



Waipapa
Taumata Rau
University
of Auckland



Parents and Whānau Guide 2025

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About this guide

Students seek advice from many people when making decisions about what and where to study. This guidebook is designed for parents, guardians, whānau, and caregivers. The content is based on common parental enquiries and is an accompaniment to the *University of Auckland Undergraduate Prospectus*. Please refer to the prospectus for more detailed information about matters such as our range of programmes, entry criteria, fees and services. You can view it online.

auckland.ac.nz/prospectus



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Nau mai, haere mai Welcome to the University of Auckland

Disclaimer: Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this document dates from June 2025. It is provided only as a general guide and is subject to alteration. For the latest information, please refer to our website or the current Calendar of the University of Auckland.



Moving from secondary school to university is one of life's major milestones. It's a key time of change as students transition not only into tertiary education, but also into adulthood.

As a parent or guardian, you want your child to earn a quality degree that will equip them for whatever life paths they choose. But you also want to know that during their time at university they're happy, safe and supported – and that they're making the most of the opportunities presented to them.

At the University of Auckland we want the same thing. We're committed to

a safe and inclusive environment for all. While academic success is our cornerstone, we also offer all sorts of opportunities for students to get involved, to make friends, and to feel at home on our campuses and in our city. And if the transition proves challenging, we have support on hand.

Starting university is a big step for your child – and also for you. This guidebook will help you to make well-informed decisions.

We're glad you're considering the University of Auckland and look forward to welcoming your family into ours.



DAWN FRESHWATER

Ihorangi | Vice-Chancellor
Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland

Waipapa Taumata Rau



Our Māori name is Waipapa Taumata Rau. Gifted to us by local iwi, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, it reflects an identity built around diverse student, staff, alumni and whānau audiences. It reflects our unique place in the world.



Waipapa

Waipapa is the nearby shoreline. It is the great landing place of waka. It is an important destination marking arrival and beginning. It reflects new connections between people, but also an exchange of knowledge and teaching.

Taumata

Taumata are Auckland's many peaks or points of ascension. The pinnacles are sacred spaces where the land meets the sky, places of challenge, ascent, achievement and revelation. Taumata is a calling for excellence and achievement.

Rau

Rau means many or one hundred. The University and our communities are made up of many peaks, and so there are many journeys.



Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland City A Home Away from Home

Students here enjoy all the lifestyle, experiences, amenities and other advantages of a vibrant city. The climate is warm and the cityscape is remarkable. The dramatic beauty of the land and harbours echoes out to sea by way of Rangitoto, Waiheke and the other islands of the Hauraki Gulf. On this crooked neck of land, natural splendour combines with urban vitality, and it's a great place to live!

Where are the University of Auckland campuses?

City, Grafton and Newmarket are our inner-city campuses, where most students are based.

Our South Auckland Campus, Te Papa Ako o Tai Tonga, is in Manukau. We're proud to continue our 20 year presence in the area, providing an alternative location for students in South and East Auckland. In Manukau we accommodate two University preparation programmes, New Start and the Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC).

New Start and the TFC are also offered at the Tai Tokerau Campus, Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau, which is located in the Whangārei city centre. It caters to students who wish to live and study in the North.

We also have campuses for postgraduate study at Leigh (Marine Science) and at the University's Goldie Wine Estate on Waiheke Island (Wine Science).

auckland.ac.nz/campus-locations

Getting settled

Auckland might seem like a big place at first. It takes a few weeks to get orientated. Luckily our campuses and student accommodation are near the central city, so everyone quickly gets their bearings.

There's plenty of opportunity to ease into things. It's a short stroll to downtown Auckland, shopping precincts, cafés, live theatre, concerts, museums, galleries and sports venues.

Getting around

While Auckland's suburbs are spread out, the centre of the city is compact and walkable. Car parking can be expensive, so walking, cycling or taking public transport are good options.

For wider travel, the bus, train and ferry systems are comprehensive, affordable and reliable. Students get a discount too.





Accommodation

A great home base is central to a happy life. We understand that you might feel nervous about finding accommodation for your child. So here's how we can help.



We're confident we can find your child somewhere welcoming, comfortable, fun and safe – from catered Halls of Residence to self-catered flats, studios and single rooms.

In our halls, students are supported by a Resident Manager, Resident Coordinators and teams of Resident Advisers. We want your child to enjoy all the fun of hall life – but also to benefit from a quiet lifestyle when study is their priority.

Living with us is convenient and fun. Learn more about the financial, academic and social benefits online.

auckland.ac.nz/live-with-us

Catered accommodation

In our catered halls, Accommodation fees go a long way! They cover room, meals, access to University recreation facilities, and utilities such as water, electricity and laundry. Residents also get access to University WiFi while in their hall.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served every day of the week, including the weekend. In addition to meat, vegetarian, vegan and halal options, we also cater to students with special dietary needs such as dairy- or gluten-free food. Packed lunches and late dinners are available at all our catered halls on request.

In all halls, the facilities include one or more communal lounges, a games room, solo and group study rooms, one or more TV lounges and a music room. We organise social and recreational events throughout the year, as well as academic mentoring and informal study groups.

All the fun of Hall life and quiet times for study
→ academic, social and personal growth



Grafton Hall

Nestled within the city fringe, Grafton Hall offers modern facilities, including spacious dining and social spaces as well as large single bedrooms. This hall is close to the Grafton and Newmarket Campuses, and only a short walk from City Campus. Grafton Hall is home to our Taura Māori community as well as general school leavers.

auckland.ac.nz/grifton-hall

O'Rorke Hall

O'Rorke's unique layout is configured as pods of four to seven single bedrooms, each sharing a bathroom. In addition to a communal lounge on every floor, residents can also enjoy the flood-lit basketball court, games room and BBQ patio. O'Rorke is just five minutes from the City Campus. O'Rorke hosts Rainbow pods and a Pasifika floor for students who want to live with members of their own community.

auckland.ac.nz/ororke-hall

University Hall Towers

With comfortably furnished single rooms throughout a modern dual-tower complex, University Hall Towers also offers ample study spaces, social lounges and an astro-turf half court. Just five minutes from the City Campus, this residence is right next to the Elam School of Fine Arts.

