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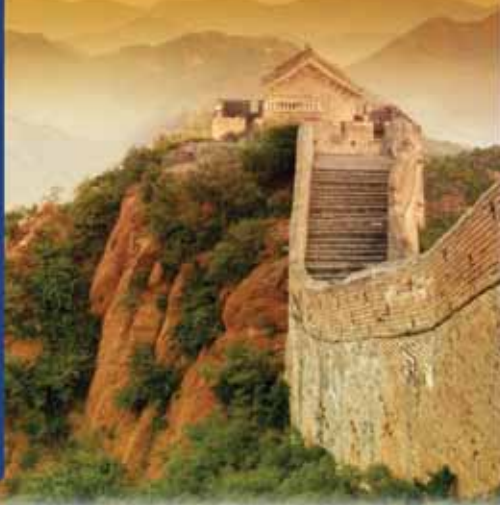
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



Ahoy hoy! Welcome back to the second semester, I hope you have had a good break and enjoyed the time off. A big welcome to the new students coming on in the second semester intake, good on you for taking up the challenge!

This issue of VOS is about jobs and how to get them... As some of you will be coming to the end of your studies now is a good time to get out there and have a look what is going on in terms of employment. It is still a tough economic climate but there will be some opportunities about; nowadays landing a job is about networking and getting your name out there.

However, it isn't just about a job for the end of your studies... Having one whilst studying is a must! Employers want to see that you as a student are able to manage your studies and responsibilities with good time management skills as well as the ability to work under pressure and to meet deadlines. Working alongside study is a good way to show them.

There are organisations out there that can help you when looking for a job. A good example is Student Job Search. Just make the most of these organisations while you are still a student as they are all here to help you. SANITI can help to point you in the right direction, so pop on in if you want to have a chat. Hopefully you know where we are...

Anyhoo I hope that you have a good semester and good luck with your studies! As always, I do rate a good ol' natter so if you see me about or want to get in contact please feel free to do so!

Cheers, Scott

...AND WE HAVE A WINNER!



Congratulations Falaula Fotu Moala the winner of the term 2 SANITI Facebook friend competition.



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FORMER EXEC DOES WELL

Former SANITI Executive member and NMIT Bachelor of Information Technology graduate, Aaron Fisk, has moved to the big smoke, Auckland, has been awarded a job with Talegent as a Software Developer. Congratulations Aaron, we wish you all the best for a successful and enjoyable career. We know you will do well!



GRASS KART CHALLENGE

NMIT Trades are hosting the annual Top of the South Grass Kart Challenge on the 19th and 20th September at Tapawera Area School.

Teams from NMIT Engineering pre-trades course in Nelson and Blenheim are building their own carts to race in. This year there are also a huge number of schools involved, including Motueka High School, Collingwood Area School, Tapawera Area School and Murchison Area School to name just a few. Tapawera Area School and the local community have been very generous and are right behind the event. There will be a sausage sizzle and prizes from local businesses, as well as the all important bragging rights for the winners. Eighteen teams have currently registered for this year's event. Head on down to this year's challenge and support our pre-trade students and have some fun!



NMIT TALENT ON DISPLAY

NMIT Music students held their first concert at the end of June, with all of them performing in groups to friends, family and to the NMIT community. It is amazing what talent we have here in lil' ol' Nelson. Make sure you listen out for their next concert and go and watch it! The talent is AMAZING!



PROGRAMME REP

Does your class have a Programme Rep? Are you a driven student who would like to represent your fellow classmates?! The Programme Representative System is a joint venture between SANITI and NMIT, and provides Students with a structure to get their voice heard. Regular Programme Rep meetings with Student President, Scott Tambisari, enable Reps to highlight any current issues or concerns.

If you are keen to get involved talk to your Tutor or contact us here at the SANITI office.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS KIWI ADVENTURE



SANITI in conjunction with NMIT continue to run the 'Kiwi Adventure' programme. It provides a range of unique kiwi activities to NMIT International students, ensuring they have the ultimate New Zealand Student experience whilst studying.

Check out some of the photos from the Marlborough International Students' trip to Kaikoura. Beautiful weather made for perfect conditions for a bush walk to see the fur seal pup colony and a stroll around Kaikoura with lunch on the beach.

A group of Nelson International Students spent the first Saturday of July exploring the unique and exquisite surrounds of Nelson, including a walk around Kaiteriteri Beach and fish'n'chips for lunch at Mapua.

If you are an International Student and want to get involved in the next 'Kiwi Adventure' email Lucy Funaki at marketing.saniti@xtra.co.nz or pop into the SANITI office.



MATARIKI 2013



SANITI celebrated Matariki, the Maori New Year, with a FREE Fish Burger lunch on Nelson Campus. Thank you to the NMIT Staff who helped out.

