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The hair professionals are back

After being displaced from their salon in the city centre on February 22, Niq James, hairdresser and master barber and his team are back in the city after nine months of working out of The Look in Cashmere. With the move comes a new name for his salon. Niq James Hairdressing is now Headspace – a new start and a new look, but the same professional service.

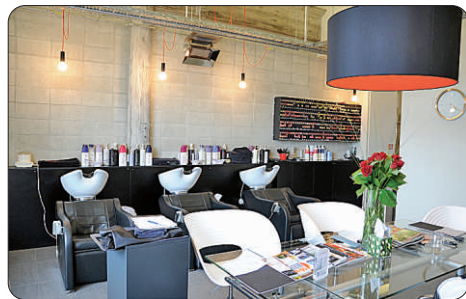


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"It's been a very trying year for everyone in Christchurch, now that we are up and running in our own salon again we are looking forward to reconnecting with our regular clients and welcoming new clients into our beautiful new salon," says Niq.

Headspace is situated at Unit 7/245, St Asaph Street, between Madras and Manchester, behind Buddle Findlay Lawyers, in a brand new building. The salon is refreshingly modern; the interior design is spacious with black and white fixtures and exposed concrete block with a touch of red. "Industrial with a touch of city chic," Niq says.

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"Headspace is dedicated to training future hairdressers," he says. "All my staff are award winning, professionally trained and either hold national qualifications in hairdressing or are working towards them."

"In New Zealand hairdressers don't need to be qualified to own or work in a salon. With only about half of New Zealand hairdressers being qualified, I pride myself on the fact that all my staff hold a national qualification or are working towards gaining them."

As well as promoting high standards in his own salon, Niq is a primary educator in the industry. He is a national judge with New Zealand Association of Registered Hairdressers (NZARH), a HITO industry assessor and New Zealand Skill Expert for

WorldSkills, an international organisation where trades people from 52 countries compete in their chosen industry. Through his work with WorldSkills Niq is able to pass on international and world cup level skills to others in New Zealand. Last year he coached a young Kiwi apprentice and accompanied her to the international competitions in London where she was placed 14th out of 30 countries.

"She did really well. I am committed to ensuring our apprentices are properly trained and to keeping our industry strong," he says.

The team at headspace keep up with industry trends by travelling overseas and completing training courses with leading education companies within the hairdressing industry. Headspace is a Wella salon and Niq is also an educator for Wella. He is the New Zealand Ambassador and educator for Nioxin, a product for advance care for fine and thinning hair, which has just been re-introduced onto the market.

Niq holds international qualifications (IPSN), teacher accreditation with Pivot Point International, National Certificate in Hairdressing and Barbering and is working towards his Management Qualification.

Alicia-Ana and Lisa hold their Hairdressing qualification and are working toward their Advance Cutting / Colouring Certificate. Alicia-Ana is also a qualified make-up artist. Melissa holds a KiaOraMai Certificate in customer service and is about to sit her National Certificate in Hairdressing.

"At headspace we are dedicated to providing excellence in hairdressing and beauty through education, passion and a dedication to client satisfaction."



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