auckland.ac.nz/unihall-towers

Waipārūrū Hall

Located just ten minutes from City Campus, our newest and largest residence, Waipārūrū, is the first of our halls to offer flexible dining times and a variety of cuisines from multiple food stations. Spread across two towers, Waipārūrū Hall has a great range of study and social spaces, plus music and games rooms for residents to enjoy.

auckland.ac.nz/waiparuru-hall

Accommodation for students with disabilities

Accommodation is available for those with accessibility needs. Some of our residences provide facilities such as wheelchair access and specially fitted bathrooms. Guide dogs can be accommodated. Note that some residences are slightly uphill from the City Campus. Your child should provide all relevant details of their needs on their application and reach out to our staff to discuss the accommodation options most suitable for them. Email us any time.

auckland.ac.nz/accommodation

Application dates

Applications open on 1 August each year.

Although there is no closing date for applications, we strongly recommend that students apply by 30 September to ensure that their application is included in the selections for a first offer, made in early October. After first offers, more places become available following withdrawals. Those who don't receive a first offer, or who apply after 15 September, will be waitlisted for these later vacancies.

Returning students

Following their first year, many students wish to continue in University accommodation. We welcome that. We have accommodation options available to suit all students throughout their time at University.

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A Solid Foundation for Employment

We're proud of our international rankings. We're the highest-ranked university in New Zealand and within the top 100 internationally.* Our graduates are global citizens who can include a widely respected qualification with any job application.



Our bachelors degree programmes help students to sharpen their skills and knowledge in specific academic areas. They also instil broader, transferable skills that help graduates adapt well to the different roles they may take on during their career. Even more directly, some of our academic programmes include internship opportunities.

Auckland City abounds with fantastic work opportunities, both part-time work while the University is in session and full-time during holiday breaks. In these ways, students can earn some extra cash – and at the same time

increase their employability by gathering experiences and absorbing workplace culture.

And eventually there's graduate employment to consider. The head offices of many large New Zealand companies and branches of international companies are located close to the University in the Auckland CBD.

Employers often field a great many applications for just one job. A respected qualification can really help your child to stand out. With the University of Auckland on their CV, they're showcasing a high quality education.

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A photograph of three young women walking on a paved path on a university campus. The woman on the left is wearing a tan blazer over an orange top and light blue jeans, carrying a yellow water bottle. The woman in the middle is wearing a black crop top and dark blue jeans. The woman on the right is wearing a light-colored zip-up hoodie and light blue wide-leg pants, carrying a black backpack. In the background, there is a large, ornate white building with many windows and a tall clock tower with a blue clock face. The scene is set outdoors with green trees and a clear blue sky.

Career Development and Employability Services (CDES)

As the University's award winning career service, we support students on their employability journey. Our services are available from a student's first year, right through to three years after they graduate.

We run regular workshops, career education events, and one-on-one sessions. We provide career support and interview preparation. We also deliver targeted programmes for specific groups of students, including international, Māori and Pacific, and postgraduate students. Through our career expos and recruitment events, we connect students with leading employers, both local and international.

auckland.ac.nz/cdes



Māori Students

E aku nui, e aku rahi
Koutou ngā uri o Tuperiri, o Tāmaki
Herenga waka, tēnā koutou katoa.
Ko Huruiki te maunga
Ko Whakapara te awa
Ko Ngāti Hau te hapū
No Ngāpuhi te iwi
Ko Whakapara te marae
Ko Te Kawehau Hoskins tēnei.

Tēnā koutou e ngā mātua, ngā whānau, ngā kaimanaaki o ā tatou rangatahi
At Waipapa Taumata Rau – University of Auckland, the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori is committed to ensuring that Māori ways of thinking, being, and doing underpin everything that we do.

Central to that mission is supporting our tauira Māori to not only thrive academically, personally and culturally while they are with us. We also work to ensure that beyond graduation they can contribute to the strength and success of our whānau, hapū, iwi, and communities.

Over 3,000 tauira Māori join a vibrant and diverse learning community when they study with us. We offer a range of study opportunities and experiences designed to support their success in their studies, and in their journeys as future leaders, innovators, and changemakers for Aotearoa, New Zealand and beyond.

Our commitment to tauira Māori is demonstrated through the provision of dedicated Kaupapa Māori floors in

accommodation, through the Tuākana learning community supporting academic success, and in tauira Māori student clubs and spaces for whakawhanaungatanga, wānanga and ako throughout the University.

We look forward to welcoming you and your whānau to Waipapa Taumata Rau.

He kai kei aku ringa – the means to flourishing is in my hands



PROFESSOR Te Kawehau Hoskins
Ngāti Hau, Ngāpuhi
Ihonuku
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori)

Waipapa Marae

Te Ao Māori ki Tāmaki

Ko Tāne-nui-a-Rangi te whare
whakairo

Ko Reipae te wharekai

Ko Waipapa te marae

Ko Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei te ahi-kā-roa

Kei konei tō whānau hōu, hei manaaki,
hei tiaki i a koe.

Nō reira, rukuhia te mātauranga ki tōna
hōhonutanga, tukuna te tao kia rere, he
kai tērā e matapoporetia ana.

Ngā Tauira Māori

Māhea noa te kite i ngā taumahatanga
nui ki runga i ngā tauira, ā, ko tā mātau
he tautoko, he akiaki, he poipoi hoki i a
tātau anō kia eke ki te pae o angitū i ngā
mahi katoa.

Ngā Tauira Māori is the University's
official Māori Student Association. We
uplift and support Māori students as
they travel all the pathways they aspire
to. We seek to preserve and develop the
use of tikanga and Te Reo Māori within
the University and amongst our tauira.
We strive to support Māori students
in their formal education and in their
awareness and understanding of their
surrounding world. We aim to inspire our
tauira to influence their environments
through an understanding of who they
are as tangata whenua.

