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INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF AUCKLAND

# What's Going On?

## ICA NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first ICA newsletter! Firstly a big thanks to all the agents that attended our seminar here at the college. We really appreciated your feedback and have taken on board your many suggestions.

We have been busy visiting you and following up with your suggestions and ideas.

We are really excited to have the NZHITO project up and running and within our first week 5 students were placed with growers in the Hamilton area. We have had some positive feedback that the growers want to employ students full time.

We are presently working through an interview process with our students for further placements.

We aim to have all our students placed at on job work sites by the first week in October!



ICA student field trip to Muriwai Beach.

Muriwai is a significant field trip for our students as they are able to see first hand the birth of New Zealand soil.

Also they get to take a look at the wild west coast and the potentially dangerous surf and sea current.

So this trip is a perfect cluster lesson where the student covers soils, plants and water safety.

### Immigration.

We have noticed that immigration looks favorably at applications if students are applying for different courses. Here at ICA, we do offer Horticulture, business and English courses.

We would suggest that if you as an agent are speaking with clients about studying with us, that you guide them into varying areas of study.

Remembering that once they are here we can swap them to there preferred course. Immigration have a helpful web page and are always helpful when you ring them with enquiries.

[www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

### From the Head

James Williamson (Head of Horticulture) recently attended a conference here in Auckland and was surprised at how many other training providers had heard about our exclusive contract with NZHITO. These providers voiced their opinions on what a great deal we had been able to secure with NZHITO. This is definitely a move in the right direction in securing work for students and we see it as the WAY OF THE FUTURE.

We have made a flow chart of how our course works and how it connects to other relevant .....

Please feel free to share this with your clients and call us if you have any questions.

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## **Recent Chinese Delegation visit.**

**ICA hosted a brief visit of a delegation from the Hunan province in China.**

**We were able to show them around our school and give them information about our school programmes. They asked many questions and they went away smiling and we look forward to doing business with them in the future.**



**Check out our web page!  
[www.ica.ac.nz](http://www.ica.ac.nz)**

## **Student Profile: Rodney Wright**

Funny the events that take place in life..... I came to NZ for a holiday and in an endeavour to stay here permanently, to be with my niece and her family, I encountered the possibility of achieving that by doing the National Certificate in Horticulture (Level 4).

I joined the International College of Auckland in August 2006 and gosh! has time flown by.... I was in group 7 (the best group yet, or at least that's what the tutors say...)

It was quite a challenge and very interesting too... the biggest I have faced so far; but with a lot of hard work and dedication I achieved it.

I enjoyed all our field trips and became quite systematic with having to do a diary of plant knowledge acquired daily. The knowledge of the different botanical/common names of plants and their facts made the whole course worthwhile and every

day was a different one in one way or another The college atmosphere was excellent and the faculty were very helpful and informative with any topics that I had a tough spot with..... I would gladly recommend anyone interested in doing such a course, to do it at ICA.

I now work for Status Produce and am able to translate my knowledge from my course to my work with ease.

I am in the process of converting my Student Visa to that of a Work Visa and look forward to another conversion when I apply for my Permanent Residence.

My long term goal is to travel the world and gain more Horticultural knowledge.