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Collins Automotive Technicians has a strong history in the Hamilton automotive industry, growing from a staff of just three people in 2011 to about 20 technicians working from a high-profile, high-spec Kahikatea Drive site.

Owner-operators Jason and Carley Land bought the original auto-electrical business in 2011 and are passionate not only about growing their own business but about growing skills and capability across their sector.

They are passionate about training their team members and taking on keen and enthusiastic learners to keep at the forefront of the latest auto-electrical technology.

Collins sets the standard with an organised, clean, state-of-the-art, complete car care complex, keeping them at the top of their game. Gone are the days of messy workshops filled with men – many young women are cutting their teeth in the sector and going on to lead the way as great technicians.



Rev up your automotive career with Collins

“Our big strength is our passion about what we all do and a genuine energy to learn and grow. That’s a huge part of what I think inspires our team to do the very best for our customers every day.”

– Jason Land, Manager Director of Collins Automotive Technicians

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AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICE

The FutureForce® Crew sat down with Callum to chat about his role...

HOW DID YOU GET INTO THIS WORK?

I was looking for something to do after I left school because I wasn’t too keen on uni. I enjoyed hands-on stuff so I thought trades would be a good idea. Someone mentioned automotive electrical so I had a chat to the school careers teacher and she ended up finding me some work experience here at Collins.

WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN THIS TYPE OF WORK?

I’ve always loved cars. I grew up around them and my family was interested in them. I had quite a passion for it so I thought it would be a good opportunity to merge it into a job.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT YOUR JOB?

It’s got a good range of work – you’re never doing the same thing. Lots of different things on different cars and different challenges. You’re always kept busy.

TOP CAREER TIP

HAVING THE DRIVE AND MOTIVATION FOR THE JOB IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN KNOWING EVERYTHING.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WORK AND SCHOOL?

It’s quite a big jump going from school to working full time. I came straight from school so that was a big factor – I was kind of thrown in the deep end! But I was really welcomed into the workplace and felt comfortable asking questions. It’s a welcoming environment so that helped me get used to the change.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AND AMBITIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE?

Getting qualified is the main one. Then I just want to continue growing and learning and see how far I can go.



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WHAT SCHOOL SUBJECTS DO YOU FIND USEFUL FOR THIS KIND OF WORK?

Physics was helpful to have some knowledge on things like electrical currents. Metal tech or any workshop type subjects are good to get used to the environment and the tools.

WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE TO SOMEONE STARTING OUT IN THIS WORK?

Make sure you arrive on time and put the effort in, and ask lots of questions when you get started!



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A DAY ON THE JOB

AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICIANS MAY DO SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING...

- » Installing new vehicle wiring systems.
- » Installing and troubleshooting immobilizer and alarm systems.
- » Gathering information from customers about issues with their electrical system.
- » Diagnosing electrical issues and proposing a course of action.
- » Providing customers with estimated time and cost for repairs.
- » Repairing and replacing faulty wiring or electrical systems.
- » Servicing of electrical automotive parts.
- » Servicing and repairing electrical systems on agricultural vehicles.

