



# **WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL**

**INTENDING  
UNIVERSITY  
STUDENTS**

**2021**

## TO 2021 INTENDING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (and Parents/Caregivers)

**The following information is intended as a broad guideline only.**

Each university has its own application forms, procedures and deadlines.

All the universities put a lot of effort into producing course and accommodation information. The school has had visits by Liaison staff from most universities. Massey Victoria Canterbury Auckland and Otago will make a second visit for specific course planning help during Term 3/early Term 4.

In addition, we will attend the open day for Victoria Uni, Wellington (21st August). Massey University – Palm.Nth. and Wellington campuses - will be having an online virtual Open Day in August, date to be confirmed.

**There are 3 main steps –**

- 1. Applying for a place in a Hall of Residence**
- 2. Pre-enrolling ON-LINE**
- 3. Enrolment in person, just prior to lectures starting**

Most necessary forms and information will be distributed through University websites or directly to students. Copies are USUALLY also available from school. Most universities prefer on-line processes, but **please note** the first two points under 'Accommodation Applications'.

### **STEP 1: Accommodation Applications**

- These are done ON-LINE and open August 1.

All universities require a Confidential Reference from the school.

Students **MUST** request this IN PERSON:

EITHER via an on-line form - preferred - ([bit.ly/whsaccommref2020](https://bit.ly/whsaccommref2020))

OR a named piece of paper **PERSONALLY HANDED** to Mr Keene by **the student**.

Do this as early in Term 3 as you can; at the very latest, **I need them a full month before the due date i.e. end-August.** I will do my best, but will not take responsibility for any that come in after that time.

- The school has no way of knowing which university accommodation is being applied for until this request comes from you.
- Deposits might be required with Accommodation Applications – refundable if your application is unsuccessful, or if you decline the offer of a place. Usual practice is to ask for the deposit (\$200 - \$800) when a place is offered.

- A single Confidential reference form may be used regardless of how many institutions you are applying for.
- Information on accommodation is available from Mr Keene but is mostly available on-line. The application is done on-line ONLY.
- Places are usually allocated before the end of November. Those on waiting lists are usually placed by the time lectures start.
- Chances of getting a place are generally good. Universities look to the School Principal to indicate that the applicant has the academic capacity to undertake university study, and the personal qualities to work independently. A student who has made a strong effort throughout his/her senior year is very likely to continue that work pattern at university, and preference is given to such students. You should be aware that the Principal / Careers Advisor is asked to comment on these aspects in the Confidential Report.

### **Closing dates:**

- 15<sup>th</sup> September:** ALL UNIVERSITIES School Confidential Report for Halls of Residence due.  
Victoria Uni start reviewing Halls of Residence Applications.
- 15<sup>th</sup> September:** Auckland Uni Halls of Residence applications due
- 27<sup>th</sup> September:** Massey Uni, Canterbury Uni Halls of Residence applications due
- 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Otago Uni Halls of Residence applications due
- 1<sup>st</sup> October:** Lincoln Uni, Victoria Uni, Waikato  
Uni Halls of Residence applications due

### **STEP 2: Pre-enrolment**

- ALL universities have introduced on-line enrolment as their preferred option and you should check the relevant institutional website for more information.
- The universities prefer to work directly with prospective students. You should be on your preferred university's mailing list by now. If in doubt – check – call their Freephone number.
- It is at this stage that you must decide on the specific papers you wish to study in your first year, and which subject(s) you intend to major in. You will find this information with your pre-enrolment material. Some first year courses, e.g. Massey: B Tech, BBS, Vet Science; Otago: Health Sciences, are largely made up of compulsory papers, so the task is a little easier.
- Familiarise yourself with jargon e.g. 'pre-requisite and co-requisite'. A degree course has to be seen as a whole rather than three or four separate years.
- If considering a double degree, you need to seek guidance from University Liaison staff, to ensure that the regulations for both degrees will be met in the minimum time. Above average Year 13 achievement is required.
- Liaison staff from Massey, Victoria, Canterbury, Waikato and Otago will visit Whanganui High School to assist with planning first year courses.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR FIRST YEAR DEGREE STUDENTS 2020/21**  
**(DRAFT only – PLEASE check with university concerned)**

