WAIHI COLLEGE STUDENTS TAKE FIRST AID COURSE AS PART OF MINING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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Students from Waihi College have recently taken part in a comprehensive First Aid course, which is an integral component of the wider Mining Skills Development Programme facilitated by OceanaGold. The Mining Skills Development Programme aims to bridge the gap between education and industry by providing students with hands-on experience and skills that are directly applicable to the mining field, preparing them for a variety of future career opportunities.

The course was held on the school grounds and focused on practical first aid techniques, ensuring that students are not only capable of providing immediate assistance in emergencies but also confident in performing lifesaving actions. It covered essential topics such as CPR, wound management, and handling medical situations that may arise.

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Principal of Waihi College, Ms. Briar Cardon-Scott, expressed her enthusiasm about the partnership: "This course is an excellent example of how we can bring real-world skills into the classroom, ensuring that our students are wellprepared for both their academic and career futures" she said. The course was led by certified instructors from Peak Safety, New Zealand, who brought expertise and real-world experience to the training. Students participated in various practical scenarios, which allowed them to apply the techniques in simulated emergency situations.

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OceanaGold has long been committed to supporting our local community, with a particular focus on education and skills development. The First Aid course is just one of several initiatives intended to prepare young people for the workforce and to instil a culture of safety and responsibility.

In the coming months, Waihi College students will continue their training, with additional modules focused on various aspects of the mining industry. As the mining skills development programme evolves, this partnership between education and industry will no doubt continue to provide invaluable opportunities for young people in the Waihi region.



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Waimata Indoor Bowls Pacific Coast Technical Institute Whangamata Hospice & Cancer Trust Whangamata Harbour Care Waihi Badminton Club

New bowls		\$2,740.00
Youth Week costs		\$1,000.00
New palliative care bed		\$3,027.00
Lures and baits for trap lines		\$3,000.00
New club shuttlecocks		\$750.00
	TOTAL	\$10,517.00

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