

Ben Highsted

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OBJECTIVE

I am a BSc Computer Science graduate currently seeking a role in the IT industry.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Having recently completed my degree, I'm looking forward to using the skills I have gained at University, in the IT Industry. I am enthusiastic to get started, and ready to relocate to take up a suitable role.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Full driver's licence
- Experience in the following:
 - Multiple programming languages including: Java, C, Python and C#
 - Web Development (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP) and Databases (SQL)

PERSONAL SKILLS

- While at school, I was a Prefect and Peer Support Leader. During my time at University, I enjoyed working individually and as a part of teams. I am able to work under pressure to meet deadlines while paying close attention to detail, and still keeping my sense of humour. I enjoyed the problem solving aspects of my course and learning new programming languages. I pride myself on being punctual and reliable.
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EDUCATION

Gore High School

Gore
2012-2016

NCEA Level 3

Digital Media, Metal Work, History, Statistics and Biology.

University of Otago

Dunedin
2017-2019

Bachelor of Science

Majored in Computer Science
Graduated December 2019

WORK HISTORY

- Jan 7th 2019 - Feb 8th 2019: Holiday Employment at Norana Bulbs in Gore, processing tulip bulbs on a factory conveyor line.
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PROJECTS

- Built multiple desktop gaming PC's
 - Built a server PC running Ubuntu Linux 18.04 (Bionic Beaver).
Put in place router port forwarding to expose server functions to the internet using password security.
Performing Functions: Samba File Server
Website (highsteds.com)
VNC Server (Remote Desktop)
FTP Server
Minecraft Server
 - Sudoku Solver – A C# WPF application which solves Sudoku puzzles that the user can define. It uses a recursive backtracking algorithm to find the solution. If the puzzle is easy the user can see the algorithm working. (<https://github.com/BenHighsted/SudokuSolver>)
 - Dungeon Fall – A game created in C as a full year project with two other students, using the SDL library we designed a simple game which the objective is to survive the fall as long as you can. (<https://github.com/BenHighsted/COSC345>)
 - Time zone converter – As a cloud computing project, we were told to create whatever we wanted and use multiple virtual machines that communicate to do it. We decided to create a basic time zone converter, that uses a MySQL database and two PHP webserver virtual machines. (<https://github.com/BenHighsted/COSC349-Assignment-1>)
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INTERESTS

- Personal Computers & Computer Gaming, Coding, Pop Culture Movies, Church and associated activities, Boating, Water-skiing and Fishing.
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To Whom It May Concern :

I am writing to confirm that Ben Highsted was employed as a seasonal employee at Norana Bulbs Ltd from 07-01-19 until 08-02-19.

Please note, the jobs we offer our staff may appear simple, but the work we ask our staff to perform, are extremely important for our company, to process export quality tulip bulbs.

Ben worked on day shift from 6:30 am to 4:15 pm in the factory. His main task was to twist and pull as many tulip roots as he could on a conveyor belt.

I did not have the privilege of working with Ben Highsted during his time here at the factory. However gathering from his work files and supervisor comments, I would like to express that I appreciated Ben's work very much; he was always consistent with his work and always punctual during his shift hours.

Please feel free to contact us if you need any additional information.

Kind Regards,

Niceda Chavez Atencia
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Office Administrator

Signed: 

Date: 04/12/2019

Niceda Chavez Atencia, for and on behalf of:
Paul Wessels | Norana Bulbs Limited



Gore High School

Ko Te Kura
Tuarua O Hokonui

December 2016

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BENJAMIN (BEN) HIGHSTED

Ben has been a student of Gore High School since 2012. In that time, he has proven to be a very good student, attaining NCEA Level 1 and Level 2.

In addition to the above, Ben has also attained 1st in Technology Food, was awarded the P.T.A. Diligence prize in 2012, and achieved 1st in Mathematics as well as 1st in Science (10S) in 2013.

In 2014, he gained a 'Merit' Subject Endorsement in Mathematics and a National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Ben's Year 13 course of NCEA study included Biology, Digital Media, History, Mathematics (Statistics) and Technology Metal.

Ben has contributed to the wider life of the school in his role as a Prefect and Peer Support Leader. He has also performed in the Prefects' Variety Concert.

Outside of school, Ben's interests include skiing (snow), water skiing, boating, and fishing.

Ben impresses as a quiet and polite student, who works steadily to achieve in his studies. He will ask for help if needed, wears his uniform correctly, and interacts well with his peers and staff.

Next year, Ben intends to study Computer Science at Otago University.

I have no doubt as to Ben's ability to succeed in his chosen course and wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.

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