Tōia ki Waipapa

Tōia ki Waipapa is for all Māori school
leavers who may be considering
university. The programme will allow
your tamaiti the opportunity to take a
university course over the summer,
which can be used towards their degree.
The programme also offers mentoring
and workshops to thoroughly prepare
them for the transition.

They will have the opportunity to take
part in a number of activities both on
and off campus. They can also apply
for an accommodation scholarship to
live on campus for the duration of the
programme.

If your tamaiti hasn't yet formally applied
to the University, we'll offer them
assistance to do so.

We take a positive and friendly approach
to ensure we give everyone the best
chance for success.

[instagram.com/toia_uoa](https://www.instagram.com/toia_uoa)

Libraries and Learning Services

We offer two specialist programmes for
Māori and Pacific students.

Te Fale Pouāwhina

Te Fale Pouāwhina will support
your tamaiti academically through
workshops, wānanga and consultations.
Kaupapa Māori and Pacific principles
underpin our work.

[auckland.ac.nz/tfp](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/tfp)

Leadership Through Learning

This 12-week programme will support
your tamaiti to develop leadership and
academic skills.

[auckland.ac.nz/leadership-through-learning](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/leadership-through-learning)

Tuākana

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environment where Māori and
Pacific students thrive on campus;
here your tamaiti will experience
whakawhanaungatanga, tutorials,
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peoples (Tagata o le Moana-nui-o-Kiwa), all successful navigators of the
vast Pacific ocean. Many hundreds of
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[auckland.ac.nz/tuakana](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/tuakana)

Undergraduate Targeted Admission Schemes (UTAS)

UTAS reserves a number of places in
our undergraduate programmes for
Māori applicants who have met the
University Entrance standard but have
not met the guaranteed entry score for
the programme of their choice. For full
information, visit us online.

[auckland.ac.nz/utas](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/utas)



Pacific Students

Kia ora, Talofa lava,
Malo e lelei, Kia orana,
Bula vinaka, Fakatalofa atu,
Fakaalofa lahi atu,
Halo Oloketa, la Orana,
Mauri, Aloha,
Malo ni, Hafa Adai

I warmly welcome your interest in Aotearoa New Zealand's top-ranked university*.

Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland is one of the Pacific's leading research institutions. Our university is a special place where we will support your child to grow and realise their full potential. A qualification from Waipapa Taumata Rau will prepare them for a successful career in a vast range of fields.

We have strong support networks to help your child succeed. My team and I walk alongside and support our Pacific students and their families throughout their journey at university. It takes a village to raise a child, and we wholeheartedly believe that we are part of this village for your child. We look forward to offering your child academic and pastoral guidance – and helping to ensure that they have a great experience at university.

Please encourage your child to contact us if they're considering Waipapa Taumata Rau, are already enrolled here, or they just want to find out more about how we can help.

We look forward to meeting you and your family.

la manuia!

For more information visit us online.

auckland.ac.nz/pacific

***auckland.ac.nz/world-ranked**



PROFESSOR JEMAIMA TIATIA-SIAU

Ihonuku Te Moananui-a-Kiwa
Pro Vice-Chancellor Pacific

Auckland University Pacific Island Students' Association (AUPISA)

The Auckland University Pacific Island Students' Association (AUPISA) is for all Pacific students at the University of Auckland.

AUPISA recognises the importance of Pacific cultures on campus, and the need to profile, elevate, maintain and celebrate them as we collectively navigate pathways to academic excellence. We will support your child through a series of events designed to cater to their social, cultural and academic needs.

aupisapresident@gmail.com

[@aupisa_uoa](https://www.aupisa_uoa.org/)

Many other student groups will warmly welcome your child and offer many opportunities to energise and enrich their University experience. For example, every faculty hosts a proactive Pacific students' association.

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UniBound Summer – Academic Enrichment Programme

UniBound Summer is designed to prepare Pacific school leavers for university studies. We can prepare your child to achieve at the University of Auckland, and to help them transition into university life.

Running during the summer school period from early January to mid-February, the course includes:

- Academic workshop sessions to help your child prepare for their tertiary study
- Empowering our Pacific students to remain grounded in their identity
- Off-campus learning activities such as field trips, sports days and intercampus visits
- ARTSGEN 104: a credit-bearing course during the summer
- Team-building activities and peer mentoring
- HOP cards for travel during the summer programme

We also welcome students who have not achieved University Entrance or received an offer from the University. During UniBound Summer, your child could apply for Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC). If so, the UniBound team would support them during their TFC year.

For more information on UniBound and how to apply, please visit our webpages.

auckland.ac.nz/unibound

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auckland.ac.nz/utas



Student Support and Services

When your child starts their journey with us, they'll enter a vibrant community of 40,000 students. That's obviously a large number, but life here is far from impersonal. It's a place where like minds meet, diversity abounds, friendships deepen, and networks thrive. There's a great sense of community. We have excellent facilities and support networks for students. And we're committed to ensuring that our University is safe and inclusive for everyone.

Our varied student services promote your child's academic success, personal wellbeing and enjoyment of life.

Our offerings include support groups and advocacy, health and counselling services, well-resourced libraries, information commons, computer rooms, clubs and student associations. A full list and information can be found online.

auckland.ac.nz/student-support

These facilities and services are available to all students of the University. Faculties may also offer additional services tailored to their students' needs. So check the faculty websites for information on what each offers. (See the Study tab on our landing page.)

auckland.ac.nz/study

Orientation

Orientation events are held the week before and during the first few weeks of semester. Encourage your child to make a running start by attending Orientation events for their programme of study. These include a welcome pōwhiri and sessions that outline what they'll be studying and how we can look after them through our support services.

More generally, Orientation is a chance for first-year students to get their bearings; be introduced to their programme of study; meet other students; join clubs; sort out their transport discounts; and attend social events such as concerts, shows and parties.

An important element of Orientation is our annual Māori and Pacific students' welcome, which is also open to whānau, families and communities of support.

