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**NEW ZEALAND'S PRIMARY
INDUSTRY IS A MULTI-BILLION
DOLLAR BUSINESS. IT IS THE
BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY.**

The industry is not what it used to be – it's changing every day. New technologies and innovation help produce more food to feed an ever increasing population.

Today's agribusinesses are sophisticated multi-million dollar companies with employees who have the skills required to run these enterprises. The primary industry needs more than workers and farmers. It needs environmental scientists, engineers, economists, accountants, marketing, business professionals and much more.

The industry needs highly skilled and motivated young people to take up careers in the primary sector to help feed an ever growing population across the world.

This means more opportunity for young people.
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ABOUT AGRIBUSINESS AT
ST PAUL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

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ST PAUL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL AND THE PRIMARY INDUSTRIES HAVE COLLABORATED TO DESIGN AN AGRIBUSINESS PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR STUDENTS THAT WILL PREPARE THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST FOR CAREERS IN THE PRIMARY SECTOR.

Agribusiness at St Paul's Collegiate School addresses what key industry leaders believe best meets the sector's needs. It includes a study of topics in the area of plant science, soil science, food science, microbiology, agri-management and finance, economics, digital technologies, agri-innovations, agri-marketing, primary production processes, future proofing, growing value and international trade.

This academic course exposes St Paul's Collegiate School students to the wide range of skills required and the opportunities available in the primary sector beyond the farm gate. It is offered at NCEA Levels 2 and 3 and is designed for students who excel in science and commerce subjects.

It is taught under four strands:

- Agri-science
- Agri-marketing
- Agri-management and finance
- Agri-innovation

The course has a major emphasis on experiential learning, gaining understanding and applying examples of industry 'best practice' to conceptual learning within the classroom. It also includes a focus on careers and opportunities available in the wider primary sector so industry visits and work placements within the agricultural science and business sectors are an integral part of this course.



AGRIBUSINESS AT ST PAUL'S

ENTRY AT YEAR 12 (NCEA Level 2)

Students accepted into the Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Science and Business® Level 2 programme must have strong grades in science and/or commerce subjects at Year 11. At Level 2, Agribusiness students take six Level 2 subjects including Agribusiness, English, Mathematics, and at least one subject from the sciences pathway (Chemistry or Biology) OR commerce pathway (Accounting or Economics).



ENTRY AT YEAR 13 (NCEA Level 3)

Students accepted into the Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Science and Business® Level 3 programme, must have strong grades in science and/or commerce subjects at Year 12. Applicants must also be looking to continue their schooling in a sciences pathway (Chemistry or Biology) or on a commerce pathway (Accounting or Economics) at a tertiary level.

At Level 3, Agribusiness students take five Level 3 subjects including Agribusiness and one subject from the sciences pathway (Chemistry or Biology) OR commerce pathway (Accounting or Economics). Agricultural and Horticultural Science is also strongly recommended. Level 3 students are also encouraged to sit New Zealand Scholarship examinations in Agricultural and Horticultural Science and in their other subjects.

PARTNERS IN DEVELOPING AN AGRIBUSINESS COURSE FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS



"I found that an Agribusiness degree gave a sense of direction to my studies, and opened up a whole range of career options."

KATE WILKINS

Year 13 Agribusiness student - 2014

Kate went on to graduate from Lincoln University with a Bachelor of Commerce (Agriculture).

After graduating, she secured an internship position with Kotahi Logistics in Auckland, a subsidiary of Fonterra and Silver Farm Ferns. Here she worked as an optimisation analyst coordinating shipments for NZ agribusiness companies.

She is now working as a trainee orchard manager on kiwifruit orchards in the Bay of Plenty.



CAREER PATHWAYS

"I thought I would start working immediately as a shepherd on our family's sheep and beef farm but after taking Agribusiness at St Paul's, I decided to study Agribusiness at university."



WILLIAM REEVES

Year 13 Agribusiness student - 2014

William went on to graduate from Lincoln University.

He is now a shepherd at High Peak Station - a sheep, beef and deer farm - in the Rakaia Gorge, 90 mins west of Christchurch.