

# TRADES ACADEMY 2026



Hawke's Bay & Tairāwhiti Schools  
**TRADES ACADEMY**

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## WHAT IS TRADES ACADEMY?

The Trades Academy works with secondary schools to provide fun, practical and engaging vocational courses to help students achieve NCEA levels 2 or 3 and prepare them for higher-level study.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

It's really simple. The Trades Academy is a partnership with your school. You will and do a Trades Academy course you have chosen in consultation with your school. Most courses run one day per week which is typically a Friday, however some Level 3 offerings, for example Building and Construction run on either Monday / Tuesday or Wednesday / Thursday, while others just run on Thursday. Delivery days and locations are detailed in this booklet. As well as the course tutor, you will be supported by our Trades Academy team and you will also continue to receive support from your school.

## DISCOVER YOUR VOCATIONAL PATHWAY!

Vocational Pathways have been developed by industry and the Government to help you prepare for a career while studying for NCEA Level 2. There are six Vocational Pathways relating to NCEA levels 1-3.

You will see that each course is colour coded to match the relevant Vocational Pathway.



## HOW ARE THE TRADES ACADEMY, NCEA LEVEL 2 AND VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS CONNECTED?

Trades Academy courses, and the subjects you study at school, are designed to help you achieve NCEA Levels 2 or 3 by the end of the year. They're also designed to help you gain credits for your chosen Vocational Pathway. Each course in the following pages is colour coded to match the appropriate Vocational Pathway and consists of approximately 15 - 20 credits. Your school has a copy of the units that make up each course.

## WHY SHOULD I ENROL IN THE TRADES ACADEMY?

There are a number of great reasons why you should enrol in the Trades Academy. Here are just a few:

- Get a head start on a career while achieving NCEA Levels 2 or 3
- Experience what tertiary study is really like, without having to pay any fees
- Sample a tertiary subject without having to commit to full-time tertiary study
- Develop a clear path into further study and a higher level qualification for your future

## SOUNDS LIKE ME, HOW DO I APPLY?

If you want to be considered for the Trades Academy, you will ideally be in Year 12 or 13 in 2026. If you're a Year 11 student you might be able to enrol by special arrangement between the Trades Academy and your secondary school.

Typically, you will have:

- Achieved NCEA Level 1 including literacy and numeracy requirements - but there may be exceptions, which can be discussed with the Trades Academy team
- Demonstrated a commitment to ongoing learning and have solid support from your whānau/family or caregivers
- Support from your school for entry into the Trades Academy course of your choice
- The physical ability to carry out the practical components of the course you're interested in

# APPLICATION PROCESS



## CHOOSE YOUR COURSE

Read the course offerings and discuss your options with your school and parent/s or guardian.



## REQUEST APPLICATION

Ask your school for an application form.



## FILL IN YOUR APPLICATION FORM

Fill in your application form and make sure you sign it. Ask your parent/s or guardian to sign the form to show they support your application.



## RETURN THE APPLICATION FORM

Return the form to your school. Your school will send your application to EIT for processing.



## EIT PROCESS THE APPLICATION

EIT will consider your application and will inform your school of the outcome.



## SCHOOL INFORMS STUDENT OF APPLICATION OUTCOME

Your school will let you know if your application has been successful.



## BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY TOWARDS A VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

## THESE VIDEOS ARE DEFINITELY WORTH A WATCH!

[tradesacademy.eit.ac.nz](https://tradesacademy.eit.ac.nz)

And, don't forget to talk to your school and your whānau/family as well!



## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I'VE FINISHED MY TRADES ACADEMY YEAR?

There are various options, here are some ideas:

- Return to school to complete Year 13 and NCEA Level 3
- Return to the Trades Academy to explore another vocational area or pathway into a Level 3 course
- Go into full-time study
- Pathway into employment with further training on the job

**To find out the best option for you, the following can help:**

- Talk to the careers advisor and/or teachers at your school
- Talk to the Trades Academy staff
- Check out the Vocational Pathways profile builder to help select a pathway and find related jobs:

**[youthguarantee.education.govt.nz/tools/profile-builder/](https://youthguarantee.education.govt.nz/tools/profile-builder/)**

- Visit Careers NZ: **[careers.govt.nz](https://careers.govt.nz)**
- Visit **[eit.ac.nz](https://eit.ac.nz)** for further study options



## AGRICULTURE LEVEL 2

### Kick-start your future in farming

Do you enjoy working with animals, being outdoors and want to know more about what it would be like to work on a farm? Studying Agriculture is a great first step towards a career within the backbone of New Zealand's economy.

