



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May Careers Assembly for Year 12 & Year 13 with Auckland University
- 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> May Careers Expo ASB Showgrounds <https://www.careersexpo.org.nz/visitors/>
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May Careers Assembly for Year 12 & Year 13 with AUT

## NZ COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

### OPEN DAY

When: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Start: 1.00pm

Finish: 3.30pm

Registration: 12.30pm – 1.00pm

Location: NZ College of Chiropractic, 6 Harrison Road, Mt Wellington

Open day is free but booking is essential.

Please RSVP online at [www.chiropractic.ac.nz](http://www.chiropractic.ac.nz) or email [admissions.assist@nzchiro.co.nz](mailto:admissions.assist@nzchiro.co.nz) or phone 09 526 6789.

## AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

### PARENTS INFO EVENING

Date: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jun

Location: WG403, Sir Paul Reeves Building (WG Building), Governor Fitzroy Place, Auckland City

Parents play such an important role in their children's lives. This session is designed to provide parents with sound information about AUT as a university, the great programmes we offer, and some of our many successes over the last 18 years as a university. Please register your interest here and we'll be in touch soon.

Registration for this event will be open from mid-April.

### IGNITE – STUDENT OPEN DAY

Date: Saturday 14 July

Location: MH Building, South Campus

If you are thinking about studying at AUT and are in year 12 or 13, come and join our friendly Future Students Team at our South Campus in Manukau. You'll gain a new understanding of university life and have a chance to discuss what you'd like to study and what you can expect in your first semester.

Participate in some interactive workshops where you'll learn tips and tricks to successful study, find out about how university timetables and assessments work, all while spending part of the day with our current students – no questions are off limits.

Registration for this event will be open from mid-April.

The date has yet to be confirmed.

## **AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY**

### **Changes to the Bachelor of Laws (Part II)**

The Auckland Law School has introduced the opportunity for students to achieve guaranteed entry to Part II of the Bachelor of Laws. Selection will still be based on the GPA calculated from students' results in their three Law courses in Part I, plus the best 75 points from non-law courses (or approved equivalents). The grade point average required to guarantee entry will not be higher than a GPA of 6.5 (equivalent to a grade midway between B+ and A-). For more information, visit the University website.

### **University of Auckland International Scholarships 2019 – NZ School Leavers**

University of Auckland International Scholarships are available to new international students from New Zealand high schools who are planning to undertake an undergraduate degree commencing in Semester One at the University of Auckland. The Scholarships will be paid as a compulsory tuition fees credit of \$5,000 towards the first semester of study. Applications close on 16 January 2019.

### **UniBound Summer – Academic Enrichment Programme**

UniBound Summer is an enrichment programme designed to introduce Maori and Pacific students to the University environment and facilities. UniBound Summer is a free five-week programme, with the first cohort having completed in February 2018. Registrations of interest for UniBound Summer 2019 should be made online and will open in late March.

[www.unibound.ac.nz](http://www.unibound.ac.nz)

## **COURSES AND CAREERS OPEN DAY**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August

9am – 3.30pm

[www.openday.ac.nz](http://www.openday.ac.nz)

## **OTAGO UNIVERSITY**

### **Key Dates and Reminders**

- Residential College applications open online on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Apply by mid September.
- Most scholarship applications will close on 15<sup>th</sup> August. All applications must be made online through eVision.
- Entrance scholarship information can be found here:  
[Otago.ac.nz/future-students/cost/scholarships](http://Otago.ac.nz/future-students/cost/scholarships)
- Applications for the POPO Scholarship for Pacific Students in Year 13 open 1<sup>st</sup> July and close 15<sup>th</sup> August.
- New Bachelor of Health Science Degree
- New Science Communication Minor
- Applications for the REACH scholarship for Year 13 Maori students interested in careers in health open in May and close on 15<sup>th</sup> June. The REACH scholarship programme will run from 23-25 July. For more details email: [reach@otago.ac.nz](mailto:reach@otago.ac.nz) or visit [otago.ac.nz/mhwdu/tearahauora/#reach](http://otago.ac.nz/mhwdu/tearahauora/#reach)

### **Auckland Information Evening**

We invite students and parents to our annual Auckland Information Evening, held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, at Eden Park, South, Level 4 Lounge, Gate G, Reimers Ave, Mt Eden. 6.30 – 8.00pm. Information can be found online here: [otago.ac.nz/liaison/information-events](http://otago.ac.nz/liaison/information-events)

# Fees-free study for tertiary students

In December 2017, the government released further details about the implementation of its “fees-free” policy, for students in tertiary education, starting with those embarking on their first year of study. From January 2018, the government will pay up to \$12,000, to cover tuition fees, associated mandatory fees and compulsory student-service fees, for the equivalent of the first year of full-time tertiary study.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/feesfreefirstyear](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/feesfreefirstyear)

## How the policy is going to work

The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) is the lead agency in the implementation of the fees-free policy.

