

POET Past Students

There's nothing we love more than hearing from students who have participated in POET programmes, spreading their wings and moving onto other adventures.

I have been studying here at Tai Poutini in Greymouth where I am working towards my Diploma in Outdoor Instruction and Guiding. I am hoping follow my passion for kayaking and work at the New Zealand Kayak School.

One of my biggest hopes for the future, is the opportunity to make regular trips back home and work with Tarawera High School's outdoor education programme. I would love to help open up a gateway between Tarawera High and the outdoor industry, I believe it has the potential to become a popular opportunity for students to take and pursue and would really love to see more students move towards this pathway. - Jonathan Smith (Cover photo)

I am studying environmental management and renewable energy at the Southern Institute of Technology in Invercargill - you learn so much about New Zealand itself and the current environment that we are living in. When I leave the course I either hope to travel and work or volunteer abroad or become a part of The Department of Conservation. (POET) camps helped me engage with the outdoors and pushed me in the direction I needed to go to get to where I am today. - Troy Kendall