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*“Joining UniBound was a positive experience. It was what I expected – and more! The staff and mentors made sure we all felt welcomed and always pushed us to do everything to the best of our ability, whether that was our assignments or extra-curricular activities. They also ensured we were fully equipped with the knowledge and skills we needed as a first-year university student.*

*“A big highlight was the UniBound Showcase. I enjoyed expressing my Tongan culture and using my leadership skills to teach the boys in my group a traditional dance. Our group were able to express our different cultures and backgrounds, combined into one big cultural performance – a showcase for our friends and families.*

*“UniBound made the transition from high school to university a lot smoother than it would have been otherwise. I completed a university-level course which helped me understand the differences between high school and university. It made me realise that I had to really step up for my university journey.*

*“If I'd come straight into my first year without this knowledge, it would have taken me longer to transition.”*



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## UniBound

Academic Enrichment Programme 2024



# Is UniBound for you?

Are you a Pacific school leaver who could benefit from a programme that prepares you for university study?

UniBound will support your future success at the University of Auckland. UniBound is great for anyone who who wants the best possible head-start on their university journey. Furthermore, if you're unsure you will gain University Entrance, or the rank score you need, our programme will be perfect for you. We take a positive and friendly approach through subject-specific learning and general study-skill development. We can give you the best chance for success by enhancing your literacy, numeracy and critical thinking abilities – all through unique experiences that prepare you for university and adult life.

Our focus is to ensure you are well prepared as you head into your tertiary studies – creating life-long friendships as you go.

Scan the code below and register your interest.



## UniBound Summer

UniBound Summer is a five-week academic enrichment programme that prepares Pasifika school leavers for university studies. UniBound is a safe, inclusive and vibrant community where Pasifika students can connect with one another. The programme will support your transition into university life – and help you to achieve once you are enrolled here.

Part of this great head-start to your academic journey is a credit-bearing course that will later count towards your degree. You will be grouped with other UniBound students. Each group will be led by current student leaders who will provide mentorship during your time in UniBound. In this way, you'll make new friends and build life-long connections.

Perhaps you want to build your confidence and improve your study skills – or maybe you're unsure if university is right for you but want to give it a go. Either way, UniBound Summer is the perfect programme for you.

## Entry Criteria

To be eligible to apply for UniBound Summer, you must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, have Pacific Island ancestry, and be in your final year of secondary school in the calendar year in which you register your interest.

Once you have registered interest for the programme, a member of our team will contact you about what happens next. Please note that acceptance into the UniBound Summer programme does not imply that your later application for admission to any other University programme will necessarily be accepted. If you are unsure about these criteria or want to know more, please don't hesitate to contact our staff, whose details are located on the other side of this flyer.

