

CAL Isuzu sells hundreds of trucks every year but it's not all just about selling trucks!

CAL has teams of engineers and mechanics who modify, customise and build transport solutions for businesses throughout New Zealand. FutureForce® sat down with Jake, one of the mechanics at the Hamilton branch, to see what working with the team is like...

Jake works as a heavy diesel mechanic, carrying out repairs on trucks and maintaining and servicing heavy vehicles.

➤ **How did you get this job?**

I left school early and got straight into working in a warehouse that dealt with heavy equipment parts. My old boss pointed out an apprenticeship opportunity at CAL Isuzu and encouraged me to go for it.

➤ **What's your favourite part of the job?**

I like going out to heavy vehicle breakdowns. It's pretty rewarding when you can go out there and get a truck going again.

➤ **What kind of person would suit a job like yours? You have to be someone who:**

- is willing to give everything a go.
- enjoys problem solving and doesn't give up when you get stuck on a problem or when something goes wrong.
- has good attention to detail. My job involves a lot of taking mechanical things apart and putting them back together. You need to be able to remember where things go and how they work.
- isn't afraid to ask for help.

➤ **What school subjects would be useful for a job like this?**

Automotive and physics.

➤ **Jake Glidden**

Former Waihi College student

Heavy Diesel Mechanic



JAKE'S

TOP CAREER TIPS

LISTEN TO ADVICE FROM OTHERS

BE SURE TO GIVE EVERYTHING A GO

BE A SPONGE AND ABSORB AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN

KEEP ON TOP OF YOUR COURSE WORK



DESCRIBE A TYPICAL DAY ON THE JOB

- First task on arrival is **going over the jobs for the day with the site foreman and the rest of my team**. The foreman then assigns the jobs to a team member.
- **My day-to-day tasks can vary quite a lot** and depends on the job for that day. I work on many different trucks and complete tasks such as:



**Servicing** heavy vehicles



**Inspection** of heavy vehicles to diagnose a problem



Completing **repairs** of parts to get the truck up and running again



**General maintenance** of truck fleets