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Taratahi partners with Panorama Equestrian

Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre and Panorama Equestrian Centre today announce they will deliver a National Certificate in Equine (Stable Procedures) Level 3 programme for students in 2012*. This 32-week programme will see students complete practical and theory elements of study at both Taratahi's Masterton campus and the Panorama Equestrian Centre, Gladstone.

"There is a huge demand for well qualified, passionate people in the equine industry and Taratahi equine graduates will be well sought after. We expect to accept around eight to ten students in the first year, we will be looking for applicants with high levels of passion and motivation," says Clarissa Notley, Programme Head of Equine at Taratahi.

"For many years Taratahi has offered students working towards agricultural qualifications the opportunity to develop safe horse-handling skills and good animal husbandry. These skills have been particularly useful for students who take up positions on sheep stations using horses to muster. We have strengthened our partnership with Panorama Equestrian Centre and are thrilled to be able to offer the National Certificate in Equine Level 3 - starting in 2012," says Clarissa.

The programme is designed to prepare students to be 'work ready' for a variety of equine careers such as grooming for the racing, show-jumping or evening industries. The programme has both theory and practical components covering equine specific skills but also includes some relevant general farm skills such as fencing, pasture management and agrichemical application.

Panorama Equestrian Centre is making a significant investment in their infrastructure; new stables, tack room and a small classroom are under construction. Students will also use the existing all-weather arena, jumps, stables with tack room, round pen wash-down bay and cross-country course. Students will work with a variety of Panorama's school horses for different levels of training.

“We are thrilled to be working in partnership with Taratahi to deliver this qualification. Panorama Equestrian Centre is passionate about horses and ensuring that young people working in the industry begin their careers with quality skills and access to the best professional guidance available,” says Martin Stallard, of Panorama Equestrian Centre. “Our philosophy of working to reach the highest possible standards in everything we do sits well with Taratahi’s own standards.”

Panorama will continue to develop their commercial equine business alongside delivery of the National Certificate.

Prospective students can get a feel for life at Taratahi and understand more about the course at one of several ‘Equine Taster Courses’ which will be run through the year. The first Equine Taster Course has been booked for 17-20 October 2011.

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Notes to Editors

*This course is subject to NZQA approval

- <http://www.taratahi.ac.nz/courses-equine.php>
- Image attached, please credit: ‘Courtesy Panorama Equestrian Centre
- Equine Course Taster Dates scheduled to date: 17-20 October 2011, 12-15 December 2011
- Panorama Equestrian Centre Open Day, 16 October 2011

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