Visit our New Students webpages for information to supplement what your child will learn during Orientation.

auckland.ac.nz/new-students

Academic support from Libraries and Learning Services

Information for assignments

Students can go to the Libraries and Learning Services website to access subject guides and to search electronic resources such as databases, e-journals and e-books. Most electronic resources can be accessed via the website anywhere, anytime, with a University username and password. There's also the option to come in to a library to ask for advice or to access short loan materials, books, journals and special collections.

auckland.ac.nz/library



Learning essentials

Perhaps your child wishes to strengthen their essential academic and research capabilities. We offer online resources that will help with time management, note-taking, writing, presenting, exam preparation and more. Basic study skills questions can be answered at a library or information commons helpdesk, and in-depth queries may be referred to a Learning Adviser.

auckland.ac.nz/learning-essentials

UniGuides, mentors and support programmes

We aim to make your child's first semester easier by connecting them with a student mentor who can show them the ropes.

UniGuides are current students who volunteer their time to welcome new students and foster a positive transition to university life. Your child can sign up for a UniGuide mentor for their first semester. Their UniGuide will support them with tips and advice. They'll let them know about the different events and activities on campus, check in on them and answer questions.

auckland.ac.nz/uniguide

AskAuckland

We provide information about general student life, all the degree programmes offered here, and application/enrolment. You can view FAQs online or email us.

askauckland.ac.nz

studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz

Keeping healthy

We provide on-campus health, medical and counselling services for students. For domestic students, the costs of medical and health appointments at University Health and Counselling are lower if they register with us as their primary health organisation. Our great team of counsellors and psychologists also offer a confidential counselling service.

auckland.ac.nz/health

Keeping fit

More than just a gym, more than just a sports centre, more than just a hangout space – Hiwa, our new Recreation Centre, which opened in late 2024, is all these things and more, right in the heart of City Campus. It provides more opportunities than ever before for students, staff and the greater community to get active, support their own wellbeing, make new friends and gather together.

If your child is living in one of the University's Halls of Residence, they will automatically receive membership.

auckland.ac.nz/sport-and-rec

Student Disability Services

Student Disability Services can provide support for students with a wide range of impairments, both visible and invisible. Perhaps your child lives with an impairment that impacts their studies.

They may have had special conditions for study and exams at school. If so, they should contact us for a confidential chat about how we may be able to help them succeed at University.

We recommend that students and their families get in contact with us early so we can ensure we have everything in place to best support them when they begin their studies with us.

auckland.ac.nz/disability

Clubs, sports and social events

Interests outside of study help busy students to create balance in their lives. Clubs, sports and social events are great ways to meet people while pursuing personal interests. We encourage students to keep up interests that they already love but also to try something unfamiliar.

Our 250 plus clubs and societies include trampolining, canoeing, photography, politics, anime, faith, cultural groups and many more.

By joining one of the sports clubs, students can continue with their interest from secondary school or else take up something new. They can also represent their faculty in sports tournaments or get a group of friends together to play in the social sport league.

Go online for more detailed information.

auckland.ac.nz/clubs

Co-curricular Recognition Programme

The University offers a range of rich experiences beyond the classroom, including volunteering, leadership opportunities and innovation activities. In this way, we actively encourage, and officially recognise, students' involvement in co-curricular activities. These are great ways for your child to develop skills and knowledge in a meaningful way.

auckland.ac.nz/co-curricular

International students

We offer specialist support for international students, aiming to ensure that their stay in New Zealand is as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. We provide a 24/7 emergency number, pastoral care, Student Visa assistance, an International Orientation, and English language assessment and support.

We also offer every new international student a free airport pickup. Our driver will be there to meet and greet your child at the airport. They will take them to their accommodation and ensure they are handed over safely to the accommodation staff or host family.

auckland.ac.nz/international





Tips for Parents

In the previous sections, we've outlined some of the University's key benefits and offerings. Now that you know the general lay of the land, here are some ways to support your child's journey through it!

What's it like at Uni?

Whether or not you've been to university yourself, you might be wondering how things are these days. Students learn through a mix of lectures, tutorials, laboratories, workshops, group work, individual study, assignments and studio work. The exact combination depends on the subjects they study.

Deciding what to study

Subject Guide for School Students

In Year 12, your child should carefully research the school subjects they need to take in Year 13. In this way, they can ensure they later qualify to apply for study in areas of interest at University. In our annually updated *Subject Guide for School Students*, we list both the required and the recommended subjects that students should take at school as preparation for each of our programmes. This is a great opportunity for you to talk with your child about the subjects, topics and careers that interest them.

auckland.ac.nz/school-subject-guide

Future Student Guide

Designed primarily for school leavers, the Future Student Guide helps readers to explore career pathways and study options. It offers personalised suggestions for what to study here. The suggestions are based on each individual's subject interests, career ideas, and personality.

If your child has completed Year 12 study or above, they can also check if they're on track for meeting the requirements for a suggested study option. This indication is based on their results.

All of this is saved to your child's profile so they can discuss their options with their careers adviser, family, or the University when they are ready.

guide.auckland.ac.nz



Schools and Community Engagement Team (SCET)

SCET visit secondary schools across New Zealand to help students with their questions. They also hold Regional Information Student Evenings. Check for upcoming events online.

auckland.ac.nz/parents

Timetabling

Students use the University's online Timetable Planner each semester. They enter all their details, and it creates the best possible fit. The Planner details the lectures, tutorials, lab work and any other classes they need to attend. Students usually have gaps between lectures and may even have days with no classes at all.

auckland.ac.nz/timetable-planner

Class time and study time

Your child will experience greater independence at university than at secondary school. University students need to organise their own time for independent study, which includes readings, assignments and exam preparation. For most programmes, they should allow two hours of independent work for each hour of class time. But this is not a hard and fast rule. Your child will learn how to manage their time depending on the requirements of their courses. Inevitably, there will be times when they feel under pressure with multiple deadlines to manage.

They need to be proactive by seeking out advice and direct help – as no one will be following up on their movements, checking whether they attend lectures, or making sure they understand what an assignment involves. There are lots

of people willing and ready to help, but students need to make the initial contact. A UniGuide or a Māori or Pacific Tuākana mentor can help your child to transition through the freedoms and expectations of University life. Libraries and Learning Services are another great port of call. (See pages 20 and 21.)