INTL STUDENT EVENTS

Thursday 25th July

Marlborough and Woodbourne Campus
International Student Dinner

Thursday 1st August

Nelson Campus International Student Orientation
Dinner

MARLBOROUGH EVENTS

Tues 13th August

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Thur 29th August

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Tues 10th September

Programme Rep Meeting Blenheim Campus

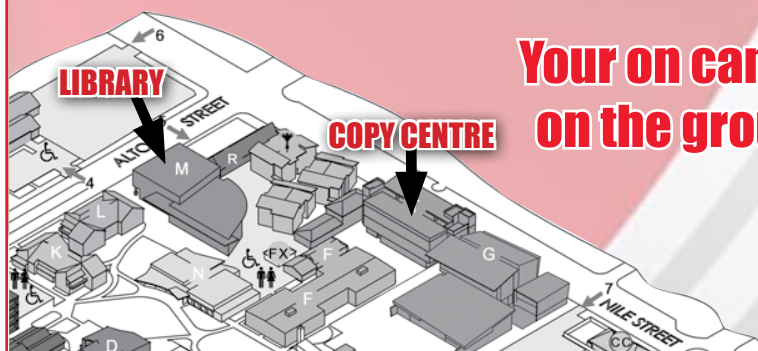
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What are some of the characteristics you look for in future employees and why?

Responsibility, maturity, loyalty, initiative, honesty, team-player, self-motivated.

Employers are always having to chase after employees who don't complete their assigned roles, are moody, can't get along with others, push the boundaries (using internet personally, etc.) and that takes management's focus off running the business.

What makes CVs stand out when you're going through submissions?

Clear, concise, not too wordy, bullet points, an out of the box attitude, confidence. Something that tells me you are worth hiring and different from the other applicants.

What one skill would you encourage NMIT students to focus on developing throughout the completion of their studies?

Self-responsibility and integrity. Do what you do not because you are told or have to but because it is the right thing to do.

Any other advice you can give potential candidates?

Follow what you are passionate about and what has meaning to you. Try to set your own goals and then outline the steps to those goals so you have a sense of purpose.

Sari Hodgson Director – Savage & Savage Limited, Chartered Accountants.

Characteristic we look for in a prospective employee and why

They need to be able to communicate easily and comfortably with clients, other staff, IRD and other business colleagues

Life skills and experience.

Personality – Chartered Accountancy, contrary to popular belief, isn't boring and we want our staff to have personalities that clients and others can relate to.

The ability to listen and learn – knowing answers isn't as important as knowing where to find them.

The ability to adapt to our team.

Drive – we want our staff to grow and develop and become all they can, so having a "go ahead" personality is important

What makes someone's CV stand out

It isn't "cookie cutter" – too many CVs have clearly used the same template and are very bland because of it.

They tick the boxes listed in our requirements.

They have relevant and easily contactable referees – prospective employees need to list people that can back up the skills and experience.

One skill NMIT students should focus on while studying

Communication! To me this is the most vital skill. Someone may have an IQ off the charts but if they can't communicate effectively - they won't be working for me!

Other Advice?

Turn up to the interview on time – lateness doesn't impress.

Google the firm you are going to interview for – you may find some valuable information that will be useful during the interview.

Dress appropriately – our firm doesn't promote boring dressing, but I have to say that the applicant who turned up for an interview recently wearing a very low cut top and something that resembled a belt rather than a skirt didn't impress!

Think before you reply – don't fall for the old interview technique where the person interviewing leaves long silences that you rush to fill.

Be positive, professional and don't exaggerate anything – it's too easy these days to find out something isn't true.



Anna and Tony Perkins Owners McDonald's Nelson



What are some of the characteristics you look for in future employees and why?

We look for reliability, good grooming and presentation, effective communicators and people who look to show initiative.

What makes CVs stand out when you're going through submissions?

CV's that stand out for us are ones that are tidy and well presented with no grammatical or spelling errors. A photo is also great to have.

What one skill would you encourage NMIT students to focus on developing throughout the completion of their studies?

We would encourage students to have a passion for what it is they want to do.

Any other advice you can give potential candidates?

Smile and be enthusiastic at interviews. Be prepared to ask questions and always be punctual.

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Wendy Belcher

General Manager – State Cinema

What are some of the characteristics you look for in future employees and why?

Good presentation. If someone comes for an interview and looks like they have made an effort to impress me then they are off to a good start. They should be prepared to remove or cover up body-piercing or tattoos while in your employment and do the same for the interview.

Confidence when they speak and making eye contact. Promote themselves by explaining their experience for the role. Or, if they don't have any, tell me why I should give them an opportunity.

Being prepared – having a copy of their CV. Knowing a little about your business and having some intelligent questions for you.

What makes CVs stand out when you're going through submissions?

It really influences me if I see a photo on a CV. A photo on the front page means I can relate to them. I have plenty of CVs in my "waiting folder" but I always seem drawn to the ones with photos first. I do read them all - eventually!

I also look for key words. If it is for Stefano's Café then I look for the words **Barista** experience, **Café**, **Pizza** – at the beginning of a line, or in bold. Employers shouldn't but they do skim through CVs looking for key things as sometimes you receive so many CV's through the door or via email.

I like to read a brief introduction on the person as well – this again tells you something about them and helps you relate to them.

What one skill would you encourage NMIT students to focus on developing throughout the completion of their studies?

Communication! If you are working while studying communicate with your employer your exam timetables, changes and if you are feeling a bit stressed and are in need of a break. Most situations can be worked around if the employer is aware. I find with students in particular they don't communicate well and they leave things to the last minute.

Any other advice you can give potential candidates?

Be clear when you apply for a position as to your availability for the job and been very keen – offer to do a few hours on trial. If I ask a person to do a trial it is normally for one part shift only and more to give them some more insight into the position they have applied for. If I trial them I am probably sure I like them but concerned they may not be fully aware of what the role is about.



EMPLOYMENT - NMIT TUTORS

Todd Jago

Adventure Tourism Tutor

What is the best bit of advice you can give to students in regards to getting a job?

