2019
Parents’ Information Guide
A warm welcome

University is an exciting chapter in any student’s life, and as a parent or caregiver you will play a key role in advising and supporting your child during this time. At the University of Waikato, we’re focused on making the transition to university as smooth as possible for all of our students.

We understand that you are bound to have lots of questions. We appreciate that choices around tertiary education are very important, and you will play a vital role in advising and supporting your child.

This guide is designed to answer the many questions you may have as a parent or caregiver, so you can help your child make an informed choice about university.

We provide a safe and welcoming environment for our students and their families and whānau. While academic success is our pillar, we understand that there is a lot more to the university experience than just an outstanding education. We offer plenty of opportunities for our students to make the most of their university experience and to feel comfortable on our campuses in Hamilton and Tauranga.

Find out more at waikato.ac.nz/go/parents

If you have any questions, please contact us. You can email recruitment@waikato.ac.nz or call 0800 WAIKATO
Why choose the University of Waikato?

There are many reasons why the University of Waikato is the best place for your child to experience the rewards and challenges of tertiary study:

**Students are more than just a number**
We are known as one of the friendliest universities in New Zealand. In our down-to-earth university community, we welcome and support everyone, as it’s important that each student has an enjoyable, safe and prosperous university experience.

**We offer a unique university experience**
From the moment you step onto our Hamilton and Tauranga campuses, you know you’re in a great place. Our picturesque campuses have everything students need during their studies - a library, lecture theatres, student support services, cafes, banks, a gym, swimming pools, and more.

**Culturally connected & culturally diverse**
We have strategies and programmes in place to ensure all Māori and Pacific students are well-supported at University. Waikato offers many opportunities to develop through cultural-focused events.

**Students learn from the best**
Our teaching staff are world-leading, with vast knowledge and experience in their respective fields. Our academics are known for conducting ground-breaking research and achieving world-firsts. We first connected New Zealand to the internet in 1989 and have since continued to lead the way. Among other accomplishments, we established New Zealand’s first Master of Cyber Security degree and have created the most advanced driving simulator lab in Australasia.

**Hamilton is a value-packed city for students**
Students are one of the defining features of Hamilton’s culture. With the cheapest cost of living of all New Zealand's main centres, one of the country's best west coast beaches a short drive away, the best student nightlife in New Zealand, and an easy-to-navigate city, Hamilton has its students covered.

**Students receive a world-class education**
We sit proudly on the world stage, with rankings that are a direct reflection of our strengths. We are ranked in the top 1.1% of universities worldwide (QS Rankings, 2018), and are the 3rd highest ranked university in New Zealand. We’ve also earned a QS Five Star Rating, and have 12 subjects ranked in the top 250 in the world, including Law, Computer Science, Accounting and Finance, Geography, Design, and Education (QS Subject Rankings, 2018).

Waikato Management School has earned Triple Crown Accreditation (to AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA), placing the faculty in the top 1% of the world’s business schools.

We have five engineering programmes accredited by Engineering New Zealand (ENZ), our Bachelor of Environmental Planning is New Zealand Planning Institute accredited, and our Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences is the only New Zealand member of the international group of iSchools.

**Undergraduate degree offerings**
The University of Waikato has eight faculties offering undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes across a wide range of majors, minors and specialisations.
The first year... what can I expect?

At Waikato we make the transition to university as seamless as possible for students, and their parents and caregivers. Everyone’s first year at university is unique, but here are a few adjustments your child can expect:

A different learning style
University students may have approximately 15 hours of class time a week. Attendance at lectures is not compulsory, but a roll call will be taken during tutorials and laboratories. It is the student’s responsibility to direct their own study; they need to keep on top of course readings and are expected to approach teaching staff if they have questions.

A much larger student population
The student population at university will be significantly larger than at any New Zealand high school. We have about 12,000 students studying across our Hamilton and Tauranga campuses, who come from all over New Zealand and around the world.

New experiences
The friendships formed during the first few months of university often last a life-time. Many students will be getting to know a completely new city, along with fitting into the university culture and campus lifestyle.

Shifting relationships and responsibilities
With new-found independence at university, your child will begin to make their own decisions. They will become responsible for their own priorities, time and money. This is the time for them to grow and develop into young adults.

PATRICK PURCELL
Bachelor of Communication Studies
Former Senior Residential Assistant at College Hall

When I came to Waikato I didn’t really know what to expect as a resident in College Hall. All of my nerves soon disappeared as my Residential Assistant (RA), who was also a student, showed me the ropes and I quickly began making new friends. After going flatting for a year I returned to College Hall as an RA, and then a year later I became a Senior Residential Assistant (SRA).

