

Secondary School Employer Partnerships (SSEP)



SSEP is an award-winning initiative raising student aspirations to higher achievement, retention and better transitions. SSEP has been developed and rolled out across 42 Waikato Secondary Schools and is now available in Canterbury in collaboration with the Ministry for Primary Industries.

- SSEPs are formal relationships between secondary schools and local employers where businesses from a wide range of industries across the Primary and support sectors work in partnership with teachers to **contextualise student learning at Year 9 and 10 level and reflect “real world” application of the curriculum.**
- Under the SSEP model **MPI brings employers and teachers together and provides the framework for educators and business representatives to work together** to deliver innovative, contextualised ‘real world’ learning opportunities.
- Key faculties that link into Primary and associated industries with current and predicted skills shortages have been identified as **Maths, Science, Business, Geography, English and Technology** (includes wood, metal, food, textiles and digital technology). These are therefore the priority subject areas for the introduction of SSEP in our secondary schools.
- **Through SSEP employers come into the classroom and students go out into workplaces to see their classroom learning being applied in action.**
- SSEP is adapted to fit each individual school’s kaupapa, environment and curriculum strategies. **Secondary schools are successfully integrating SSEP into a variety of pedagogical approaches including traditional, cross-curricula and project-based learning.**
- SSEP is for all students and directly supports Ministry of Education NELP objective to **“Collaborate with industries and employers to ensure learners/akōnga have the skills, knowledge and pathways to succeed at work.”**
- **Cost to schools of being involved in SSEP is limited to transport and relief staff if required.**



Register your school’s interest NOW by completing the online form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CanterburySchoolSSEPApplication>

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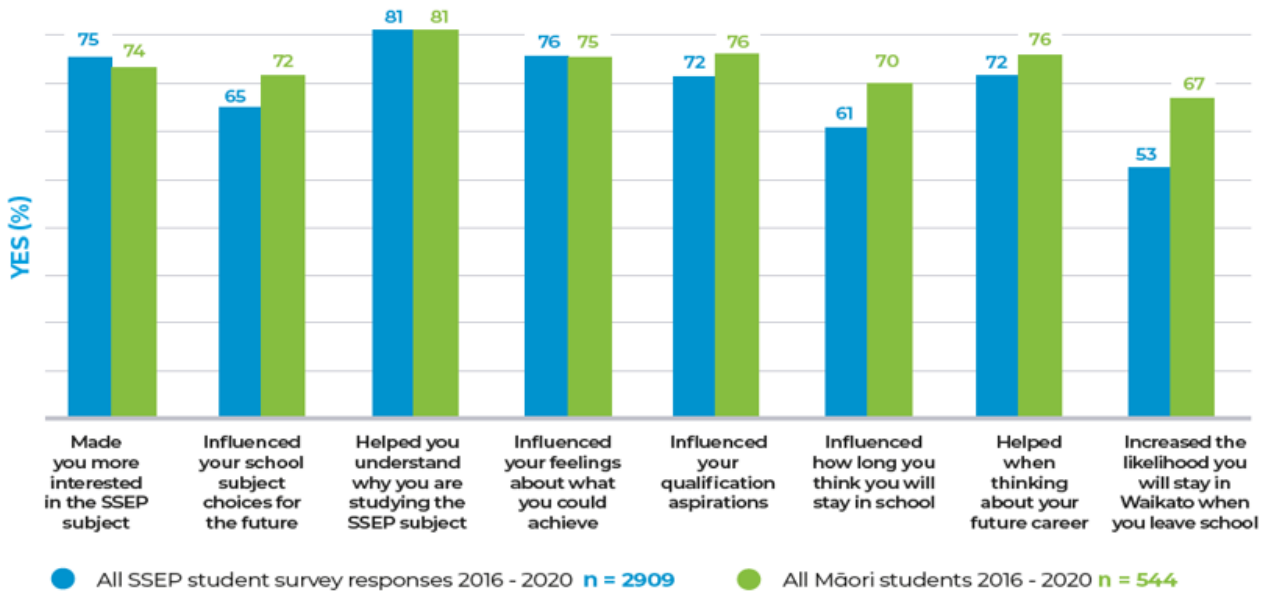
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SSEP Outcomes

Secondary School Employer Partnerships (SSEP) has seen outstanding impact on thousands of year 9 and 10 students since the programme started in 2016.

SSEP student survey results 2016 - 2020

Percentage of Year 9 and 10 students that answered 'YES' to:
Has the experience of having business people in your school and going out into to their workplace...



In 2017, 544 SSEP student responses were collected and the impact of the SSEP programme on these students analysed with the assistance of a senior analyst from Hamilton City Council using the ordered logit model.

KEY FINDINGS

SSEP showed significant impact on students intention to stay in school, attitudes towards subjects, and qualification expectations.

Intention to stay in school longer

enhanced by 30%

Interest in the subject involved in SSEP

enhanced by 50%

Qualification aspirations

increased by 30%

For more results, case studies and examples see www.smartnz.nz