If you put your mind to the job you want, it will come. Choose the company you want to work for and do your industry placement with them. Impress your tutors as they become your referees. Be flexible and adaptable.

What do you think are the core skills that students obtain from your course?

Technical skills and qualifications. People skills. Personal development. Contacts and opportunities.

What makes students employable?

While on industry placement, students should be personable and demonstrate a solid work ethic. Passion, and an interest in people and the environment.

Do you have any other advice for your students successfully gaining employment?

Gain your full drivers licence ASAP! Work towards a passenger license. Be positive! Listen to and accept feedback - and act on it. A holistic approach (such as working on preparation and clean-up) is always noticed.



Todd Jago

Eddie Shields

Carpentry Tutor

What is the best bit of advice you can give to students in regards to getting a job?

The best piece of advice we give to our students is to actually speak to their potential employer. Go round to their place of work and introduce yourself. We also ask them to research the company and find out what they actually do. It shows to employers that you have taken an interest and invested time rather than just applying somewhat anonymously. An employer will remember a face rather than just a piece of paper. Practice what you are going to say and turn up smartly dressed.

What do you think are the core skills that students obtain from your course?

Teamwork and the ability to work with others is paramount if they want to succeed in their chosen career. They also gain a good foundation in terminology and applied mathematics. Carpenters use maths every day - such as measuring lengths, volumes, heights and quantities through to angles and percentages. Because it is part of their job/study in a practical setting, the students do not readily make the distinction that they are indeed learning and obtaining applied maths skills.

What makes students employable?

Our students are employable on several fronts. Firstly industry have a voice in what we teach the students. We actively ask what skills they would want from our students, and tailor the course to meet their demands. Secondly, our students cover all the theory requirements for the National Certificate in Carpentry while here at NMIT, so when they secure an apprenticeship they only have to cover the practical components. This means they do not have to take time off from work or study in the evenings to complete the theory. Our industry advisors and local construction companies endorse this by asking prospective students to do the pre-trade course first before offering an apprenticeship. This way they are a greater asset to the builders out there.

Do you have any other advice for your students successfully gaining employment?

The main advice we give students will relate to all types of employment. They are what I call the key elements to a successful career. They are: Willingness to do as asked, take the initiative, turn up on time and lastly but not least, hard work.

Sophia Austin

Kaiwhakahaere – Te Tari Maori

What is the best bit of advice you can give to students in regards to getting a job?

Be proactive

What do you think are the core skills that students obtain from your course?

Revitalisation of the Māori language and their cultural identity

What makes students employable?

Their willingness to learn

Do you have any other advice for your students successfully gaining employment?

Uniqueness. Be yourself there is only one like you.



Kiri Hunter
Nursing Tutor

What is the best bit of advice you can give to students in regards to getting a job?

Develop self belief that you are the best candidate for the advertised position and see yourself in the role. Prepare well for the interview and present as confident and professional throughout. Sell yourself and always ask questions at the offered time. Ask questions about the organisation as a whole, the clinical facilities and any career and educational development opportunities.

educational development opportunities.

What do you think are the core skills that students obtain from your course?

The acute medical/surgical biophysical nursing practice paper and professional care courses that I teach to 3rd Year Bachelor of Nursing students further develops student's ability to think critically and be professionally responsible. As beginning level practitioners soon to enter new graduate status students will be able to perform nursing assessments and work collaboratively with the multi-disciplinary team to make safe and informed clinical decisions. Students will be able to access and interpret best evidence to support nursing actions and provide competent and compassionate patient care.

What makes students employable?

Our NMIT students are employable because they have been successful in completing a well-rounded and comprehensive nursing education programme.

Do you have any other advice for your students successfully gaining employment?

Remain positive, professional and focused. Remember that a stepping stone approach is often required as you progress towards achieving your ultimate nursing career.



Glenn Kirkwood
Viticulture and Wine Tutor

What is the best bit of advice you can give to students in regards to getting a job?

Always be confident and professional with your interview technique. You need to radiate enthusiasm but do not go over the top.

What do you think are the core skills that students obtain from your course?

Not only do they learn the theoretical components of the Certificate and/ or Diploma but they can enter the industry with all the practical skills as well. Hit the ground running!

What makes students employable?

Possessing both the theory and practical skills required by the industry.

Do you have any other advice for your students successfully gaining employment?

Always attend interviews dressed in a neat and tidy fashion, leaving cell phones outside, and acting in a professional manner! Give your potential employer every reason to want to hire you.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to help out our students with this article!

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Fraser Heal Video Maker (& VOS Designer)

Self-employment is a viable option for certain industries; and while it can be scary starting out, it can also be very satisfying and liberating.

There are two main benefits of working for yourself: reaping the benefits of your own hard labour, and making your own decisions.

The main disadvantage is the uncertainty of income, especially when factoring in that most small companies fail.

I am in my third year as a full-time sole-trader. I have owned a video production company previously with a very good friend of mine which operated for about four years.

While work can be all-consuming, I enjoy the sense of self-determination and freedom that working for someone else's company cannot fully offer. I love being involved in every aspect of the creative process and find delivering a product I am proud of just as satisfying as the financial rewards.

Below are some pointers that I think will help people thinking of working for themselves.