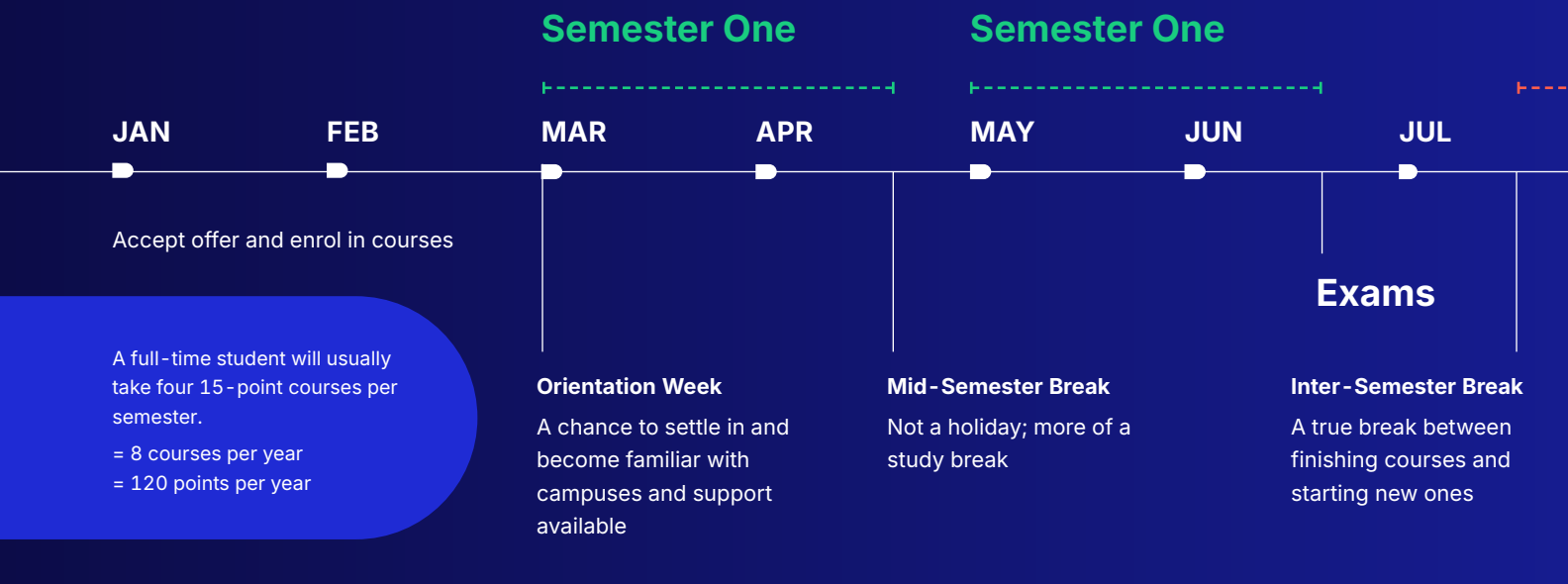
Also, each campus has a Student Hub, where advisers are on hand with all sorts of advice about courses and programmes.

auckland.ac.nz/uniguides

auckland.ac.nz/tuakana

auckland.ac.nz/library

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Where does the year go?

Life for first-years is often described as a rollercoaster ride: waiting, waiting; exciting but scary; slow then fast; up then down; and away we go again in Semester Two!

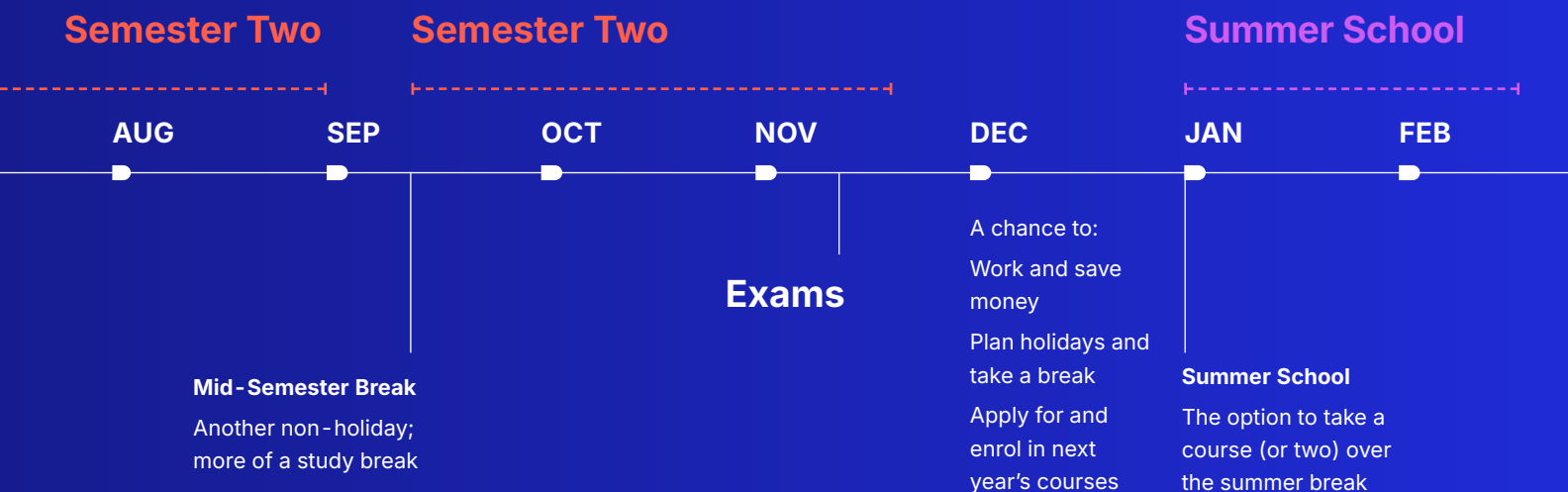
New students often experience times of celebration and exhilaration in the first few weeks. Everything is novel as they settle in after the whirlwind of Orientation Week – the fascination of academia, their new friends, a rapidly expanding social life and the thrill of independence.

