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Personal Statement

Kia ora, I'm Thomas Brears. I am a passionate individual with an interest in technology. I'm from Aotearoa New Zealand and take pride in my Māori whakapapa. Currently, I am pursuing a Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences, majoring in software development and minoring in networking and cybersecurity and Creative Technology at Auckland University of Technology (AUT) and expected to graduate in June 2025.

I have been interested in technology since I was young, starting coding and creating basic HTML sites at age 11. My passion for technology has only grown since then, which drove me to pursue formal education and practical experience in the field. I am capable of quickly learning new concepts and technologies, and I succeed in challenging environments.

My academic journey has provided me with a solid foundation in software development principles, networking protocols, cybersecurity measures, and innovative approaches to technology through my coursework. Along with my studies, I have been actively involved in various projects and extracurricular activities to further enhance my skills and broaden my understanding of the tech landscape.

I have excellent time management skills, which allow me to effectively balance academic commitments, personal projects, and professional development. I am highly motivated to contribute meaningfully to the tech industry and eager to apply my knowledge and expertise in a real-world work environment.

As I embark on my career journey, I am looking for opportunities to apply my technical skills and creative problem-solving abilities in a forward-thinking tech company. I am excited about collaborating with like-minded individuals and making a positive impact through innovative solutions.

Thank you for considering my application. I am looking forward to the opportunity to contribute to and grow within the tech industry.

Education

02/2022 - 06/2025 Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand **Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences,** Auckland University of Technology (AUT) *⊗* At AUT, I am currently studying a Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences, majoring in Software Development with minors in Creative Technology, Networking and Cybersecurity and expected to graduate in June, 2025.

2021 Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand **Certificate in Science and Technology,** Auckland University of Technology *⊗*

Ruakākā,

Aotearoa New Zealand

Bream Bay College *⊘*

At Bream Bay College, I have gained several awards and certificates, including:

- (2020) Completed NCEA level three
- (2020) Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence Award
- (2020) Cup for Innovation in Technology (Level 3 Digital Technologies)
- (2020) Cup for First Equal in Level 3 Digital Technologies
- (2020) First in Level 3 Hospitality (via Farnet)
- (2020) Cup for best Male student in Gateway
- (2020) Certificate for outstanding citizen
- (2019) Completed NCEA level two.
- (2019) First in level 2 Trade Skills
- (2019) First in level 2 Vocational Pathways

- (2019) First Equal in level 2 Hospitality
- (2019) Cup for Innovation in Technology (Level 2 Digital Technologies)
- (2019) Cup for best Male student in Gateway
- (2018) Completed NCEA level one,
- (2018) First in level one hospitality.
- (2018) Cup for first equal in level one digital technology,
- (2018) First equal in level one trade skills,
- (2015) Cup for Year 8 Outstanding Citizen,
- (2015) Awarded a "Tumuaki" award/badge (for all-round excellence),
- (2015) Awarded a "Kia Mia" award/badge (for all-round excellence in homeroom),

Employment History

03/2021 – present Auckland **Barista,** Fort Greene ⊘

Some of my tasks include serving customers, Cafe pack down, Cafe open, preparing drinks (barista), serving, and interacting with customers, Table Service, and all other aspects of front of house.

Reference from Fort Greene: "Throughout Thomas's employment with us he proved himself a trustworthy, flexible, careful and diligent worker. He is extremely motivated and has a track record of exceeding customer's expectations through exceptional services. He developed superb relationships with customers, co-workers, and managers. Thomas would be a tremendous asset for your company and has my recommendation." Full letter of reference can be viewed at www.bit.ly/REF-FG

07/2019 - 02/2023

All Rounder, Two Birds Cafe

Ruakākā

Some of my tasks include serving customers, food prep, baking and limited cooking, Cafe pack down, Cafe start-up/open, preparing cold drinks, serving, and interacting with customers, preparing cold and hot drinks (barista), stock ordering, cash up and the overall running of the cafe.

06/2019

Work Experience placement, Two Birds Cafe

Ruakākā

I completed 5-weeks of work experience placement at Two Birds Cafe.

2015 - 06/2019

Paper/Pamphlet Delivery, Reach Media / Bream Bay Trader

Ruakākā

From 2015, I worked for Reach Media for two years delivering mail (papers) to my local area, before moving to a less frequent mailer (The Bream Bay Trader) for two years before working at Two Birds Cafe

Training And Qualifications

06/2025

Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences, *Auckland University of Technology*

Major in Software Development

Minor in Creative Technology and Networking & Cybersecurity

Certificate in Science and Technology, *Auckland University of Technology*

2020

NCEA Level Three, NZQA - Bream Bay College

Subjects included (L3) digital technology, (L3) hospitality (via Farnet), (L3) mathematics (with statistics), (L3) English & (L3) Gateway.

2019

NCEA Level Two, NZQA - Bream Bay College

Subjects include (L2) digital technology, (L2) hospitality, (L2) trade skills, (L2) mathematics, (L2)

English & (L2) vocational pathways

05/2019

Retail customer service course, *Gold Star Training*

Unit Standards 28301 & 11938

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04/2019 Workplace hazard and risk management course, Safety N Action

Unit Standard 30265

2018 **NCEA Level One,** NZQA - Bream Bay College

Subjects include (L1) digital technology, (L1) hospitality, (L1) trade skills, (L1) mathematics, (L1)

English & (L1) sciences.

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★ Mrs Andrea Muhlhausen Gutierrez, Owner & General Manager, Fort Greene fortgreenenz@gmail.com, 022 425 7791

★ Mr Jaspreet Singh, Owner & Head Chef, Two Birds Café twobirds03@gmail.com, 027 606 1984 (personal) 09 433 0277 (work)

★ Ms Katie Gray, *Previous owner*, Two Birds Café 021 259 7930

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