New Zealand citizens, and residents who have lived in New Zealand for at least three years, coming to the University of Auckland direct from school, will be eligible. Other categories of resident, including refugees, may also qualify. The policy includes new students as well as those who have less than 60 credits of prior tertiary study. The University has contacted all current applicants that we believe to be eligible for fees-free study in 2018, advising them that they meet the criteria. We have also contacted other applicants to request that they check their status.

[www.feesfree.govt.nz](http://www.feesfree.govt.nz)

## Eligible students will not be charged for their first-year fees

New students, who are eligible for fees-free, may wonder if they will be billed for their fees, and are then reimbursed. The short answer is no, in the vast majority of cases it won't work like that. The government has opted for a “provider payment” model, meaning that it will pay the fees to the University. This should make the fees-free policy relatively straightforward for the student. However, it does involve some quite complex issues, including how tertiary institutions will be recompensed for fees they no longer charge. This requires some significant system changes, which are in progress. Our systems have been adapted to be able to recognise eligible fees-free students. When a student enrolls, they can see the fees owed for their programme. Once the government makes the payment to the University for an eligible fees-free student, this will show as paid on the student's account.

## When students are unsure of their eligibility

Students can check their eligibility on the TEC website. (They will need a National Student Number (NSN) to do this. Current school students should already have an NSN. Those without an NSN will have one created for them by the University of Auckland.)

[www.feesfree.govt.nz](http://www.feesfree.govt.nz)

Where the eligibility status is “unknown”, this means the TEC has been unable to verify whether the student meets its criteria. In this case, the student will be asked to complete a statutory declaration. The statutory declaration will ask about their citizenship and residency, any prior tertiary study, and whether they will continue to be enrolled at a school.

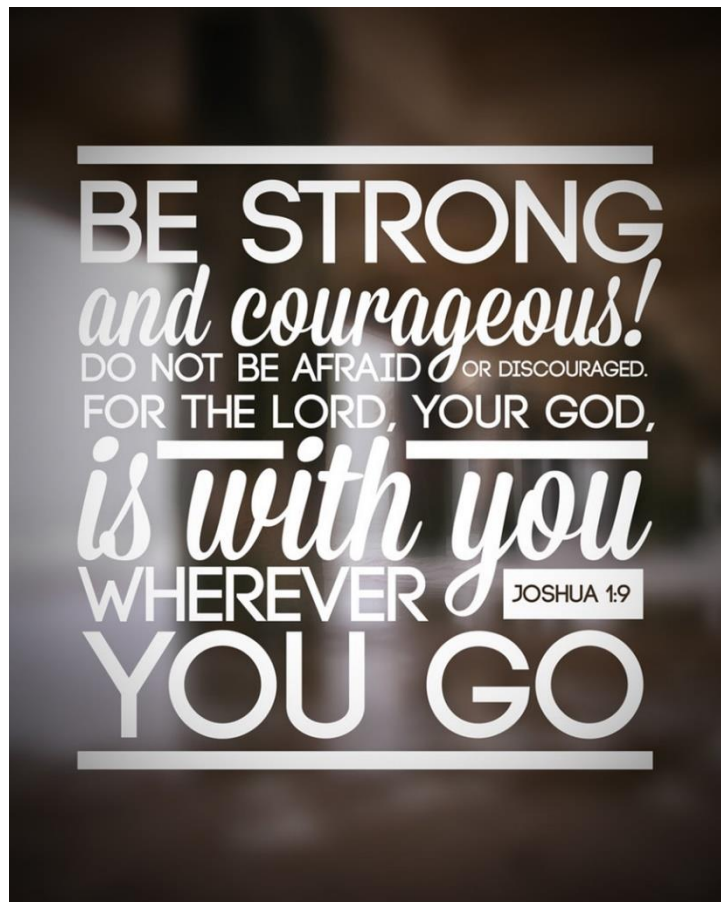
## Assistance with witnessing a statutory declaration

The statutory declaration has to be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace or solicitor. If there is no one at your school who can provide this service for a student, you can refer the student to a Justice of the Peace (JP). You can find a list of local JPs on the “Find a JP” page at [www.justiceofthepeace.org.nz](http://www.justiceofthepeace.org.nz)

## Looking ahead

The University of Auckland has been engaging extensively with Minister of Education, Chris Hipkins, and officials at the ministry and TEC, as we seek to implement the policy.

The arrangements being put in place for 2018 are likely to be interim, and we expect more changes in 2019, most likely to the eligibility criteria. The government has a goal of extending the fees-free policy to three years by 2024.



If you are interested in any of these events and/or courses and would like further information please see Mrs Zyzalo in the Admin Office at the Botany Campus, or alternatively email [Natasha.Zyzalo@elim.school.nz](mailto:Natasha.Zyzalo@elim.school.nz)

Please also feel free to visit the Careers Room to pick up any brochures.