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Ten and eleven-year-old Food Technology students from Manaia View School took on the challenge of catering for a 300-guest black-tie event at their school for the launch of Whangarei's *Pukeko Echo* TV programme.

New to projects of this scale, the Year 7 and 8 students began by developing an action plan. They researched catering menus, servings, presentation of food and the purchasing of materials and ingredients. They identified a group of stakeholders to consult with on the menu and to give feedback at a trial run held at the school the week before the event.

The event was a huge success. School principal Leanne Otene received lots of positive feedback from guests, who included many local dignitaries and the local Member of Parliament.

"The group catered for a black-tie event with the skills of a professional catering company. I have never been so proud," Leanne said. "When I told the guests that it started as a Technology project and that everything had been done by the students themselves with very limited adult support, they were even more impressed."



This project is just one of the many examples of the exciting opportunities offered to students in Technology. It is a subject that provides students of all ages with a unique and engaging learning experience. Technology students learn to problem-solve, be innovative, build good relationships with clients and stakeholders, seek feedback, and to evaluate their work. They develop these skills through practical projects that involve interaction with business, industry and their local community.

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