It’s so rewarding as an SRA to see the strong camaraderie that develops within the Hall, and to end the year knowing I helped these new students integrate into University life. My biggest piece of advice for new students would be to walk down the corridor during the first week and knock on people’s doors. Everyone is in the same boat, they don’t know many people and are unfamiliar with the University, so meeting new people is really important.
Our degrees

We offer numerous undergraduate (bachelors) degrees across more than 100 subjects. These qualifications are offered through our eight faculties. A student will enrol with the faculty they will be studying with, which will be their home throughout their qualification.

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Environmental Planning
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Social Sciences
- Bachelor of Social Work

Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences
- Bachelor of Computing and Mathematical Sciences with Honours
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Engineering with Honours
- Bachelor of Science

Te Kura Toi Tangata
Faculty of Education
- Bachelor of Social Sciences
- Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary)

Te Huataki Waiora Faculty of Health, Sport and Human Performance
- Bachelor of Health, Sport and Human Performance

Te Piringa – Faculty of Law
- Bachelor of Laws

Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao - Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Social Sciences

Faculty of Science and Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering with Honours
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science (Technology)

Waikato Management School
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Communication Studies
- Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours

Our degree programmes are flexible, meaning students can study a broad range of subjects. This enables students to uniquely shape their qualification to suit their interests and career plans, emerging as graduates with a detailed knowledge of a variety of disciplines.

For more information about our study options visit waikato.ac.nz/study
Fees and costs

Fees-free policy

The government’s education policy covers one year of full-time study (or 120 points of part-time study) for students who are new to tertiary education, and has no age limit. All University of Waikato courses are covered under this policy.

Eligibility

You are eligible for fees-free study if you:
• Are a New Zealand citizen, or meet New Zealand residency requirements
• Are not enrolled in secondary school when your qualification starts
• Have not undertaken previous study or training of more than 60 credits, except while you were at school
• Enrol in an eligible qualification (all University of Waikato qualifications are eligible).

Payment options

Our three payment options for course and accommodation fees not covered under the fees-free policy are:

• Student loans and allowances
  Student loans and allowances are administered through StudyLink. We recommend your child contacts StudyLink by December as it can take some time to organise. Students need to re-apply for their student loan and allowance each year. For more information visit studylink.govt.nz

• Pay in-full
  All students have the option to pay their fees in full at the beginning of each academic year.

• Direct debit (for accommodation only)
  Each Hall of Residence allows students to pay their accommodation costs weekly or monthly by direct debit. Payments are made every Thursday for weekly instalments, and on the second of each month for monthly instalments.

For more information about our course fees and payment options visit waikato.ac.nz/study/costs

Example weekly budget

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| **Difference** | $15.03 – $16.81 |

*Visit studylink.govt.nz for the most up-to-date student loan and allowance entitlements
** The weekly payment can be reduced if a scholarship is put towards accommodation.
Note: These figures are approximate and subject to change.

Financial planning

Students are often faced with many new expenses during their first year of study. Students are encouraged to get a part-time job while they study to make up any shortfall and get work experience. For example, students can apply for part-time jobs through Student Job Search, visit sjs.co.nz
Accommodation

We have four Halls of Residence located on our Hamilton campus. A room in the halls is so much more than simply a place to live; it comes with a built-in social life, full support and endless opportunities.

Our on-campus Halls of Residence are the ideal place for first year students to settle into University life.

With full academic and social orientation, all meals provided, halls events, academic tutoring, and social and spiritual support, your child will be taken care of.

Each room comes fully furnished with a single bed, mattress, mattress protector, duvet, blankets, pillow, chair, desk, desk light, bookcase, drawers and a wardrobe. All rooms have free WiFi, are fully carpeted and centrally heated.

Shared facilities include laundry and computer facilities, TV lounges, rec rooms, and bike and motorbike sheds.

Each hall has a Residential Life Manager, assisted by a team of senior students called Residential Assistants (RAs) who ensure the smooth running of the hall. Staff are rostered on duty evenings and weekends, so there are always staff available for any queries or concerns. There is about one RA to every 20 students.

