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Bream Bay College students net STEM scholarships

Refining NZ presented tertiary study scholarships totaling \$138,000 to four Bream Bay College students at the College's senior prize giving last Thursday.

The four recipients were Year 13 students Grace van Cingel and Thalia Heiwari and first-year university students Brenna Forsythe and Benjamin Lansdown.

Ms van Cingel will be studying environmental science at Massey University in Palmerston North next year and Ms Heiwari will be studying molecular pathology at Victoria University in Wellington. Ms Forsythe and Mr Lansdown are already studying engineering at the University of Canterbury and science at Auckland University respectively.

Under the Refining NZ scholars programme scholarships are awarded each year to two Year 13 Bream Bay College students enrolling in a three-year STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) course at any tertiary academic institution in New Zealand. Each scholarship is worth \$11,500 a year for the duration of a three year undergraduate course.

The scholars programme is part of a broader support package offered by the Refinery to the Ruakaka based college. This includes funding for materials used in its robotics classes and online tutorials explaining the study and career paths taken by Refining NZ staff working in a wide range of roles.

Chief executive Mike Fuge said the company recognised the important role it had to play in the well-being of the Ruakaka community and the realisation of local aspirations, particularly the educational hopes and dreams of talented young people from the area.

"The partnership we are developing with Bream Bay College through the Refining NZ scholars programme embodies that support," he said.

"The type of study undertaken by our scholars will contribute greatly to industry, but especially the role the Refinery and Northland will play in New Zealand's energy future. We have an exciting future ahead of us and our hope is that this programme will help future leaders realise not just their own potential but also that of our region."

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Notes to editors:

Two Refining NZ scholarships were awarded to first-year university students from Bream Bay College as the programme came into effect at the end of 2017.

The Refining NZ scholars programme runs alongside a wider programme supporting transformative education initiatives in Northland. These include:

- Funding for the I Have a Dream Charitable Trust to provide mentors for around 600 children in four low-decile schools in Whangarei;
- Financial support to help the Taitokerau Education Trust provide training for teachers in low-decile schools and Chrome books for students to encourage learning and literacy;
- Sponsorship of Rugby for Life, a Northland Rugby Union initiative helping local communities achieve positive education, health and employment outcomes for Northlanders.

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