

Taumarunui High School Sports Academy Graffiti Paint Out

Taumarunui High School Year 9 Sports Academy students supported the Graffiti Strategy through a citizenship programme initiated by the school. The intention of the citizenship programme is to assist with a community based project at least once every school term.

16 students and 2 teachers spent the morning of Tuesday 15 March 2011 painting out graffiti vandalism at Victory Bridge (on one of Taumarunui's popular walkways) and in the 'subway' under the railway lines at the northern end of town.

One of the sports academy philosophies is for students to give back to others and be a positive member of society. The sports academy director, Chris Patten states that "the sports academy students have really brought into what we are trying to achieve this year and will continue playing their part in making their community a better place". One student commented that they hoped that taggers would leave these cleaned up areas alone after the students had spent considerable time cleaning these heavily tagged areas up.

Ruapehu District Council would like to express its thanks to the following students for their enthusiasm, enormous efforts and expression of community pride: Bowen Austin, Renton Barrett, Lily Buchanan, Robert Coburn, Brad Dempsey, Latisha Dennis, Jazle Habib, Blake Horton, Deborah Komene-Gray, Jarred Lambert, Ethan Ngarongo, Rangji Otimi, Cale Paul, Helena Rika McKenzie, Ambrose Selwyn, Meshach Te Ahuru





