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## **BCATS Secondary Schools Pilot Programme**

As indicated in the February e-news we have approached a number of schools throughout the country to take part in a pilot programme during term 2 of the school year. This pilot will commence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and conclude on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

We are pleased to advise that the following schools have agreed to take part:

Dargaville College

Hauraki Plains College (Ngatea)

Orewa College

Palmerston North Boys High School

Tangaroa College (Akl)

Rongotai College (Wgtn)

Macleans College (Akl)

Burnside High School (Chch)

Howick College (Akl)

Taieri College (Mosgiel)

The BCITO would like to thank all the above schools for agreeing to participate in this important phase of the qualification development. We would also like to thank all the other schools that offered to take part in the pilot. Unfortunately we were unable to provide any additional places but there will be plenty of opportunities for feedback and comment as we progress with development work.

## **BCATS Resource Development**

As part of the resource package that will be provided to schools and providers, we intend to produce a tutor's manual that will provide teachers and tutors with a comprehensive range of aids to assist in the delivery of the units in the BCATS programme.

There are some really great results flowing out of existing programmes run by schools and TEO's throughout the country. So if there is something special that is working for you and may benefit others, feel free to let us know and if it is appropriate, we'd love to include it in the manual.

Likewise, if you have some great projects (plans, drawings, specs, photos, descriptions etc), we'd also love to be able to include them and recognise those schools and students who submit them.

## **Elementary Construction Skills CD**

In an attempt to better track providers who use the BCITO resource material and ensure that they have the most up to date copy, all active accredited providers (including schools) have been sent an updated version of the Elementary Construction Skills disc (2007 version) - along with a simple 4-page licence agreement which must be signed and returned in order to be allowed to use the resources.

Please note a correction in relation to the information contained in the February e-news – which should put a smile on everyone's faces! There are now **no royalty fees** required to be paid by Providers for the use of the ECS resource materials.

The new version of the ECS CD has only been given a partial make-over to ensure that the units contained on it cover what is currently registered on the framework. These units and resources will be revisited later this year as part of the BCATS initiative and given a thorough make-over. So in the mean time, providers and schools will still need to pre-moderate the material.

The ECS CD's as dispatched should have been received by Wed 14<sup>th</sup> February at the latest. If you are yet to receive a copy please contact:

Lesley Brittenden (Quality Assurance Moderator)

Mobile: (027) 470 5028 or

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Also a reminder to return the signed licence agreement to Lesley if you have not already done so.

While we have done our best to contact all those who we believe should have an updated CD and licence, there is every possibility that there are others out there who have received a disc in the past but are not accredited to deliver the ECS units. (An example of this would be a school or provider with a memorandum of understanding with another accredited provider.) We are happy for these "others" to also be holders of a CD and licence - but must sign legitimate MOU agreements in order to be confident that they are delivering via an accredited provider. (Copies of MoU's need to be sent to Lesley at the above address prior to the issue of a CD and licence.)

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