So much for honeymoons! Next comes the famous week-five shockwave. Suddenly the first assignments for many courses fall due at around the same time, along with tests and other mid-semester assessments. All the upbeat activity of the early weeks falls flat, and excitement

easily turns to anxiety as multiple challenges bite in. Our staff in University accommodation, student health, support and counselling services are fully ready for this annual pressure point. They're experienced at guiding students through the thicket, and they have strategies for identifying and reaching out to those who need help. But do encourage your child to take the lead and access help early on if they feel their anxiety rising.

Your support will be invaluable for an extended and indefinite period as your child begins to navigate daily life on their own. Talk them through the transition. Their new-found autonomy is helping them learn to be self-sufficient, solve problems, manage emotional stress, and develop resilience. Their rapidly expanding life experience is helping to build their future.





How you can support your child

One week your child is calling you every day, the next week they aren't even replying to your texts! They'll experience a complex range of emotions as they navigate University life. As a parent, you can help prepare, encourage and support them as they begin their journey at the University of Auckland.

Support your child but don't do everything for them. It's important they take responsibility for informing themselves and checking what they need to do.

Prepare them for financial success. Talk them through their expected expenses and discuss how to budget accordingly. This will help them to develop financial responsibility and decrease the stress of living on a student budget.

Motivate them to practise healthy habits while at University. Now is the time for them to take ownership of their health and wellbeing.

Encourage them to get involved with activities on campus. Not all learning takes place in the classroom, and research shows positive outcomes for those who actively engage in wider University life. There are many clubs, societies and communities to complement their academic experience.

Familiarise yourself with the resources available to students at the University of Auckland. Your child may turn to you with an issue or concern. You can empower them by discussing available services and encouraging them to access those that will be useful. We can help with many things, including academic skills, course planning,

counselling and targeted support for students with disabilities.

Take an interest in their workload each semester and talk about the assignments and exams they have. Offer your proofreading skills if you think this may be helpful. Note exam dates so you know when they'll be busy studying and for what.

Send a care package every now and then if they're living away from home. Fill it with the treats you know they love and things you think they might need. Ideas include home baking to share, sweet or savoury treats, socks, toiletries and stationery.

Reassure them that they can ask for help from the University's support staff and services if you know they're in a rough patch!



Key Information

Here are the essentials. The following pages summarise application and enrolment so you can see everything at a glance.

Our undergraduate degree options

It's very exciting for school students to explore the opportunities available and decide what to study. The University of Auckland has more than 50 undergraduate programmes available, from certificates through to bachelors degrees. Your child may have a study path worked out, or maybe they're keen to explore their options. In either case, our varied programmes provide many opportunities for success.

Most degree programmes consist of 120 points of full-time study per academic year. A three-year degree involves 360 points of study, while a four year degree involves 480 points. Most full-time students will complete eight courses in an academic year, although the number can vary.

Once a student has decided on a degree programme, they need to choose their major or specialisation. This is the core subject they will study. It makes up around one third of the courses they will enrol in for their degree. Note that many programmes allow for a double major and that a double major is compulsory for a BA.

Not all decisions need to be made before students embark on their first year. Depending on the programme, some of these decisions can be made during the first year of study or even the second year. Consult the programme pages of the current Undergraduate Prospectus for details.

auckland.ac.nz/prospectus

Perhaps you'd prefer to talk with us in person about degree options and planning a programme of study. Please feel free to visit your nearest Student Hub. Details about our Hubs are online.

auckland.ac.nz/student-hubs

We also warmly welcome students and parents to our annual Mānawa Mai Info Evening and Open Day.

auckland.ac.nz/manawa-mai

Conjoint degrees

We offer conjoint degree options too. In a conjoint programme, such as a BA/BSc, a student studies for two qualifications at the same time. They can graduate in a shorter timeframe than would be the case if they completed the two programmes consecutively.

Conjoints also allow students to combine different interests and gain a greater breadth of knowledge for their chosen career.

auckland.ac.nz/conjoints

360 International

Depending on the programme your child pursues, they may be able to participate in a learning abroad experience, adding an international dimension to their University of Auckland degree.

Overseas experiences enhance participants' personal skills, academic potential, and employability. Options include semester-long exchanges, short-term summer and winter programmes, language study abroad, internships, and collaborative online international learning opportunities.

Many of our international programmes are supported with partial funding.

auckland.ac.nz/360

Our undergraduate degree programmes at a glance

Arts

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Communication
Bachelor of Global Studies
(inter-faculty but administered by Arts)

Engineering and Design

Bachelor of Architectural Studies
Bachelor of Design
Bachelor of Engineering
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours)

Business

Bachelor of Commerce
Bachelor of Property

Law

Bachelor of Laws
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Creative and Performance

Bachelor of Dance Studies
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Bachelor of Music

Medical and Health Sciences

Bachelor of Health Sciences
Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours)
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
Bachelor of Nursing
Bachelor of Optometry
Bachelor of Pharmacy

Education and Sport

Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies
Bachelor of Education (Teaching and TESOL)
Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education

Science

Bachelor of Science

For more information on our undergraduate degrees, visit auckland.ac.nz/programmes

Application and enrolment

The application process is fully online. Visit our website for more information and to make an Application for Admission.

auckland.ac.nz/apply

The application process is also explained in the *University of Auckland Undergraduate Prospectus*, along with annually updated entry requirements for all programmes.

auckland.ac.nz/prospectus

Students can keep up to six applications open, and can submit up to 10 applications a week. The outcome generally hinges on attaining University Entrance and their Level 3 school results, although some students may receive Fast Track Offers in advance of their results becoming available. Note that the application for some programmes involves additional assessment. For instance, an interview, audition, and/or a police check may be required. In that case, the University might make a conditional offer. All this

will be explained during the application process.

Parents sometimes get concerned that things aren't progressing or wonder if the application has been received. Your child can check their application status online at any time by logging in to their Application for Admission.

Remember that your child is the person applying to study at the University, and any application details, grades or other personal information can only be shared between the University and them.

This ensures we comply with the New Zealand Privacy Act but also affirms that they are the adult responsible for all aspects of their application, enrolment and study while at University.

