



Media release

Community Colleges New Zealand achieves Category One status from NZQA

The quality of Community Colleges New Zealand's foundation-level education has been formally recognised by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), awarding Community Colleges New Zealand (ComCol) the highest rating possible as a Category One education provider.

Chief Executive Doug Reid says that achieving the Category One status reflects the result of a sustained effort across the organisation. "We continually focus on self-assessment as part of our daily operations and we're constantly endeavouring to improve the quality of our programmes, our service to students and relationships with key stakeholders. We are delighted to receive this endorsement from NZQA."

The External Evaluation Review process consisted of a multi-day visit by an external evaluation team, which assessed the extent to which ComCol delivers quality and value to learners and the community, and evaluated how ComCol uses self-assessment to understand performance and bring about continual improvement. ComCol was rated highly confident in both educational performance and capability in self-assessment.

"At ComCol we are passionately committed to helping our students achieve success with their qualifications and providing a supportive learning environment to help them realise their potential. Many of our students are early school leavers and young adults who have disengaged from traditional schooling," says Mr Reid. "Our staff are thrilled with this result as it is the highest external recognition at a national level, of the quality delivery provided by our Colleges."

The organisation has six campuses throughout the South Island located in; Nelson, Blenheim, Rangiora, Timaru, Dunedin and Invercargill, with a longstanding commitment to providing a positive supportive learning environment and qualification success for its learners.

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