#### You will learn practical farm skills such as:

- Handling and checking on livestock
- How to look after farm animals
- How to be safe on a farm
- Maintain fencing equipment and put up fences
- Feeding animals and managing grazing

**Start:** Feb 2026

**Day:** Friday

**Location:** Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti

## AGRICULTURE LEVEL 3\*

### Care for our environment

Looking after the environment is critical to the future of our local agriculture industry. This programme offers you the key skills the industry needs.

#### You will learn how to:

- Health and Safety on the land
- Pest Operations including Rodent Trapping
- Fencing Skills
- Growing and Nurturing Native Plants
- Riparian Planting



**Start:** Feb 2026

**Location:** Tairāwhiti only

\*Entry conditions may apply. This course is only offered at Tūranga Ararau training venue in Tairāwhiti



## AGRICULTURE (EQUINE) LEVEL 2

### For those connected to horses and the land

Do you enjoy being outdoors and want to know more about working with horses and being on a farm? Studying Agriculture (Equine) is a great first step towards a career within the horses, sheep and beef industry.

#### You will learn practical farm and equine skills such as:

- Using and caring for farm horses
- Riding and leading a horse
- General farm skills including dagging, crutching sheep and fencing skills

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Thursday	<b>Location:</b> East Coast (Uawa /Ruatoria)
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## ANIMAL CARE LEVEL 2 AND 3\*

### Perfect for animal lovers

Do you like working with and looking after animals, or are you thinking of a possible career in animal care or veterinary nursing? Gain knowledge and practical skills in caring for and managing a range of animals in EIT's purpose-built animal handling facilities.

#### In this hands-on course you will learn:

- The behaviour and welfare of a range of domestic animals, which could include dogs, rabbits, rodents, birds/chickens and ornamental fish
- How to handle and check on animals, and monitor their health
- How to look after animal housing
- What and how to feed specific animals

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Level 2:</b> Friday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay only
	<b>Level 3:</b> Thursday	

\*Entry conditions may apply.



## FORESTRY LEVEL 3\*

### Grow the people with the trees

Forestry is the fastest growing industry in Tairāwhiti offering a range of sustainable career opportunities. Join us and learn the following pre entry skills and knowledge.

#### In this Forestry course you will learn skills in:

- Health and Safety in our Forests
- Forestry Foundation Skills
- Maintain and Operate a chainsaw safely



**Start:** Feb 2026

**Location:** Tairāwhiti only

\*Entry conditions may apply. This course is only offered at Tūranga Ararau training venue in Tairāwhiti

## HORTICULTURE LEVEL 2 AND 3\*

### Grow your career in horticulture

Are you interested in planting, growing and harvesting crops? Enjoy getting your hands in the soil and understand the simple ways to grow your own plants and produce while being outside the classroom at local community gardens, marae and orchards.

#### In this Horticulture course you will learn skills in:

- Landscape construction
- Fruit production in the local region
- Propagating and growing plants
- Maintaining fencing and irrigation systems
- Preparing and laying concrete

**Start:** Feb 2026

**Day:** Friday

**Location:** Hawke's Bay only



## BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION LEVEL 2

### Build yourself a solid future

Do you enjoy making things and working with others to complete projects?  
Are you interested in working in the Building and Construction industries?

#### While studying this course you will learn practical building and construction skills:

- How to safely use hand and power tools
- How to read and implement drawings and plans
- Working with others on projects
- Completing building projects

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Friday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti
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## BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION LEVEL 3\*

### Nail the skills for a career in construction

Are you interested in working as a team to build a house? Does a career in construction interest you?

#### In the Level 3 Building and Construction course you will learn skills in:

- Building and safety regulations
- Studying building plans and architectural drawings
- Working on real life building projects
- Related construction trades

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Days:</b> Monday and Tuesday or Wednesday and Thursday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay only
	<b>Day:</b> Thursday	<b>Location:</b> Tairāwhiti only

\*Entry conditions may apply.



## ELECTRICAL LEVEL 3\*

### Ignite the Spark in you

Make the most of your talent for problem solving. Consider a future career in the Electrical Industry. Electricians test and install electrical systems and equipment.

#### In this course you will:

- Learn basic electrical techniques
- Be introduced to the basic foundation theories of electricity
- Broaden your skills and knowledge to consider the Electrical Industry as a pathway

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\*Entry conditions may apply.

\*Students are recommended to have NCEA L2 English and Math prior to enrolment.

## ENGINEERING LEVEL 3\*

### Welder, Fabricator, Machinist: your choice

Are you interested in creating and designing an engineering project?  
Do you want to be an engineer?

#### During this course you will learn how to:

- Use CAD software
- Use welding techniques
- Assembly of metal projects (eg. go carts, etc)
- Health and safety on job site

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## AUTOMOTIVE LEVEL 2

### Sure to spin your wheels

Are you interested in cars, engines and how they work? Maybe you are thinking of a career in the motor industry? Study the Automotive course and get down to business in EIT's fully-equipped automotive workshop.

