



Kia ora,

We hope you had a Happy New Year and your 2022 is off to a good start.

The University of Auckland has resumed operations and we are enjoying having students back on campus for Summer School. Whether you're back on campus already or are getting ready to join us soon, we wanted to share some updates with you for what you can expect this year.

Today's statement from the Prime Minister

This afternoon the Prime Minister confirmed Cabinet's decision to keep the country at Orange Level for the time being. The Northland region, including our Tai Tokerau campus in Whangārei, which has been at Red Level until now, joins the rest of the country at Orange at 11.59pm tonight, Thursday 20 January.

The Prime Minister also advised that, if and when the more transmissible Omicron variant moves beyond the border and into the community, the whole country will move to Red Level within 24 to 48 hours.

Requirements for coming onto campus

- Before coming on to any University of Auckland campus, your [My Vaccine Pass](#) must be uploaded into the [University's Vaccination Declaration Portal](#).
- If you don't have a My Vaccine Pass, [please contact AskAuckland](#) Central for advice.
- When on and moving about on any University of Auckland campus, you must keep track of where you go by continuing to use the [Government's NZ COVID Tracer app](#) with Bluetooth turned on.
- [Masks and face coverings](#) are strongly recommended by the Ministry of Education when indoors. Additionally, the University expects their use for teaching and learning, libraries and indoor student hubs.

Please visit the website to learn more about [Requirements for coming onto campus](#), or the [University's Covid-19 vaccination policy](#).

Learning and teaching policy settings for 2022

To ensure certainty and predictability for our students and staff, the University has agreed a set of policy settings for learning and teaching activities in 2022, which you can read [on the website](#). The settings provide clear parameters for learning and teaching, with the flexibility to vary arrangements where required.

As noted previously, it is important for our students and staff to enjoy a full campus experience wherever possible, and the policy settings for 2022 reflect this approach.

To provide simplicity and clarity on examinations, **we have decided that all examinations in 2022 will be online, remote, non-invigilated and open book by default, with some limited exceptions.**

Apply now to live in University accommodation for free!

For a limited time, the University is offering fully funded accommodation in Te Tirohanga o te Tōangaroa for students facing financial hardship. This amazing offer will provide you with the opportunity to live in our newest residence right next to the city campus so you can focus on your studies and not worry about your living arrangements or your finances. To be eligible you must be a full-time domestic student in your second year of study or above.

Applications are open now. For more information about eligibility criteria and how to apply, please visit [Funded Accommodation Support](#).

Booster Vaccines

The University's UniChem Pharmacy in Kate Edger Information Commons is available to administer Covid-19 vaccines. If you're eligible to receive your booster, you can book your vaccine at [Book my vaccine](#) or [Vaxx.nz](#). Alternatively, you can [call the pharmacy directly](#). There will also be walk-ins available from 9am-4.30pm.

Kia kapi ake au i konei - I shall close here.

Noho ora mai

Professor Dawn Freshwater

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