

TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATE: DAVID GRACE



Course of Study:	Bachelor of Engineering with Honours Mechanical Engineering
Tertiary Institute:	Auckland University of Technology
Duration of Study:	2005 -2008
Scholarship Received:	2006, 2007 + 2008

The Background Story:

David first applied for a Tertiary Scholarship in 2006, having already completed his first year at University with strong marks. Setting himself high standards, David worked diligently over the course of his Degree, achieving A averages and also working at Golden Bay Cement during his term breaks. His long-term goal is to one day have his own engineering consultancy firm specializing in mechatronics and process systems.

Since graduating with Honours in 2009 David has been working as a Technical Consultant with Opus and now has plans to study for his Doctorate.

“The funding from the FB EEF has allowed me to achieve one of my personal academic goals of improving my grade averages.....this is evident in my results with the full year result averages improving every year.”

David Grace

PROUD PARENT, FB EMPLOYEE & FELLOW STUDENT: ANDRE GRACE, GOLDEN BAY CEMENT

Andre Grace, David’s father, has been with Golden Bay Cement for 10 years as a Process Engineer and has also received EEF funding to support his studies towards an Advanced Diploma in Industrial Automation, which he has just completed. Andre has been studying through a web-based, distance learning program with the Engineering Institute of Technology and has found it fairly easy to manage, as it means there is no need to attend lectures and very little interruption to his work.

“I have been doing the work for so long and decided to get the extra paperwork behind me to formalise what I knew. The Study was fairly easy as I had the practical work experience behind me, so it was just doing the theory parts. Getting the EEF funding made it a lot easier for me to take on the studies—I aim to do my Masters next so will probably apply to the EEF for support with that also!”

Andre Grace