Payment

To secure a place in the halls, a bond and administration fee are required at the time of room acceptance, along with accepting the Halls contract online. In January, an invoice for the full year’s accommodation will be sent along with a payment agreement. Payment for accommodation can be made in full, in monthly instalments or in weekly instalments. Prior to moving in to the halls, four weeks rent, an activity fee and payment for any optional extras (i.e. linen hire, car parking) is required.
Applying for accommodation

Applications open on 1 August each year, with the first offers sent out at the beginning of October. We recommend that your child applies for accommodation well in advance to ensure a smooth application process. Those who do not receive a first offer will be put on a waiting list until further offers can be made. If your child has accessibility needs, it is important they speak with the accommodation team so they can advise the most suitable option for your child.

Once your child is offered a place in one of our Halls of Residence, they will receive a notification of offer via email with the required response due date. They will also receive instructions on how to accept the offer and pay the deposit online.

For more information about the Halls of Residence, and other accommodation options, visit waikato.ac.nz/go/accommodation or see our Accommodation Guide.

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Scholarships

Our scholarships reward academic ability, leadership potential, sporting skills, and creative and performing arts talent. We appreciate the diversity of our student group and provide funding and other support for students from all backgrounds.

For the majority of our fees scholarships, we will offer students the opportunity to use these funds towards the cost of accommodation in one of the University’s Halls of Residence in 2019, or to defer the funding to pay for fees in 2020 (which are not currently covered by fees-free).

- **Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement**
  Up to $25,000 over three years

- **Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme**
  Up to $10,000 a year during undergraduate study

- **Te Ara Whānui Scholarship**
  Up to $10,000

- **Pacific Excellence Scholarship**
  Up to $10,000

- **Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship**
  $6,000 a year for up to three years (cash)

- **D.V. Bryant Trust Residential Scholarship**
  Up to $10,000

- **University of Waikato Rugby Development Scholarship**
  Up to $7,000

- **The ‘Ko Te Tangata’ Scholarship (Waikato Schools)**
  Up to $5,000

- **The ‘Ko Te Tangata’ Scholarship (Bay of Plenty Schools)**
  Up to $5,000

- **The Manu Kaewa Scholarship**
  Up to $5,000

- **The ‘Ko Te Tangata’ Scholarship (Bay of Plenty Schools)**
  Up to $5,000

We also have plenty of other scholarships on offer to support your study, including postgraduate and faculty specific scholarships. Visit [waikato.ac.nz/scholarships](http://waikato.ac.nz/scholarships) for more information and the full list.

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Get in touch

Our Scholarships Team is here to help with any questions about what you’re eligible to apply for, how to apply, closing dates and more.

**Location:** School of Graduate Research, W Block, University of Waikato Hamilton campus.

- **Website**
  [waikato.ac.nz/scholarships](http://waikato.ac.nz/scholarships)

- **Phone**
  07 838 5096

- **Email**
  scholarships@waikato.ac.nz

*All scholarship information is correct at the time of printing, but is subject to change.*
Student support

Our students tell us we are one of the friendliest and most supportive universities in New Zealand. We are enthusiastic about helping students get the advice, support and services they need to make sure their time at the University of Waikato is successful.

**Academic advice**
Prospective students, and their parents and caregivers, can make an appointment with one of our Future Student Advisers before they enrol to ask any questions. We can talk over the phone, via Skype or Adobe Connect, or we can meet and talk on campus. We can also arrange campus and Halls of Residence tours if you would like to see what’s on offer. Email our Future Student Advisers at recruitment@waikato.ac.nz or call 0800 WAIKATO

**Learning support**
We offer learning support for assignment preparation and writing. Our tutors can also assist with the development of specific skills such as time management, essay writing, note-taking or exam preparation. Students can join a workshop, make use of interactive resources, be tutored online, or have an individual face-to-face consultation. To find out more visit waikato.ac.nz/students/student-learning

**Disability support**
We actively work to remove any barriers to learning for students with disabilities to ensure all our students’ learning requirements are being met. Students with disabilities have increased access to physical and emotional support, and specialised learning equipment. Visit waikato.ac.nz/students/disability-support for more information.

**Clubs, sports and social events**
Joining a club is a great way for your child to get involved and to meet new people. It can be something they love doing or something they have never tried before. Students can also represent their faculty in different events and can get involved with social sports teams on campus. Visit wsu.org.nz to see the full list of student clubs on offer.

**Student health services**
The Student Health Centre is a purpose-built facility providing full medical services for all students, including subsidised GP consultations and counselling services for fully enrolled students. We also have a pharmacy on our Hamilton campus for students to fill prescriptions and purchase other medical or personal items.