<b>2020</b>	
<b>April</b>	28 <b>Massey Uni</b> Top Achiever Academic Schol. applications due
<b>May</b>	1 <b>Otago Uni</b> Initial Teacher Education Programme Applications open 17 <b>Auckland Uni</b> School Leaver and First Year Scholarships open
<b>June</b>	<b>Waikato Uni</b> Teacher Education applications open. You will need to apply early between Aug – Nov. [Late applications might fail] <b>Otago Uni</b> 'Hands on Science' Applications open 20 <b>Canterbury Uni</b> Scholarships open
<b>July</b>	<b>Canterbury Uni</b> applications open for 2021 entry to initial Teaching and Learning (Primary and Early Childhood) 9 <b>Canterbury Uni</b> Virtual Open Day 17 <b>Lincoln Uni</b> Virtual Open Day 20 <b>Victoria Uni</b> NZ School of Music applications due
<b>August</b>	<b>Massey Uni</b> (Palmerston North & Wellington) Virtual Online Open Day [TBC] 1 <b>ALL UNIVERSITIES</b> Applications open for Halls of Residences 1 <b>Otago Uni</b> Radiation Therapy, Dental Tech and Oral Health applications open 15 <b>Canterbury Uni</b> Emerging Leaders Scholarship and all other scholarship applications due [note references are due 22 Aug] 20 <b>Auckland Uni</b> School Leaver and First Year Schol close 5pm [TBC] 21 <b>Victoria Uni</b> Open Day - Year 13 Visit to Wellington [ <b>Massey Uni</b> Open Day P.Nrth & Wgtn – TBC - indication that only virtual open day planned] 27 <b>Canterbury Uni</b> Open Day 29 <b>Auckland Uni</b> Open Day 30 <b>Massey Uni</b> Top Achiever Sports or Arts Schol. applications due 31 <b>Otago Uni</b> Teacher Education Programmes applications initial closing date (apply online only) – Although later applications will be considered 31 <b>Waikato Uni</b> Sir Ed Hillary Scholarship Programme and Manu Kaewa (School Leaver) Scholarship applications due [you cannot apply for a scholarship without first applying to enrol] Late Aug <b>Otago Uni</b> Physical Education applications open
<b>September</b>	1 <b>Otago Uni</b> Music Performance Auditions applications due 1 <b>Victoria Uni</b> Applications for School Leavers Scholarships close 15 <b>ALL UNIVERSITIES</b> Halls of Residence School Confidential Report applications due 15 <b>Auckland Uni</b> Halls of Residence applications due

	15	<b>Otago Uni</b> Radiation Therapy, Dental Tech and Oral Health applications due (apply online only)
	20	<b>Canterbury Uni</b> Performance Music and Composition applications due (Bachelor of Music) [Composition due 31 <sup>st</sup> January]
	27	<b>Massey Uni, Canterbury Uni</b> Halls of Residence applications due [Canterbury Uni due 12noon]
	30	<b>Otago Uni</b> Halls of Residence applications due
<b>October</b>	1	<b>Lincoln Uni, Victoria Uni, Waikato Uni</b> Halls of Residence applications due
	1	<b>Victoria Uni, Massey Uni, Lincoln Uni Applications</b> for First Year 2021 enrolment open
	1	<b>Massey Uni</b> Design and Fine Arts portfolio, Maori Visual Arts applications due
	1 – 12	<b>All Universities</b> – accommodation offers issued (1 <sup>st</sup> round)
	1	<b>Canterbury Uni</b> Applications for First Year enrolment 2021 open
	18	<b>Otago Uni</b> ‘Hands-On Science’ applications due [TBC]
	18	<b>Canterbury Uni, Auckland Uni</b> – due date to accept accommodation offer [some halls may vary]
	19	<b>Waikato Uni</b> – due date to accept accommodation offer [some halls may vary] - TBC
	21	<b>Otago, Massey, Lincoln, Victoria Uni</b> due date to accept accommodation offer [some halls may vary]
	31	<b>Otago Uni</b> International Student applications due [TBC]
<b>November</b>	1	<b>Massey Uni</b> Aviation applications due
	15	<b>Canterbury Uni</b> Fine Arts applications due
	30	<b>Massey Uni</b> Social Work, Commercial Music (Music Practice) applications due
<b>December</b>	1	<b>Waikato Uni</b> First Year 2021 enrolment and Teaching applications due [TBC]
	1	<b>Auckland Uni</b> First Year 2021 enrolment applications due for Education (Teaching), Sports, Health, Physical Education, Social Work
	1	<b>Victoria Uni</b> Limited Entry Programme applications due (can vary depending on the course so please check individual courses online)
	1	<b>Massey Uni</b> First Year 2021 enrolment applications due (except for selected entry courses – due earlier)
	8	<b>Auckland Uni</b> First Year 2021 enrolment applications due for Architectural Studies, Arts, Commerce, Dance Studies, Design, Engineering, Fine Arts, Global Studies, Health Science, Law (Part 1), Music, Nursing, Property, Science, Urban Planning
	10	<b>Canterbury Uni, Victoria Uni, Otago Uni</b> First Year 2021 enrolment applications due

