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Fairview Education Ltd (Fairview Education) was established in 1998 and specialises in delivering automotive trade training.

Fairview Education delivers full-time courses on site at Fairview Motors in Hamilton and also supplies distance learning automotive workbooks to schools and training providers throughout New Zealand.

From Air Conditioning Specialists to Diesel Mechanics, Fairview offer a wide range of job opportunities for young people to get into.



Type of person

- Interest in the sector
- Reliable
- Good Communication
- Good Attitude

Useful School Subjects

- Maths
- English
- Science - Physics

“The only thing stopping you is you” That’s the word from Fairview Education automotive student and former Hillcrest High School student Sarah Paki, Ngāpuhi.

“I wish that I had been more confident and pushed my self to do this training ages ago! Fairviews is cool! I like the knowledge and the constant learning. Everyday on the job you’re learning something new about a different car and putting pieces of knowledge together and different skills you’ve developed.”

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SARAH PAKI  
AUTOMOTIVE STUDENT



The FutureForce® Crew sat down with Sarah to chat about her role...

TOP CAREER TIP

“THE ONLY THING STOPPING YOU IS YOU.”  
FAIRVIEWS IS COOL.

WHAT DO YOU DO AT FAIRVIEW?

At the moment just replacing minor things like ball joints, tyres, shocks... Sometimes we do fun stuff like pulling engines apart. We use a lot of hand tools, power tools, air hoses, tyre pressures and air guns, tyre machine, balancer, rattle guns, impact guns, even sand blasters!

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED?

I’ve always had the interest in automotive but I never felt like I had enough knowledge to get into it. It was quite intimidating for me, so I just found a course where you learn the basics and you can work your way up to a confident level to start an apprenticeship. My partner was really into cars so he was really like a good push for me. We plan on building a car together! We’ve got a car at home which we plan to fix up.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR TRAINING?

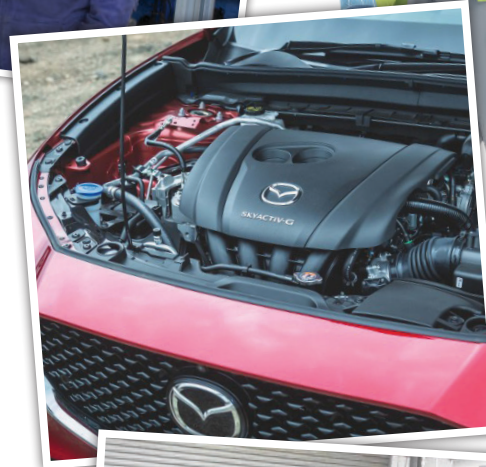
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WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT FAIRVIEW?

Everyone is really kind and they’re really patient with me personally. They meet everyone where they’re at in their learning level. They’re always willing to help and it shows they love teaching! The mix of the practical and the theory, as well as the learning modules are layed out really nicely. It’s a cool place to be, I’d recommend it to anyone!

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO WITH YOUR CAREER?

I would like to be a fully qualified mechanic and my dream is to open a little shop in my shed at home and fix cars up with me and my partner.



**WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT SO FAR?**

So much! This course is really cool because you start from the most basic things like tools, and then you work your way up so you get a really thorough understanding of how everything works. For example how a battery works internally, and just how every part in car systems work and little things that you've never even heard of! I learned about time management and keeping busy on the job when there is no work to do. Being reliable, and to show up the same time when the real mechanics are there is important too.

**HOW DID YOU TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO WORK?**

I never personally liked school. I never really got it, so I just mainly hung out with my friends and after high school I went straight into work and I worked all the way through because I loved working. I started this course after I had my baby, because it was the only time I actually didn't have a job. This course is really cool because you do a mix of work and theory. So you're not sitting in a classroom all day, here you're on the tools and putting what you're learning to practice, so I found the transition really easy.

**TIPS & ADVICE**

**WHAT SORT OF PERSON DO YOU NEED TO BE FOR THIS WORK?**

Patient and thorough. You have to make sure everything is done properly because it's the safety of others that you have to worry about. Having good initiative is really beneficial. You also need a passion for it... you need to love what you're doing to do a good job.

**WHAT ADVICE YOU HAVE FOR SOMEONE LOOKING AT THIS TYPE OF WORK?**

Just do it! The more you put it to practice outside of work, the more it will stick in your brain. Even just watching YouTube videos.

**WHAT DOES SOMEONE NEED TO KNOW WHEN STARTING OUT AT WORK?**

Show initiative by putting yourself out there, and be ready to help others on the team. Basic skills like time management and efficiency is important too.

**WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR KEEPING BALANCE/MANAGING STRESS?**

Your day starts the night before. For example, last night I got everything ready, I packed our lunches, our bags and got our clothes out to wear for the day. So in the morning we just get ready, have breakfast and get in the car and go.

