

STAR

Background

STAR was established in 1996 following a Ministerial Reference Group's recommendation that secondary schools be granted additional funding from which they could provide programmes in non-national curriculum courses for their senior students. The programmes, in full or in part, need to lead to assessment towards credit against unit standards on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) or towards other tertiary qualifications in non-national curriculum courses.



Mr Jim Erridge is Blue Mountain College's STAR co-ordinator.

Purpose of STAR

STAR's intention is to enable Blue Mountain College to facilitate our students' smooth transition from schooling to further education or employment. Specifically, its objectives are to enable us to:

- (i) facilitate transition to the workplace for students, particularly those intending to go straight into the workforce or those likely to leave school without any formal qualifications;
- (ii) provide or purchase tertiary courses which will better meet students' needs, which will motivate them to achieve, and which will facilitate their smooth transition to further education, training or employment;
- (iii) support students to explore career pathways and help them make informed decisions about their schooling and future work or study.

STAR in schools

