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## NZTC ENABLES OLYMPIC MEDALLIST TO PURSUE STUDIES ALONGSIDE SPORT



*Kayla and her daughter*



*Kayla in action*

anytime and anywhere in the world and fulfil my study commitments,” said Kayla.

During her studies she continued to train and compete on a national and an international scale, competing at events such as the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro – where she won a silver medal as a member of the Rugby Sevens team – and the World Rugby Women’s Sevens Series.

Following the birth of her daughter in 2017, Kayla continued to study alongside her full-time sporting and family commitments.

“I live a very busy lifestyle, especially with an 8-month old daughter, but I balance my studies with my other commitments by planning in advance. At the start of my week I assess what the week ahead looks like and I plan when my likely study sessions will be,” explained Kayla.

Thanks to NZTC Online, Kayla was able to seamlessly continue her studies upon moving to Ireland recently with her daughter and rugby player husband, Pita Ahki.

“The transition to studying in another country has been a breeze, as I am used to travelling a lot and NZTC Online perfectly suits my lifestyle.”

New Zealand Black Ferns Sevens rugby player and Olympic silver medallist Kayla Ahki’s (née McAlister) dream has always been to one day be an early childhood teacher.

As a professional athlete with a busy schedule, NZTC’s flexible modes of learning suited her study needs perfectly, enabling her to pursue her early childhood education studies while continuing her sporting career.

She opted to study the Certificate in Early Childhood Teaching (Level 6) – now known as the New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care – using the college’s online mode of learning, which allowed her to study solely through NZTC’s unique online learning environment, NZTC Online.

“Online study has been amazing for me. As a full-time athlete travelling a lot, NZTC has enabled me to pursue my studies

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## HEALTH AND WELLBEING GRADUATES CELEBRATED

NZTC has capped off a brilliant first year delivering Health and Wellbeing programs by celebrating graduates at a ceremony held at the Auckland campus on 31 January.



*Health and Wellbeing graduates*

The college's inaugural New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Support) (Level 4) graduates were acknowledged alongside New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing – Health Assistance Strand (Level 3) graduates.

Although the college has campuses in Auckland and Christchurch, students are spread throughout New Zealand as they have flexible study options and the opportunity to fulfil the practical requirements of their programs in their local towns.

This diversity is illustrated through the location of the Academic Excellence Award winners including Keona Morton from Whangarei, Maryanne Painter from Christchurch, Crystal Magee from Te Aroha and Kathryn Heron from Tauranga.

Level 4 graduate Crystal Magee commented,

“Coming from the small town of Te Aroha, I was able to study online and work close by. There was so much support from NZTC Online and help was only a phone call away that I didn't find there was any barrier to me not living in a campus city. I felt 100% supported.”

NZTC's support of the healthcare sector across New Zealand has been acknowledged by many with healthcare assistants' core competencies and skills furthered by the college's flexible programs.

“NZTC is setting the standard and it is my prayer that NZTC grow this initiative to the point where it becomes the benchmark in New Zealand by which health and wellbeing services are delivered to our aged,” said graduate Richard Steveni.

The college's programs equip students with the skills needed to care for others on a professional or personal basis and they are recognised under the pay equity settlement agreement, giving healthcare professionals upskilling through NZTC the peace of mind that their qualification will result in increased pay.

“After years of research and learning from the health and wellbeing community, NZTC has been honoured to step in and support accessible, flexible and practical programs that meet the needs of a growing caring profession. The college is looking forward to welcoming students to commence their studies who have a heart and passion to care for others,” said NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox.

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