**Support for Māori and Pacific students**
Supporting Māori and Pacific students throughout their studies is a priority at Waikato. Our services include a diverse network of specialist Māori and Pacific support staff, with mentoring units being based in each faculty. For Māori student support visit waikato.ac.nz/maori and for Pacific student support visit waikato.ac.nz/go/pacific

**Career Development Services**
Career Development Services is free to all students and alumni. The careers team assists with employment skills, job opportunities and job interview skills. Students can get help with their CVs and cover-letter writing and can also attend free career skills workshops throughout the year. A wide range of potential employers also conduct presentations on campus during the year as part of their graduate recruitment activities. For more information visit waikato.ac.nz/students/careers
How to enrol

Enrolling with us is simple and can be completed in three steps;

- To apply to enrol at Waikato, students simply need to visit our website and select ‘Apply Now’. Students do not need to have chosen their papers to apply.

- Halls of Residence applications open on 1 August, with first round offers sent out in early October.

- Student Loan and Student Allowance applications to StudyLink should be completed before December so they are processed quickly. Visit studylink.govt.nz

- Receive and accept an offer of place in a programme – every student at Waikato receives an Enrolment Agreement in January or February which confirms their study programme for that year. First year students will also receive their student ID cards and those who have successfully been awarded a school leaver scholarship will also be notified around this time.

- Enrol in papers.

- Your child will receive their timetable via email before classes begin so they have time to familiarise themselves with where their classes will be held.

- Every year a week before the start of A Semester, the University holds Academic Orientation. This is a great opportunity for all students to find out about assignment and test guidelines, how to read their timetable, and more. Students will also learn about the University’s student support services, and who to contact if they need help.

For more information about application and enrolment visit waikato.ac.nz/go/parents
Find out more

If you have any questions or need advice, please contact us. We’re more than happy to help.

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For more about upcoming information sessions, key University dates and more, visit waikato.ac.nz/go/parents
Tips for parents

**Prepare** your child to be financially responsible so they understand the stresses and strains of living on a limited budget. Teaching your child how to budget effectively will help enormously.

**Support** your child to do the very best they can in their studies. Provide guidance where necessary while letting them take responsibility to know what is expected of them.

**Encourage** your child to make the most of their time at University. There are plenty of extracurricular activities that students can get involved with to complement their overall university experience. Students can sign up to clubs and connect with student groups and societies.

**Motivate** your child to look after their health while at University. As a parent, you can encourage your child to adopt good physical activity habits and make healthy food choices. Creating healthy habits early will bring lifelong benefits.

**Familiarise** yourself with the resources available at University to support your child. If a problem arises you can then recommend the appropriate University services to your child and encourage them to reach out. Your child will appreciate the support you give them.
What can I do to help?

As a parent, there are plenty of things you can do to support your child through the move to tertiary study. We’ve prepared a checklist for you to ensure you are prepared.

### School subject selection
Read the entry requirements of the various degree programmes that your child may be considering. Keep an eye out for specific prerequisites to University papers and degrees, and note down any NCEA subjects that will be important for being accepted into a particular course. There are online tools available to assist with programme selection such as [careers.govt.nz](http://careers.govt.nz).

### Attend Open Day or an information session
Open Day and information sessions are a great opportunity to familiarise yourself with our campuses, and ask any questions about Waikato or university study in general. Visit [waikato.ac.nz/go/info](http://waikato.ac.nz/go/info) to see all of our events for the year.

### Financial advice
Financial pressure can affect students’ success throughout their studies. Make sure your child is comfortable with budgeting and understands how their income and expenses can be managed.

### Skills and attitudes
Fostering independent learning, self-motivation, teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking and strong communication skills early on will greatly benefit your child throughout their time at university. Talk to them about what they can expect from university life, and remind them that you will always support them.

### Identifying scholarships and other funding options
A scholarship will open up a world of opportunities for your child, no matter what stage of study they are at. Whether you’re looking for support with study, fees, accommodation, research or leadership opportunities, we’ve got lots of options available. To find out more visit our scholarships finder at [waikato.ac.nz/scholarships](http://waikato.ac.nz/scholarships).

### Be available if your child needs help with applications or enrolment
Once your child has begun the enrolment process they may have questions or need help. Make sure that you are familiar with their chosen degree structure, their accommodation plans, whether or not they will be applying for scholarships, and encourage them to get their StudyLink application in early.

### Part-time employment
Encourage your child to look for part-time employment while they are studying, particularly once they have settled into their new home. Part-time employment not only increases their income, it also teaches them valuable life-skills that will help them as a graduate.
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