

OPEN DAYS

West Coast College - the key to your success

A SIXTY-YEAR OLD Atlantis resident and a mother with her baby on the back were part of hundreds of youngsters, school children and older people who flocked to the West Coast College's Open Days at its five campuses in the district to get information on how the college and its programme offerings.

The Open Days initiative was an opportunity for those interested in pursuing vocational careers, to see what these college offers and allow them to experience the campus vibe, have face-to-face interaction with their future lecturers; and enquire about the various forms of financial aid, sport, cultural and social activities.

Members of staff mobilized prospective students and parents with loud hailing and house-to-house visits in Witsand. Hundreds of pamphlets were distributed in the community.

At the campus visitors were introduced to the different programmes. The refurbished engineering and electrical workshops drew the most attention. College staff entertained visitors with music, boerewors rolls, coffee and doughnuts.

The following Saturday staff members were occupying information centres at the local shopping centres. Pamphlets and brochures were distributed and information relayed.

The most frequent asked questions came from prospective candidates, especially artisans and electricians already in the work place, who wanted to know how to obtain their qualifications or upgrade them.

After the Open Days prospective candidates must visit the campus for an opportunity to complete a free career and placement assessment, which will help them to identify the right career track for further studies. The assessment will evaluate the level of literacy, numeracy and also career interests.

This is an assessment, NOT a test. The results of the assessment will be discussed with the prospective student and his/her parent by a qualified Student Support Officer. As the college we use reliable tools developed by industry leaders in career guidance. The student is then informed of his / her aptitudes and possible study entries for whichever careers they wish to pursue.

So, if you fancy yourself as a cook, a chef or a waitron; perhaps you enjoy organising files, correspondence or travelling itineraries; maybe you considered going abroad to do au pair work; or you have a passion for community work as a nursing assistant or child minder; or maybe you want to become an engineer or electrician then West Coast College is the key to your success.



Atlantis staff answer questions from prospective students during the Open Day visits.



Visitors at the Atlantis campus complete application forms during the Open Day campaign.



Level 4 Hospitality students from the Vredendal Campus do a demonstration about its Hospitality programme during the Open Day campaign.