- You are a business person first - then you are the profession you have chosen. You always have to make your decisions from the perspective of the owner. You are in business of making money. If you don't have the cash flow, then you don't have a business.
- I don't have the world's best self discipline but, thankfully, I love what I do. Find out what makes you 'tick' and utilise it. If you like to sleep in then you'd better like working late! Productivity is crucial so don't fool yourself. Most people have at least five productive hours a day in them. When you are working, focus and strive; and make them chargeable hours. When you're not in the mood, do something rewarding that will hopefully boost your productivity. Exercise is brilliant. House work is good too.
- Don't get distracted working *on* your business rather than *in* your business. You can tweak your website until your heart's content but you can't pay the mortgage with it. Sure, it is important to do these things but you need chargeable hours more than anything else!
- Starting out is scary. You will lose sleep and you will worry. But, if your business is viable, you will build in confidence. Keeping a cash buffer in a dedicated account. How long can you survive if you have a quiet period?
- Start small. Get a part-time job elsewhere and reduce your hours once your time is better spent doing your own thing. Pick your time to commit 100%, hopefully with a big contract!

- Tax. It is unavoidable so don't ignore it. Open up a bank account called 'tax' and put aside 15-20% of your income - no exceptions. Have good systems; keep all your receipts; and plan for an ACC bill every year.
- Don't borrow money unless you can't avoid it. There are traps that will suck first-timers in - borrowing cash to establish your business is one of them. Start only with what you need to make money. Make the money, then decide if you want to spend it on gear, advertising, or your own drawings. It is easy to think 'I need a fancy laptop and a fancy car' but you will be reducing your income for years paying it off. The far majority of businesses fail. Being extremely cautious is the best option.
- To be, or not to be GST registered: that is the question. If your turnover is below the \$60,000 mark then you can choose to not be GST registered. This may mean that you can't claim back your GST, but you also don't have to charge it. There are benefits to not being registered.
- You have to have a good relationship as people before business colleagues if you are starting a business with someone. Be honest with each other and work to each others' strengths and weaknesses. Trust is absolutely crucial.
- Meet with people in similar fields. I know a few other video makers, but I know more photographers, sound recordists, voice over artists, graphic artists and web developers. These people will refer work to you - so take the time to get to know them and reciprocate referrals. Don't sit at home just keeping to yourself; be aware that these people talk about you. Respect them and their work.
- Base your business around repeat clients and try to have 'seasons'. For example, I have a wedding season in the summer and film rugby during the winter. They're not particularly lucrative but give me reliable income that makes my business viable.
- Never stop learning: YouTube is a revelation. Ask advice from everyone but make your own decisions. Be humble, yet confident and well presented. Learn about your clients and relate to them.

Before you even start operating, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there enough work in your chosen field in your town? How many established direct competitors are there? Is there growth in your field or related industries? Can you mark out a niche?
- Will you stay in your town as you will be starting from scratch if you move to a new town. Word of mouth is the best advertising - and it's free! Towns like Nelson and Blenheim are great because of their relatively small size. Do a good job and they will come back to you and recommend you to others. This will save you door knocking, cold calling and advertising - things that cost you money and time.

10 things NOT to put in your CV

by Lucy Funaki

A CRAZY OBJECTIVE

So you want to be the next Bill Gates... FANTASTIC! And you may even have the chops to do it. But overconfident or "out there" objective statements pretty much means that the rest of your CV won't get read.

IRRELEVANT JOB EXPERIENCE

Sure, the summer after Year 13 you spent holding Pizza Hut \$4.90 pizza deal boards at the traffic lights was the best ever. But unless you are applying to be a walking billboard then leave it out.

ACHIEVEMENTS THAT AREN'T ACHIEVEMENTS

Being nominated player of the day at your soccer game is not an achievement. Nor is winning a sculling competition. That's right – not an achievement. Stick to professional and community service awards only.

STRANGE HOBBIES

It's fine to include an interest or hobby or three... as long as they aren't the kind that raise eyebrows. Hobbies should be avoided that may bring to question your sanity; such as, "knitting sweaters for my 20 Chinchillas", or "making houses for my Barbie collection". Stick to minimal detail and general hobbies such as "reading", "cooking" and "mountain biking".



It's great to have any type of employment experience, but ideally it needs to be relevant

BAD GRAMMAR AND OBSCURE WORDS

Txt language does not demonstrate your attention to detail or excellent communication skills. Describing yourself as "being 2G2BT" (to good to be true) or as being a "very detail orientation and a multi taster" is likely to only gain the response of "yeah right" before your CV is passed around the office for a laugh... then thrown out.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

If your email address is beerdrinkingking@muppet.co.nz DON'T include it. There are plenty of free email addresses out there so keep it professional or don't include it in your C.V.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Unless you are a model or an actor photos should be avoided. Furthermore, HR doesn't care if you "are ripped", have "massive guns" or a "nice rack", so please don't describe yourself in that way.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Marital status, political and religious views, sexual orientation and whether you have children is not relevant and may count against you. Avoid telling them you have fifteen children to twelve different men.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Your CV is no place for your NHI number, IRD number or bank account details, or any other sensitive information. There is no guarantee that your CV will be kept in a secure or confidential environment.

ATTENTION GETTING TECHNIQUES

Glitter, sequins and other non-traditional elements will make your CV stand out - but not in a good way. You will look unprofessional and like you have too much time on your hands.

