and international stage. Anika Bingham exhibited her 3D sculpture art in two national shows, Sam Kelly has been selected to show her contemporary jewellery designs at Talente in 2011 (an international exhibition showcasing the most promising designers and makers in the world), in Munich, Germany and Edi Go who was a finalist in the Australian Graphic Design Association (AGDA) Student Poster Competition.



In this photo: Becky Bliss at the Driven 2010 Whitireia Visual Arts and Design exhibition at Pataka.

Electra Business Awards

Recently Whitireia sponsored the Electra Business Awards in Levin. In the staff development category of the awards Lawrence Arps presented the award on behalf of Whitireia to the winner – Prenail Systems Limited.



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