

GATEWAY HAIRDRESSING

Natasha Kake—Hair Artistry

Tash is beginning her hairdressing training while still at school; she attends Aoraki Polytech to learn the practical part of the units while completing the theory work at school. She has a Gateway work placement at Hair Artistry once a week where she gains hands-on experience and has the practical requirements verified by her employer. Tash is really enjoying the programme and will gain NCEA Level 2 at the same time.

As an employer Rebecca Christmas at Hair Artistry also values the programme - she was once a Gateway student herself and now owns her own salon.



Monique Columb - Combs and Cutters

Every Friday Monique works at Combs and Cutters hair salon in Temuka. She is working on hairdressing unit standards through Aoraki Polytechnic - theory work is completed in the classroom and her Gateway employer verifies the practical component in the workplace in preparation for the final assessment at the end of the year.

Monique is in Year 13 and will leave school at the end of the year, her Gateway placement will help her decide if hairdressing is a career she would like to continue in. If so then she has already made a start on her training which along with her work experience will give her an advantage when it comes to applying for an apprenticeship or Polytech course.

