

Hairdressing

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'I gained so much confidence at WelTec.'

Piripi

 Hairdressing

 Hairdresser

Piripi started his journey with WelTec with a vocational pathways programme, where his passion was sparked after a taster in Hairdressing. Two years ago, he graduated his Hairdressing programme and found a job at a local salon.

Currently working at Vivo in Wellington, Piripi is a third year apprentice, and he loves being able to study while making money to support himself at the same time. He'll be a fully qualified hairdresser next year in March. The thing he loves most about hairdressing is the cutting because he finds it more of a mental challenge – because if you make a mistake in a cut, everyone can see it! In his opinion, colour is just easier to do.

Piripi left school early and had never thought much about a career in hairdressing. Then he started the Vocational Pathways course at WelTec where his tutor got him to do a full service blow-wave treatment on one of the girls in his class. He saw the effect it had on his friend – he had made her day. It was this pride he felt about changing someone's day by making them feel better about themselves that kept him in the hairdressing programme. He ended up doing a second year at WelTec under a

Māori Pasifika Scholarship (MPTT). During this time, he made incredible connections with his tutors and the Māori Pacific support group. The Māori Pacific support group even helped him get his Learner drivers licence! The learning environment was both creative and supportive which helped him get further in the course.

WelTec's hands-on course work helped him land a job when he graduated - especially the foundations of cutting component where he worked on live models. His favorite part of the job is interacting with clients and the buzz he gets after doing a great job. In the next 5 years, he wants to take his skills around New Zealand and then come back here and help future stylists follow their dreams too. His advice for aspiring hairdressers is to ask for help when you need it. "If you need the support, just ask for it."

Follow the QR code below to read Piripi's full story.



New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Salon Support) (Level 3)

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| 📖 | Level 3 |
| 🕒 | 1 year, full-time |
| 📅 | 24 Feb 2025 (Petone) 24 Feb 2025 (Porirua) |
| 💰 | \$7,815 (indicative for 2023 intake) |
| 🌐 | \$26,276.58* (indicative for 2023 intake) |

Learn essential skills such as shampooing, applying treatments or colours under supervision, styling and reception duties. You'll also be introduced to cutting. Develop experience working as a team member in our salon. Work backstage on the World of Wearable Art Awards Show and take the opportunity to work on other productions and fashion events.

What you will learn

- Fundamentals of hairdressing and styling
- Understand the use of elementary colours, foils, highlights and lowlights
- Perform elementary blow drying and long hair styling techniques
- Gain knowledge in hair treatments and scalp massage
- Learn about safe, hygienic and professional practice
- Work on real clients in the salon and develop your reception, customer service and consultation skills
- Opportunity to work on the World of WearableArt™ Awards show, regional competitions, fashion shows and theatre production

More detail about this qualification

Dates and times for this programme are as follows:

Hairdressing Level 3 Kowhai Group:

Petone: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm.

Porirua: Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am-5pm, and Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm.

Career options

Work as a salon assistant. Or you might continue on with training as a second-year apprentice working in industry.

- Salon assistant
- Colourist
- Fashion hair stylist

Entry requirements

Domestic

Open entry.

International IELTS

Minimum IELTS (academic) score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5, or equivalent.

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

**International fees shown here do not include insurance and administration (currently approximately \$924 per year of study)*

Course related costs

This programme has additional course related costs of approximately \$100 (includes combs, brushes, hairdryer etc).

These course related costs are not covered under any fees free funding schemes. To apply for course related costs (as a loan) visit [studylink](#).

Ākonga who qualify for the MPTT (Māori and Pasifika Trades Training) scholarship may be able to have their course related costs covered.

Get pampered for a fraction of the cost →

Level up your look and get some well-deserved pampering at our student-run salons open to the public. Hairdressing services include colour and styling, barbering includes cuts and shaves, and beauty therapy services include facial and eye treatments, manicures, pedicures, and waxing. Our training salons are run by students, fully-supervised by professionals. [Check out our locations, opening hours, and how to book.](#)

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