



## Jordyn Watt MACHINIST



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**Ever wondered who builds the parts for other machines? That's Stafford Engineering! Based in Hamilton they're the behind-the-scenes legends turning complex ideas into precision-engineered reality.**

Jordyn's story proves you don't need a university degree to land a hands-on, high-paying career in engineering. With an apprenticeship, determination, and a love for problem-solving, Jordyn carved out a future in a field that's all about precision, creativity, and cool tech.

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

**TOP CAREER TIP**  
"TRY AND SOCIALISE WITH THE PEOPLE AT WORK BECAUSE THEY MAKE YOUR LIFE A LOT EASIER. I FEEL LIKE OTHERS WILL BE MORE WILLING TO HELP YOU IF YOU'VE BUILT A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM."

**WHAT DO YOU DO FOR WORK?**

I work in machining, where I program and operate a milling machine. The machine holds a workpiece while a sharp, rotating tool cuts the steel to create specific shapes and components. My role involves both setting up the machine and ensuring the precision of the parts being produced.

**HOW DID YOU GET INTO THIS JOB/CAREER?**

I developed an interest in this career through engineering and welding classes at school. My brother was already working at Stafford, and he helped me gain work experience during school holidays. This gave me a good understanding of what it's like to work in a workshop. After finishing school, I secured an apprenticeship with Stafford, which allowed me to continue developing my skills professionally.

**HAVE YOU COMPLETED/ARE YOU WORKING TO COMPLETE ANY STUDY OR QUALIFICATIONS?**

I have recently completed a four-year apprenticeship with Stafford, which typically requires 8,000 hours of training; I was able to complete mine in 7,000 hours. In addition, I completed NCEA Level 2 before finishing school.

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## Tips & Advice

### WHAT KIND OF PERSON SUITS WORK IN THIS INDUSTRY/JOB?

This job is best suited to someone who is hands-on, resilient, and able to handle a fast-paced and demanding environment. Strong problem-solving skills and the ability to stay focused under pressure are also important qualities for success in this industry.

### WHAT SCHOOL SUBJECTS ARE USEFUL TO TAKE?

Engineering, Mathematics, Physics. Personally I didn't take Physics but it can be very helpful knowing the compositions of metal and stuff like that. Automotive may also be very helpful as well.



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### WHAT DO THEY DO AT STAFFORD?

Stafford Engineering is all about designing, building, and maintaining high-tech equipment for industries like food processing, packaging, healthcare, and more. They don't just make parts... they create full systems that keep factories running smoothly. Think CNC machining, welding, fabrication, and even robotics.

### WHAT MAKES THE TEAM CULTURE AT STAFFORD ENGINEERING ENJOYABLE OUTSIDE OF DAILY WORK?

We have our own social club events which I really enjoy. We go on fishing charters. Sometimes we even do competitions where we might go bowling. Some of my best friends I've met working here.

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I really enjoy the relaxed and supportive work environment at Stafford. It makes coming to work enjoyable, and everyone here is friendly and approachable. I also appreciate that the team is very supportive if you want to learn new skills or take on different tasks, which makes it a great place for professional growth.

