

Participant Feedback

IYM Residential 2023 with FNZ was highly successful with 39 young wāhine gathering at Silverstream Retreat from 3 – 8 July to be inspired by the many options open to them for future careers in the STEMM sector. Following is some of their feedback on our programme.

“I have been inspired to put myself out there and apply for science internships and volunteering opportunities to further learn about the careers that IYM Residential has shown me. I have developed better self-confidence from this programme, seeing those powerful women in STEMM makes me feel secure that I can pursue the field I am passionate about”.

Mia, Year 11, Aotea College

“As a result of this programme I am 100% more confident about my career in STEMM and I will definitely be approaching businesses and the science sector about possible internships. I would not have had the confidence to do with without IYM. It was just an amazing and inspiring course and something that I will never forget”.

Emma, Year 11, Chanel College

“Throughout this programme, my confidence has developed immensely. I realised that self-confidence is essential for a young women entering the field of STEMM. As a result of this programme, I wish to become more involved in the STEMM field, as well as gain more experience and understanding of the future career pathways available in this world. For example, by 'shadowing' researchers or by volunteering at the places we visited, I will be able to gain more insight into how science functions in our daily lives”.

Lopa, Year 11, Samuel Marsden Collegiate School

“IYM was amazing, definitely the highlight of my year so far. It was totally worth it”.

Hannah, Year 11, Whitby Collegiate School



“IYM was a week of innovation and inspiration. My personal favourite was experiencing applied chemistry and technology at Callaghan Innovation. So much knowledge and wisdom was shared and received throughout the week - endless gratitude and thanks to you all!”
Lucy, Year 12, Tawa College

“As a result of this programme, I will start to research in many particular fields that I have now become interested in”.
Gloria, Year 12, Heretaunga College

“Amazing opportunity! I have forever changed my perspective on STEMM careers and what they include. I feel as though I have become so much more aware of the possibilities as well as feeling more secure that if my career does not go the way I have planned, there will always be something out there for me”.
Summer, Year 12, Fielding High School

“Because of IYM, I want to deepen my knowledge into the biochemical field and explore more of the career options this field has to offer. I also want to spread the news of this programme to other girls I know who would be interested and would benefit from the opportunity”.
Yahvi, Year 12, Wa Ora Montessori School