If you are unsure how to write a CV there are numerous websites out there with great CV template guides. Check out:

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the stupidist ways to get fired

by Jaycob Brown

Sometimes, a person will lose their job through no fault of their own. The whims of a psychotic boss, an economy in shambles, or a simple misunderstanding can have an otherwise satisfactory employee sent into the cold world that is the employment market.

Other times, a person will lose their job because they have done something so incredibly stupid that you wonder how they ever got the job in the first place. This is about those people.

1. Posting on Facebook.

The first shining star in the milky way of stupidity goes to a young woman who posted a rather abusive status update hating on her job and her boss whom she called a pervy w#&@er. It goes without saying that, thanks to social media, the world is a much smaller place. That said, posting anything about your boss, colleagues or the place you work, which casts any of them in an unflattering light is, well, stupid. Especially if you are dim enough to have those individuals in your friends list, as unfortunately was the case here. Not only did her boss see the status but he also replied to it. Turns out, her boss was gay and after he corrected some of her misconceptions, he fired her. Is anyone surprised?

2. Mistaking Popularity for Untouchability

Next up, two teenagers who worked for Dominos Pizzeria in the states both thought it would be highly amusing to do some unsanitary things to the pizzas they were making, which while gross isn't the stupid part. The stupid part comes when they filmed it and put it on Youtube. Like Facebook, posting on Youtube can be risky no matter how many followers you have. Just because you set the world on fire with your hilarious videos does not mean your employers will be equally thrilled. The video quickly went viral and needless to say both got fired and are now facing criminal charges for health and safety breaches. Not so funny now, eh?

3. Sharing Client's Private Details.

The only surprise for our next couple is how they managed to get their jobs in the first place. Two nurses thought it might be funny to take a picture of a patient's X-ray which revealed that he had a sex toy anally inserted. So much for professionalism. Many companies have very strict policies concerning the privacy of client's details. The Employer alleged they posted the X-ray picture on their Facebook pages. However, the nurses denied posting the picture, saying instead that they 'merely' discussed it on their pages. Potato potahto, they still got fired.

4. Abusing the Power of Your Position.

In a society as regulated as ours, we depend on the police to enforce laws and ensure the safety of individuals. So it comes as a surprise when they do, well, dumb things. It's not unknown for businesses to give a small kickback to the boys in blue. For about two years in Florida, a police officer received coffees from a local coffee house for free. When one day his freebie was not forthcoming he threatened the employees saying that should they require assistance it might be a "little slower" arriving in future. Naturally, it was investigated and the officer in question denied it and agreed to take a polygraph test. He failed. Can you guess what happened next?

5. Saying You're at Work When You're Not.

The next award of stupidity goes to a carpentry supervisor whom, according to his manager, was falsifying his work records. The manager knew this because for the last 5 months he'd been tracking the supervisors whereabouts using the GPS (which he knew was functioning) on the work-issued phone. The carpentry supervisor accepted payment for hours he clearly was not at work. Like when he spent the day at home, possibly on the couch. His response was that it was incredibly unfair to track him without notice, the manager responded by firing him anyway. At least they know where he is now.

6. Using Work Things for Personal Purposes

What do you like to do at the end of your long work day? Maybe a little dinner? Maybe a hot bath? A pair of female staff members who worked for a very large fast food franchise decided not to wait to go home to have a bath after their shift. Instead, they opted for a nice long soak in one restaurant's large sinks. Thankfully the place was closed at the time. Insanely the duo decided to take pictures and posted it on one of their MySpace accounts. Naturally the boss found out and apparently taking a bath in the work sink is against health regulations. Who knew? Well, at least now the ladies are free to pursue employment at a spa, which does allow after hours bathing.

7. Running Dumb Competitions

This one isn't so much stupid as sad. A trio of DJs working at a radio station had a brainwave to give away a Nintendo Wii gaming console to the person who could drink the most water and not go to the toilet. What could possibly go wrong with this? A 28-year old was found dead at her home. Cause of death: water intoxication. Apparently, the contestant drank seven and half litres of water and held her pee for five hours. The three DJs as well as seven other show employees got sacked and nobody won the Wii. Strange.

8. Pulling a Sicky.

Almost everyone I know has done this. Hell! I've even done this. It's usually on those mornings when you can't seem to get outta bed. The general rule is to keep a low profile; you probably spent the time at home, in your PJs. Unlike our next bright spark, who went out on a bender dressed as Tinkerbell, which climaxed with him splashed on the local newspaper for his drunken escapades. The young man in question, after a fun filled night in the police cells, thought it would also be a great idea to post the pictures of his evening out and subsequent brush with the law on Facebook. And as we've seen facebook is by no means private. Well at least he doesn't have to worry about his job getting in the way of his evening out. After being fired he's free all the time!

9. Blackmail

I've always thought teaching to be a hard job. Most school students (in my experience) seem to think school was designed to torture them. A teacher who obviously agreed with his students and thought that he should be getting more decided to add a little something to his pay. Specifically by telling students to paperclip or staple cash to the back of their assignments if they wanted to "sweeten" their grades. Upon investigation it was discovered that one of his students had paid as much as \$70.00 bucks to change a C to a B. In general, blackmail tends to end badly or in this case in unemployment.

the worst jobs

When thinking of the worst possible job you could do what comes to mind? Is it your current job? From your micro-managing boss whose constant and unrelenting supervision drives you insane, to those charming members of the public whose collective cumulative IQ seems somewhere in the region of a single cell organism. Just remember, as bad as you think you have it, someone, somewhere has it worse - much worse!

