

Mission, Role, Vision, and Values for 2008-2010



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MISSION

Tai Poutini Polytechnic will provide high quality and relevant applied and vocational education to enhance our learners' future to enable them to contribute to the West Coast's and New Zealand's economic and social development.

ROLE

Tai Poutini Polytechnic's role within the New Zealand network of tertiary provision is to provide skills for productivity and employment, to support progression to higher levels of learning through the provision of foundation education, and to act as a regional facilitator through ensuring that our region's tertiary education needs are identified and met. In order to achieve this we will:

- provide a wide range of applied and vocational education through courses and programmes that are delivered full-time, part-time, and just-in-time both on the West Coast and nationally as required;
- provide a point of difference for organisations seeking innovative training and learning options by being responsive and prepared to focus on work-place based training that complements training delivered by other parts of the tertiary network including ITOs;
- make an effective and sustainable contribution to the national network of tertiary provision by continuing to develop and maintain our specialist capability and capacity to meet evidenced industry need;
- work with a wide range of other tertiary education organisations to ensure that all the learning needs of our community, and our own organisation, are appropriately met.

VISION

Tai Poutini Polytechnic will be widely recognised for its unique place in the national network of tertiary provision through its ability to respond to learner demand by providing high quality, relevant, cost effective and innovative applied vocational education delivered through collaborative partnerships with our communities, other education organisations, industry organisations, and other stakeholders¹.

VALUES

Tai Poutini Polytechnic believes:

Education is a right:

We actively endorse Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which enshrines the right to lifelong education. We work hard to reduce barriers and increase participation to create a community of learning and an effective learning relationship wherever it may be found.

In a focus on the student:

The student will always be the prime focus and ultimate beneficiary of our efforts as we endeavour to meet the diverse needs of our stakeholders in innovative ways.

¹ Stakeholders are defined as any individual or organisation with whom the polytechnic has a functional relationship in the context of our provision of tertiary education. In this context stakeholders would include, but not be limited to, Government and its agencies, businesses, regional development agencies, and local government.

The principles of the Tiriti o Waitangi underpin what we do and how we do it:

We strive to develop a tikanga Maori based institution that is viable, robust, and an attractive option for Maori through working hard to honour our Treaty partnerships and obligations.

We are responsive to the needs of our stakeholders:

We pride ourselves on our ability to find quality solutions to the needs that our stakeholders identify.

Our polytechnic is our people:

Our staff are our most valuable and influential resource. We will support them in their own growth and development to enable the provision of a high quality community of learning.

In a dedication to service:

We are dedicated to providing a sustainable environment and community of learning which encourages excellence and a focus on continuous improvement in everything we do.

In a spirit of respect:

We will engage all of our stakeholders and each other in our community of learning with dignity, respect, compassion, honesty, integrity and inclusiveness.