#### During this hands-on course you will learn:

- How to strip, inspect and rebuild a multi-cylinder engine
- To use common tools of the motor industry
- Safety in auto workshops
- How engines work

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Days:</b> Tuesday or Friday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay
	<b>Days:</b> Friday	<b>Location:</b> Tairāwhiti

## AUTOMOTIVE LEVEL 3\*

### Build the skill and really start your engine

Are you considering a career in the Automotive industry? Do you want to work towards NCEA Level 3 while gaining knowledge and skills in this industry?

#### In the Automotive Level 3 course you will:

- Gain knowledge of specialist hand tools and mechanical equipment
- Obtain new practical skills and experience through workshop exercises
- Perform repairs and maintain a motor vehicle
- Remove, fit, repair, balance and gain knowledge of wheels and tyres in the workshop
- Cost, quote and invoice practical jobs completed in the workshop

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Days:</b> Wednesday and Thursday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay only
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\*Entry conditions may apply.



## INTEGRATED TRADE SKILLS LEVEL 2

### Automotive, Engineering, Building, Electrical and Plumbing

Are you good with your hands and thinking of a career in the automotive and engineering or building and electrical trades but not sure which one?

#### In this hands-on Trades Skills course you will:

- Perform general servicing checks on a motor vehicle
- Create a simple engineering project
- Learn basic electrical techniques
- Construct timber garden furniture
- Complete a plumbing project

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Friday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti
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\*Students are to select their three preferred options. Note: Plumbing only available in Hawke's Bay.

## WORKBASED LEARNING LEVELS 2\* OR 3\*

### Prepare yourself for the working world

An ideal additional course to compliment your other trades academy selection.

#### In this course you will:

- Career exposure, experience and engagement
- Skills to help you transition into the workplace combining elements learnt in the classroom
- Where possible, you will be placed with an employer to enhance the skills required in a real work setting

<b>Start:</b> Flexible	<b>Location:</b> Flexible
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## COMPUTER TECHNICIAN LEVEL 2

### If Computing and Robotics are your thing

Are you interested in computing, how technology works, in developing basic websites, and writing simple software programs? Thinking of a career in computing or information technologies? Then this course will be a great first step towards a future in the ICT industry.

**In this hands-on STEM course you will gain an understanding of technology, and learn and apply skills including:**

- General digital computing hardware and operating systems, choosing application software, and networking
- How computers work, troubleshooting and diagnosing issues, the internet
- Health and safety, ergonomics, digital security
- Design, build, and programme a VexiQ robot, using a variety of sensors
- Create a website using HTML and CSS
- Learn foundational coding using python

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Friday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti
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## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 3\*

### Do robots excite you?

**Get hands on experience in:**

- Researching new technologies
- Creating and designing robotic rovers
- Developing artificial intelligence programmes

This course consists of achievement standards which can be used for NCEA Level 3 and University Entrance

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LEVEL 3

**Take the first step towards a rewarding career working with children!**

**In this course you will:**

- Develop your skills and knowledge of children's learning and development
- Learn about the importance of play experiences for young children
- Create fun and engaging learning resources for children

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Thursday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay
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## HAUORA LEVEL 3\*

**Healthy is the new Happy**

Are you interested in your own and other people's health?  
Does a career in the health industry sound like you?

**In this course you will:**

- Develop your skills and knowledge of consumer rights in a health/wellbeing setting
- Manage your own health and the wellbeing of your whānau
- Learn about hygiene and infection control
- Understand and apply First Aid concepts

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Thursday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay
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\*Entry conditions may apply.



## BARBERING LEVEL 2

### Experience the wonderful world of barbering

Do you like working with people and want to be apart of a modern creative industry? If so this course could be for you.

#### In this hands-on course you will learn:

- A range of Barbering techniques and styling
- To provide client services in a barber environment
- How to maintain tools and equipment
- Nape shaping and line outs
- Meet and engage with industry professionals

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Tuesday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay
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## HAIR AND BEAUTY LEVEL 2

### When first impressions matter

Do you like working with people to help them look and feel like a million dollars? Do you have a flair for hair and an appreciation for the benefits of keeping your skin and body in top condition?

#### In this hands-on course you will learn:

- A range of basic hairdressing techniques, including dressing long hair, treating the hair and scalp, and styling
- To provide a service and care for clients in a salon environment
- How the body influences hair and beauty treatments
- Learn how to self-style with makeup and hair
- Select, maintain and demonstrate safe handling of beauty therapy equipment for nail services

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Wednesday or Friday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay only
	<b>Days:</b> Friday	<b>Location:</b> Tairāwhiti only



## HAIR AND BEAUTY LEVEL 3\*

### Let your passion for hair and beauty shine through

Do you like creating different hairstyles and performing skin treatments?  
Do you get pleasure making people feel and look good?