So, to make you feel a whole lot better, here's my top 8 worst possible jobs in the world, read them and smile at your boss - maybe things aren't quite so bad.

Janitor at a porno theatre.

Admittedly any janitorial job can be painful. However this takes it to a new, gross low. Sadly this place of employment sometimes requires cleaning between sessions and there are eight sessions a day. There's really nothing else to say about this job but, well, yuck.

Scientist studying the biting habits of mosquitoes.

It's all in the title really. Scientists fighting malaria must study the biting habits of the mosquito that spreads it. In Brazil that's the *Anopheles Darlingi*. This smart little sucker will come near scientists only when they offer themselves as bait. In the early evening, when mosquito activity is busiest, a mosquito dinner - aka 'researcher' - finds a nice buggy area and sets himself up inside a mosquito net tent with a gap at the bottom. Mosquitoes fly in low and get trapped inside, where the researcher sits stoically, sacrificing his skin to science. Scientists can be bitten up to 50,000 times! The upside is that you're saving people from illness; the downside is the malaria you contract may take two years to shake.

Odour Judge.

Yes it is what you think. Any company that produces a product to combat personal odour (breath, armpits and feet) will have someone doing this. Tragically if it's you then expect the following; sufferers of halitosis breathing into your face, smelling people's unwashed armpits post-exercise and grand dame of ordures - sniffing deeply from small collection tubes filled with the purest fart. Your reactions will be recorded in order to keep the world smelling fresh. Lucky world.

Front desk at the Tax Department of any country (except maybe Sweden).

They say in life only two things are certain, death and taxes. Well maybe three, being angry at the Tax department being the other. Anyone who's worked in service industries knows how odious a task that can be. People seem to be angry no matter what and for any reason. And frankly sitting at the front counter facing nothing but a crowd of people in various stages of existential despair takes its toll.

Taser Tester.

Sadly not what you think - think catcher not pitcher. And yes, this is tested on someone. In essence you stand in front of someone and they use a taser on you. Any questions? Its unpleasantness is only rivalled by the possibility of muscle spasms causing an involuntary bowel movement.

Medical waste biohazard cooker.

Yes you read that right. You know those containers in hospitals that nasty substances go into? In the States they have red bags. These bags are loaded into a biohazard cooker which looks like an oven and steams the waste to 260° celsius for 30 minutes before they can be safely disposed of. As gross as it sounds, it's the smell that gets you, the "gag-errific" stench of boiled human fluids - described as a bouquet of stinky feet, rank armpit odour and burnt rubber.

Quality control for cat food.

Actually turned out not to be as bad as I thought it might - meaning you don't have to eat it. This job involves doing a number of tests on cat food.

Test 1) bury face in large vat of cat food, sniff deeply to make sure it smells fresh.

Test 2) stick arms in vat up to elbows to see how many bony bits are present

Test 3) scoop up a huge dollop of cat food, smear on flat surface and test how much gristle there is. Enchanting.

Sewage treatment workers.

These guys work in what you flush - with rats. They repair sewer leaks, take sewage samples, remove obstructions in sewers, and make sure raw sewage is properly treated. Sometimes this means donning an environmental suit and going diving; or sometimes bending and kneeling in confined spaces. Drowning is a threat, as well as electrocution. Plus these workers' only defence against disease is wearing protective clothing or suits and keeping their lips closed tight so no sewage accidentally splashes in. Want to search underground for big alligators and get paid for it?



And there you have it! From the gross to the, well, grosser It seems making a buck has never been harder. However a very special mention should go to a substitute teacher Jim Picula, who performed a 30-second magic trick in front his class, where he made a toothpick disappear. Later that day he got a call from the substitute teacher coordinator who told him he could not take any more assignments. "Why?" he asked. For being suspected of "wizardry."



Ben Penketh

BCOM and Dip Applied Fitness

What is your dream job?

To work for the Man

What is the worse job you have ever done?

Cleaning Wine Tanks

If you could be a Super Hero who would you be?

Thor - he crushes things.

What's the worst question you have ever been asked in an interview?

What is your dream job...



Jo Chapple

Bachelor of Social Sciences

What is your dream job?

Working with People where it's going to make a difference.

What is the worse job you have ever done?

Working in a shoe shop.

If you could be a Super Hero who would you be?

Wonder Woman

What's the worst question you have ever been asked in an interview?

What have I got to offer?



Kabi Gaaire

Grad Dip Information Technology

What is your dream job?

To get an I.T job with a good Company in New Zealand.

What is the worse job you have ever done?

None - I have never done a bad job

If you could be a Super Hero who would you be?

Superman, so I could save people.

What's the worst question you have ever been asked in an interview?

In Nepal, when I had just Graduated with a Certificate and he didn't believe in the Certificate I had completed.



Tessa Donald

Bachelor of Commerce

What is your dream job?

Owning my own H.R Company

What is the worse job you have ever done?

Working in a hot dog factory

If you could be a Super Hero who would you be?

Wolverinette - who doesn't love some kick-ass claws and they would double as really good steak knives.

What's the worst question you have ever been asked in an interview?

What's your starsign?

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Student Advisors (from left)

Kim Hippolite, Jane Chamberlain,
Shelly McCormick, Kerrie Dillon, Michael Nicholson
Absent: Alison Horn, Marie Sweet, Viliami Langi

The Student Advisors are here to help with:

- Adjusting to student life
- Maori and Pacific Island liaison
- International Student advice
- Accessibility and Disability advice
- General health checks and quitting smoking support
- Counselling support
- Information on regional activities
- Appointments

Any issues or concerns come and see the team here at Student Help desk in M Block.

