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Information Technology Careers

Information Technology is an increasingly important industry in New Zealand and contributes \$20 billion a year to the economy. As a growing export sector, Information Technology ranked second behind dairy and is worth \$5 billion in annual exports. For this reason there is currently a skills shortage in the industry, where more people are needed to fill IT-related jobs.

Former Awatapu College student Tim Johansen (above) values his Technology education. During his secondary school years, Tim was exposed to many different aspects of Technology but found his true calling in Information Technology; this led him to Massey University where he gained a Bachelor of Information Sciences degree, majoring in Information Technology and Business Communications.

Tim considers Technology to be a dynamic area to study: "It's always changing and new and exciting developments are happening all the time." With Technology education, Tim had the opportunity to learn about computer programming, innovation, design and production processes. He was also able to gain workshop skills and experience with report writing and client interaction. Tim found the skills he learnt in Technology provided him with a good grounding for tertiary study and a head start for his career.

As a graduate IT specialist for IBM in Australia, Tim now works with Tivoli enterprise management and security software. "It is a role that is extremely enjoyable and challenging. My Information Technology studies have given me the key to unlock many opportunities and I look forward to seeing what the future of this industry holds."

Information Technology is one of the many diverse fields available for students studying Technology including electronics, design, manufacturing and food technology.

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