Offers and conditional offers

University Entrance results (NCEA, Cambridge International or IB) are usually released mid way through January. We cannot make any offers until results have been released. Your child should apply for admission before

the published deadline, which is usually in early December. We'll contact them in January when school results have been released, either making an offer of place in a programme or suggesting other options.

For programmes with additional requirements (e.g. police check, audition), we may make a conditional offer before school results are available. Applicants need to accept this conditional offer before the offer expiry date. Once school grades and all other conditions have been assessed as met, the offer will be confirmed.

Your child will need to approve the release of grades with their school prior to the end of the academic year. Your child does not need to send these to us. The Application for Admission includes sections where the applicant gives the required permissions (e.g. their NSN number for NCEA).

Apply (online)

Submit all requested information and attend interview/audition if requested

Receive offer of place in programme



Undergraduate Targeted Admission Schemes (UTAS)

At the University of Auckland we have a range of admission schemes to improve access to higher education for equity groups. If your child is Māori or Indigenous Pacific, has a disability, is from a refugee or constrained economic background, and has not met the guaranteed entry score, they may be eligible for inclusion in a targeted admission scheme.

auckland.ac.nz/utas

Preparation programmes

If your child did not receive an offer to their preferred programme, we'll send an email advising them to consider other options with us. For instance, the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science offer a wide range of courses they could consider. Good grades in these courses may provide an opportunity to reapply for the preferred programme(s) the following year.

If your child has not attained University

Entrance, they may wish to complete one of our preparation programmes and then reapply. Options include the Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC) for school leavers and Hikitia te Ora – Certificate in Health Sciences for Māori and Indigenous Pacific students who wish to upskill for one of the programmes offered by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. These programmes are designed to help develop confidence and competence for studying at University.

The TFC is an accredited University Entrance qualification. It could also be the answer if your child has gained University Entrance but has not achieved a high enough rank score for degree programmes at the University. A great many students have gained entry into a degree programme in this way.

There are no fees for preparation programmes. This allows students to retain their fees free allowance for their final year of degree study.

auckland.ac.nz/preparation-programmes

Accept offer of place in programme (and decline any unwanted offers)

Enrol in courses

Pay fees

Fees and money matters

Fees

Fees are divided into Tuition fees and Student Services fees. Both fees are charged on a per-point basis. A full-time student usually enrolls in eight 15-point courses each year – a total of 120 points. A part-time student takes fewer points and pays proportionally lower fees.

Note that accommodation fees are additional to Tuition and Student Services fees.

Fees are adjusted annually. Indicative fees are also posted online until the upcoming year's costs are confirmed.

auckland.ac.nz/fees

University of Auckland scholarships and awards

It pays to look into scholarships! We have many school-leaver and first-year scholarships available, and there are also many scholarships available to students throughout their time at the University of Auckland. A scholarship reduces the recipient's need to take on part-time work or a large student loan.

Scholarships are awarded for many reasons, including the need to overcome adversity or financial hardship. Other scholarships recognise academic success at secondary school. These scholarships for the first year of study assist with tuition fees, catered accommodation in a University of Auckland Hall of Residence, or direct payments to students.

auckland.ac.nz/school-leaver-scholarships

Student loans and allowances

Student loans and allowances are administered through StudyLink, a service of the Ministry of Social Development. The University's only involvement is to provide a student's enrolment and/or fee information so that StudyLink can assess their eligibility. It's important that applicants contact StudyLink well in advance of their University year as loans and allowances take time to organise. Students need to reapply each year.

studylink.govt.nz





Where to Find More Detailed Information

From our website and prospectuses to student information centres and our annual Open Day, there are many ways to find additional information, address your concerns, and satisfy your curiosity.

Subject Guide for School Students

Each year we publish a *Subject Guide for School Students*. This outlines the Year 13 school subjects that are required or recommended for University of Auckland degree programmes.

auckland.ac.nz/school-subject-guide

Schools advisers

The Schools and Community Engagement Team (SCET) offers advice and information about all aspects of the University of Auckland. We're always happy to talk with secondary school students, their parents and guardians, and school careers advisers.

Our schools advisers visit secondary schools throughout New Zealand. They also attend careers events and host Regional Information Student Evenings. Check the website for information on upcoming visits and events near you.

auckland.ac.nz/parents

Visit a Student Hub

Each campus has a Student Hub where students can come for assistance. Staff can explain entry requirements and help with programme planning. We offer both drop-in services and online appointments.

auckland.ac.nz/student-hubs

AskAuckland

AskAuckland is our general information online centre. You're very welcome to email us. You can also visit our webpages to search with keywords, browse topics or view popular questions.

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University Prospectus

The *University of Auckland Undergraduate Prospectus* is a detailed guidebook focusing on our many

programmes. It encompasses all the key topics that apply to undergraduate life. Main sections include programmes of study, accommodation, scholarships, international study opportunities, life in Auckland, school qualifications and entry regulations, fees, and the enrolment process.

But the Prospectus goes far beyond academic and regulatory content. Each year we showcase not only the vibrancy and momentum but also the steadfastness and security of both the University and the City of Auckland.

Because of its broad scope, the *Undergraduate Prospectus* is especially useful for helping students to identify their areas of interest. At that stage they'll need more specific guidance and knowledge. Each of our faculties also publishes its own annual prospectus. These provide greater detail for students who are ready to focus on a specific faculty or programme.



You can view the prospectuses online.

auckland.ac.nz/prospectus

The *University of Auckland Calendar* is our official online publication outlining all regulations and statutes.

auckland.ac.nz/calendar

The University of Auckland website

The University website is a comprehensive source of the most up-to-date information available. We have a section especially for parents and family.

auckland.ac.nz

auckland.ac.nz/future-undergraduates

auckland.ac.nz/parents

Mānawa Mai Open Day

Held in late August or early September, Mānawa Mai Open Day is your annual opportunity to visit our City and Grafton Campuses. It's an action-packed day. You can speak with advisers, lecturers and current students, view stands and demonstrations, attend information sessions and enjoy plenty of food and entertainment.