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- Borrow our sports equipment for FREE
- The Campus Nurse, Alison, works 8.30am-1.00pm daily

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Learning Advisors (from left)

Marion Heinz, Julie Scoggins, Paulette James,
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

with SANITI Advocate Tracy Sawtell



FREE BEER!

Not really, sorry ... but now that I have your attention here is some useful information to help get your finances sorted if/once you are employed!

Did you know ... that everyone who has a **student** loan and is earning money will have student loan payments deducted from their pay regardless of whether they are earning over the repayment threshold of \$19084 a year before tax or not? That's right ... 12% of your pay will go to IRD to repay your student loan. **However**, if you are studying full time and you expect to earn less than \$19,084 in the tax year you can apply for a **repayment exemption**, which will put student loan deductions from your pay on hold.

Did you know ... that if you have a student loan and are employed your tax code needs to have 'SL' added to it.

Did you know ... that if you're working two jobs you can apply for a reduced student loan deduction rate for your secondary earnings.

Did you know ... that if you are receiving the full student allowance **you can earn \$208 a week before tax** without affecting your student allowance payments.

Did you know ... that once you start employment you can choose to join KiwiSaver. If you do, you and your employer both make contributions to it. **AND**, to get your savings off to a good start, the Government will **kick-start** your account with a tax-free contribution of **\$1000**.

Did you know ... that if you are a KiwiSaver member you may be able to withdraw some or all of your KiwiSaver savings (except the \$1000 kickstart) to put towards **buying your first home**. You must have been a KiwiSaver member for three or more years and you can only withdraw money to buy your first home – not an investment property.

Did you know ... after three years of contributing to KiwiSaver you may be entitled to a **first home deposit subsidy** of \$1000 for each year you have been contributing, up to a maximum of \$5000 for five years. You must have contributed for at least three years, be buying your first home, and be planning to live in the house for at least six months. Income and house price caps will apply.

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Pip's Tips with SANITI Advocate Pip Bowler



WHATS HOT & WHATS NOT IN THE JOB MARKET

Are you in demand? Pip Bowler, looks at the industries and locations within New Zealand which are currently employing and are in need of more skilled workers.

Interestingly current trends show Kiwi staple employers such as agriculture, wholesale trade and electricity, gas and water services as declining in worker numbers. The industries where employment is increasing are health and social services, financial and insurance services and IT, media and telecommunications. So, good news for quite a range of NMIT's students. Also continuing to employ reliably are education, a wide range of trades, cafes and restaurants, business services and horticulture.

Not super-surprisingly - Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch are showing employment growth, as opposed to all other areas which are still showing increasing unemployment. This is expected to slowly turn around as the country begins to slowly climb out of the recession.

Christchurch and Canterbury, as our BIG city neighbour, holds employment potential for our trades students as construction continues to grow and is predicted to increase in the coming years. Canterbury has the lowest unemployment in NZ currently at 4.3% compared to nationally 6.2%.



"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

Confucius

REALLY BUSTING FOR A JOB?

... to improve your chances of finding work consider:

Relocating to the main cities mentioned above, particularly Canterbury.

Continue developing your skills, as highly skilled people are more in demand.

Apply for multiple jobs at once 10-40 is recommended.

Choose a career that is experiencing skills shortages, as mentioned above.

GOOD TO KNOW

Emerging Industries are new ones or ones that have been around for a while but are experiencing growth. These include:

Food and beverage industries which includes seafood, wine and dairy. This industry is currently experiencing national and international demand for fresh tasty kiwi products – yay for Aquaculture, Marine, Hospitality, Horticulture, Viticulture and Business Students!

Biotechnology especially medical drugs and equipment.

Moviemaking is tipped to grow – go Arts and Media and IT students!

Information Technology - this is experiencing growth in NZ and is our fastest growing export sector.

TEN SKILLS MOST VALUED BY EMPLOYERS

these skills relate to a wide range of employment situations

Communication skills – both written and oral. The ability to speak more than one language is also a great asset.

Customer service skills – in person, on phone and online.

Ability to work well in a team – being able to listen and communicate well.

Literacy and numeracy skills.

Confidence learning about and using computers and technology.

Planning and organisational skills – sorting and categorizing information.

Initiative and a can-do attitude – being proactive and a go-getter.

Problem solving skills.

Good work habits and independence – be punctual, tidy, suitably dressed and be a reliable worker when working independently.

Health and safety skills – includes personal fitness to first aid knowledge and more.

SOCIAL MEDIA IN EMPLOYMENT

Social Media is tipped to be more influential in the job market. Currently 62% of employers say they use social media as part of their screening process.

Only 1% of workers in a city survey said that Social Media had helped them find work. Most useful were recruitment agencies and online job boards alongside utilising their own networks.

Mostly social media is being used for job seekers to find out more about a company and gain insights into the culture of the company.

"I love deadlines. I love the whooshing noise they make as they go by."

Douglas Adams



"Some women choose to follow men, and some women choose to follow their dreams. If you're wondering which way to go, remember that your career will never wake up and tell you that it doesn't love you anymore."

Lady Gaga

construction is booming!



