

Tēnā koe,

I am an ex student of Whanganui High School, class of 2013. I now work as a tapuhi rēhita (registered nurse) in Wellington Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. We are doing a project to try and bring more young nurses to the field, especially Māori and Pacifica, as they are so desperately needed. We are a whānau care centred unit and it's an extremely rewarding and exciting career. Would there be a place to do an "ex-student" post with a wee bio regarding considering nursing as a career? I know there's many other ex students from WHS that have all become nurses - happy to get these details for you!

"I graduated in 2013, and I really struggled to think of what path to take after I left high school. I fell into nursing after someone suggested it would be a really diverse career option. Now I'm 8 years down the track, and 4 years into my career, and I couldn't imagine doing anything else. Im a tapuhi rēhita (RN), and I work in Wellington Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, looking after babies born as tiny as 350 grams, or as big as 6kg. I am also on the aeromedical team - a service where I travel with a doctor around the country on planes or helicopters to pick up babies that need a higher level of care than can be provided in regional hospitals. Everyday is so different, so rewarding, and exciting. NICU is a whānau centred unit, and we really need some more Māori and Pacifica nurses who can form really close bonds with families. It's an incredible job that I'm so proud to do. If you're struggling to think of what to do after high school, nursing could be a great option as there's so many different paths you can take with one degree. You can study and work almost anywhere in the country, and you'll feel like you're doing something so important."