You will be able to build on the skills learnt from Level 2 and further develop hairstyling, including blow-drying, braiding and hair up.

#### During this practical hands-on course you will:

- Develop hairstyling
- Select and carry out shampooing
- Perform skincare services
- Gain the skills to work in a salon
- Learn the fundamentals of skin knowledge and makeup design

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Thursday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti
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\*Entry conditions may apply.





## BAKERY LEVEL 3\*

### Rise to the challenge

Are you interested in baking? Do you want to work as a baker?

#### In this course you will learn skills in:

- Baking breads and pastries
- Cookies and cakes
- Product presentation
- Working safely

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Thursday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti
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\*Entry conditions may apply.

## COOKERY LEVEL 3\*

### Love food and want to look at turning it into a career?

If you really love food or even have some artistic flair, then this programme is for you. You will attend two days a week and work towards gaining the full New Zealand Certificate in Cookery Level 3.

Our elite, ten spaces only, cookery programme will have you in Chefs Whites, cooking some amazing food for friends, whānau and even starting roles within the hospitality industry. During the programme you will work in live productions serving to the public and work through all the foundation skills it takes to become a chef.

#### Working in the Hastings Regional Learning Centre, you will learn all about:

- Food Safety
- Basic food preparation and cooking techniques
- Savoury and sweet dishes
- Enhance your knife skills, Health and Safety and basic nutrition
- Learn basic menus and productions skills while running a café/restaurant for the public

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Days:</b> Thursday and Friday	<b>Location:</b> Hastings Regional Learning Centre
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*NOTE: Spaces are limited. This is an elite programme where we will work with a small class size and grow your passion for food.*

\*Entry conditions may apply.



## HOSPITALITY LEVEL 2

### For the foodie in us all

Do you like cooking food for other people? Perhaps you've been thinking about a career in Hospitality? Well, if you're a foodie, this course will introduce you to the skills for a career in hospitality.

**During this course you will work with real customers and use EIT's modern training kitchen to learn all about:**

- Cooking
- Using kitchen equipment safely
- Preparing and presenting food
- Preparing and serving drinks including barista made coffee
- Serving customers

**Start:**

Feb 2026

**Day:**

Friday

**Location:**

Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti





## SERVICES PREPARATION LEVEL 3\*

### Best foot forward for the Forces

You will develop skills needed to apply for the forces.

#### In this course you will:

- Build the confidence to apply for training in the Armed Forces or Police
- Learn how to manage your own fitness
- Gain skills in communication
- Learn outdoor orientation skills

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\*Entry requirements: Level 3 - Year 13, must be physically able to complete course





## SPORT, COACHING AND EXERCISE LEVEL 2

**Train Smart, Coach Fair, Play Safe – Your path to a career in Sport and Rec!**

**Want to get active, build confidence, and learn real-world Sport and Rec skills? In this course you will:**

- Learn how to prevent injuries, stretch properly, and stay safe while exercising or playing sport
- Develop coaching skills
- Explore roles of sports officials
- Plan and participate in active recreation

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Friday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti
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## SPORT, RECREATION AND EXERCISE LEVEL 3\*

**Elevate your game**

Do you love the exhilaration of sport? Are you curious about the principles of exercise science? Are you keen to experience the joy of outdoor recreation?

**In the Level 3 Sport, Recreation, and Exercise course you will learn about:**

- How to manage and improve your fitness
- Coaching athletes through skill development
- Planning, preparing, and participating in recreation activities

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Thursday	<b>Location:</b> Hawke's Bay only
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\*Entry conditions may apply.

## INTEGRATED CREATIVE SKILLS LEVEL 2

### Fashion, Screen Production and Digital Design

Are you creative and looking to explore your artistic skills? Learn the principles of fashion design, screen production and digital design that could further your future career pathway in the Creative Industry.

#### In this course you will learn:

- Digital design, screen and media
- Pattern making and construction
- Create a simple fashion project through to production
- How to produce digital images for digital media

<b>Start:</b> Feb 2026	<b>Day:</b> Friday	<b>Location:</b> Tairāwhiti only
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## PIKITOI LEVELS 2 AND 3

### Explore the vibrancy and creativity of Māori art!

Are you interested in exploring Māori visual art? Come and explore Māori design concepts within EIT.

#### During this hands on course you will:

- Have fun making Māori visual art - using traditional and contemporary construction techniques and design knowledge
- Learn appropriate karakia and tikanga in relation to Māori visual art
- Explore painting and whakairo

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