Open Day is very popular with parents, so come along and make it a family event. We're sure you'll enjoy this slice of the future!

The University usually provides free buses to and from Open Day for students both within Auckland and also from regions spanning Northland to the Bay of Plenty. We also offer a free Sky Bus service for visitors who are flying in for the day.

auckland.ac.nz/manawa-mai

Mānawa Mai Info Evening

As well as coming to explore the University in person, we'd love you to join us for an inspiring digital experience. Open Day Online is a carefully crafted programme of webinars and virtual tours. Don't miss this vivid and informative University experience, all from the comfort of home.

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Glossary

Course	A basic unit of study, normally taught and assessed over one semester (Also known as a “paper”.)
Faculty	The generic term used to differentiate each broad area of study and the staff who teach in, research and manage that area (e.g. the Faculty of Engineering and Design)
Laboratory (Lab)	A teaching session of a practical nature
Lecture	A non-laboratory teaching session, traditionally delivered by an academic in front of an assembly of students in a lecture theatre
Major/specialisation	A subject area that is the main focus of a programme
Points	A value that is assigned to each course to indicate its weighting within the programme (e.g. the Bachelor of Arts degree, which requires 360 points, made up of 24 courses of 15 points each)
Programme	A prescribed set of one or more courses or other work, which when satisfactorily completed leads to the award of a University of Auckland certificate, diploma or degree (e.g. the Bachelor of Science)
Semester	A period of about 15 weeks, which includes about 12 teaching weeks and three weeks for study and examinations. (There are two semesters per year, with a midsemester break during each semester and an inter-semester break between semesters.)
Stage	The academic level of study in a subject (Most undergraduate subjects are taught at three stages. Stage I is the introductory level, Stage II is the intermediate level and Stage III is the advanced level.)
Summer School	A six-week period during which a selection of courses is taught and assessed (Students take Summer School courses to progress through their programme more quickly, to compensate for poor performance in a previous semester or to spread a heavy workload.)
Tutorial	A small group-learning session
Undergraduate	A student who is studying towards their first degree, or the courses that are part of their first (bachelors) degree

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Business School

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Law School

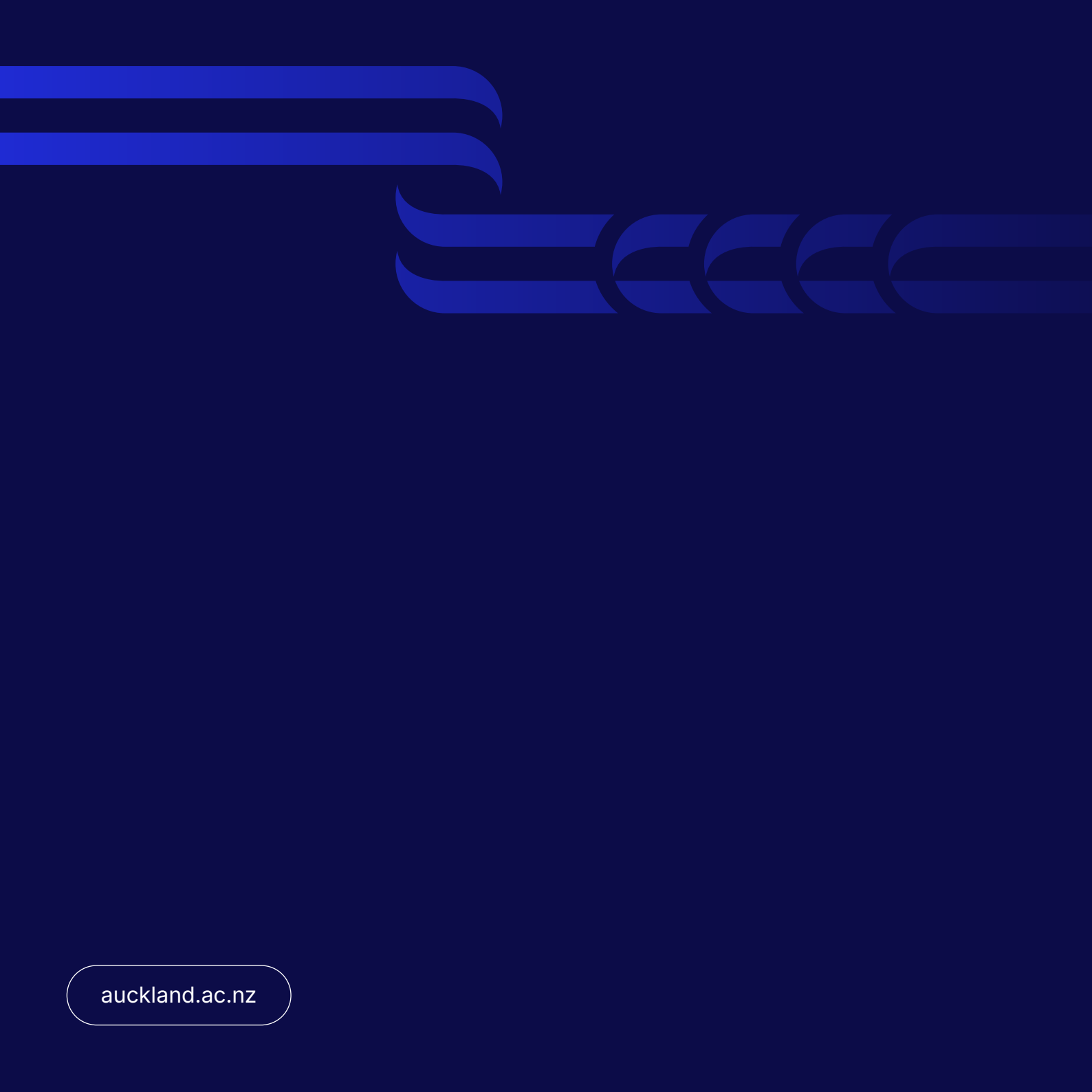
auckland.ac.nz/law-school

Faculty of Science

auckland.ac.nz/science

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

auckland.ac.nz/FMHS



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