What a difference a few years in the construction industry makes. There hardly seems a day go by, that we here in the Carpentry Department of Trades at NMIT are asked "do you have any boys" (or ladies) by local construction companies looking for students for work experience.

The one year, full time, pre-trade Carpentry course we deliver is very well recognised and supported by our local industry. We believe we have the right blend of practical related activities to keep our students fully engaged in a progressive learning environment.

What do we mean by that? Well the answer is pretty simple. We believe that by supplementing the theory part of the course with relevant practical activities; such as hand tool skills, woodwork machining skills and construction projects; are all designed to sharpen and hone their knowledge and skillset in a practical way.

To quote Shinichi Suzuki: "Knowledge is not a skill, knowledge plus ten thousand repetitions is a skill". The good old adage of practice makes perfect sense.

This year we have embarked on our biggest practical project to date. The pre-trade students are building a 3 bedroom sustainable home. Here they learn a lot of the practical knowledge and skills needed to eventually become a qualified carpenter. At the end of the day (well, end of the course) there will be a finished, hi-spec house sitting in our outdoor practical area awaiting delivery to its new owner. What an achievement!

Most of our students are setting out in their career choice of becoming a qualified carpenter. Some students are school leavers, some are adult learners who want to take their life path in another direction and some just want to further their qualifications. The pre-trade course caters for this as well as providing that all-important pathway into employment.

A carpentry trade could be your passport to bigger and better things. Think of the opportunities for travel, and the doors that it could open up both here in New Zealand and around the world. Carpenters make the best foremen on construction sites. You could upskill and go into management, be your own boss, become a quantity surveyor or even pursue a career in education. The sky's the limit.

Look at the photographs and you will see students working away and enjoying what they are doing with physical results. But stop. Look again. What do you really see? This is real life learning. Our students are so engrossed in producing a finished result that they do not even realise they are learning all about key aspects of the building process. Who said learning can't be fun!

If you find yourself wandering past NMIT, stop and have a look at our students in action. Most visitors who walk past do just that. Curiosity gets the better of them, and they want to know what is going on? Again the answer is easily summed up in one word: "Learning".

Our very knowledgeable tutors Huw and Eddie will be more than happy to provide information or answers to questions you may have.



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The 2013 New Zealand International Film Festival is coming to Nelson's State Cinema from the 28th August till the 15th September. Nelsonians will be treated to an array of high quality films from around the world. There is a movie to suit everyone's tastes. This year's festival includes Frances Ha and The Deadly Ponies Gang, plus many more!

Frances Ha

If you are looking for a laugh, some inspiration and something refreshing to watch, this movie is a must! Cinema Scope's Jay Kuehner said "it plays like a pop record you want to play over and over." The film follows an aspiring dancer struggling in the hip town of Brooklyn, America.

The Deadly Ponies Gang

A must see. Similar style as 'Boy', this movie is hilarious; it will provide you with some laughs... and new quotes! Follow the lives of best mates Clint and Dwayne, members of the two-member Deadly Ponies Gang, who sift around the mean streets of Rural West Auckland on their pimped out horses.

Check out www.nziff.co.nz to see the other movie listings and for further information.

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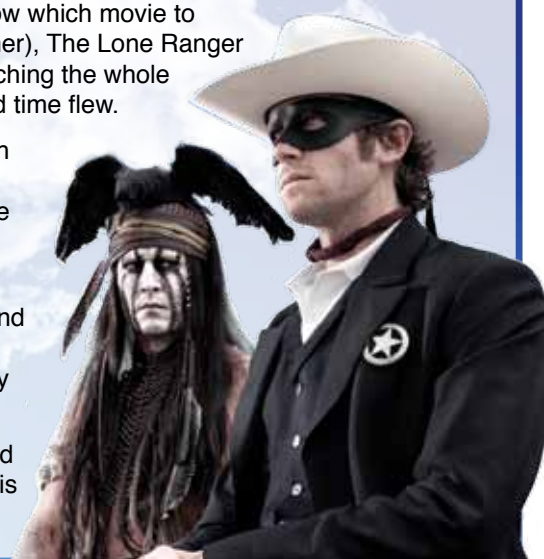
Review: The Lone Ranger

Miserable rainy Sunday afternoon... off to the cinema! First off, what am I going to wear? Last time I was walking to the cinema I was mistaken for an infamous drunken Drag Queen. Style over substance - that is the question? Alas, it is raining so I'm afraid I must be practical about these things. Hmmm, now which movie to watch? With main characters Tonto (Johnny Depp) and John Reid (Armie Hammer), The Lone Ranger is definitely a must see. At 2.5 hours long though... I'm not sure I would last watching the whole movie. It turned out to be the fastest 2.5 hours of my life; the movie was so good time flew.

A thrilling adventure, packed full of the perfect mix of action and humour, in which John Reid, a lawyer, is transformed into a famed masked hero! Tonto, a Native American Spirit Warrior, recounts to a young boy at an American Country Fair the untold stories of John Reid's transformation into a hero - a legend of justice and man of the law.

Make sure you pay attention to the White Spirit Horse, the white hat, the mask and the Blackbird which appear throughout the movie. Johnny Depp was playing his character very well, you can hardly recognize him. Armie Hammer is a very funny character.

This movie is easily **4 slappas**. I highly recommend putting on your glad rags and going to see it. With the mix of humour, love, the Wild West theme and culture it is a movie suitable for young and old, couples and friends.



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