	10	<b>Otago Uni</b> Physical Education applications due (late applications considered if places available)
<b>2021</b>		
<b>January</b>	20	<b>Victoria Uni</b> First Year Trimester 1 2021 enrolments and Discretionary Entrance applications due
<b>February</b>		
	5	<b>Massey Uni</b> Nursing applications due
	6	<b>Massey Uni Speech</b> and Language Therapy applications due
	17	Lincoln Uni Move into Residential Accommodation
	22	<b>Canterbury Uni, Lincoln Uni</b> Semester One Starts
	22-26	<b>Victoria Uni</b> New students' orientation
	22	<b>Otago Uni, Massey Uni</b> Semester One Starts (note: some 'preliminary' lectures may start the week prior)
<b>March</b>		
	1	<b>Victoria Uni, Auckland Uni, Waikato Uni</b> Semester One Starts (note: some 'preliminary' lectures may start the week prior)
	13	<b>Auckland Uni</b> deadline for 2021 enrolment into courses in First Semester [TBC] (this is the deadline to add, drop and swap papers, however students should enrol as soon as they received an offer of place).

## General

- The Universities are flexible when it comes to people changing their minds. If plans change when part of the way through a course, most or all of the work done can be credited to an alternative qualification.
- Entry to University is not automatic – you earn the right through NCEA. Start now by committing yourself to a study programme. Get help with problem areas where they exist.
- University Preparation courses: If you do not qualify for University Entrance through NCEA and hope to attend University, then you may apply for a preparatory course at UCOL or other polytech. You need to be a “near miss” for U.E. These are usually one semester with normal course fees applying.
- **UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE by NCEA - 2020.** You MUST gain NCEA level 3 AND at least 12 credits in each of THREE approved subjects.  
Numeracy: 10 credits at level 1 or above.  
Literacy 5 reading AND 5 writing credits at level 2 or above.  
See Mr. Keene or your house dean if you have any concerns in this regard.
- Some ‘specialist’ University courses have earlier closing dates than those pre-enrolment dates given above. Otago: PE, Physiotherapy, Performance Music; Massey Wellington: Bachelor of Design, are examples. Make sure that you

know the closing dates of the courses for which you are applying and any other requirements e.g. auditions or portfolios of work.

- **CHECK THE WEBSITE** of the university you intend applying to.
- Most Universities have certain courses that have restricted or competitive entry. If, for example, 100 places are available, the cut off is made at the 100<sup>th</sup> applicant on a rank order of NCEA results (usually taken over 5 subjects). So while the minimum 'Entry' standard entitles a student to enrol, it does not guarantee that the papers chosen will necessarily be available to that student.
- Extra-Mural Study should be considered if you intend taking a 'GAP YEAR' to work and save for later full-time study. It could get you started on your degree, and help to keep you in touch, without creating too heavy a work load. Pre-enrolment is the same as for internal (on campus) study.

## **Money**

A subject dear to most people's hearts especially as one looks ahead to the difficulties of funding a tertiary education.

The total cost per year of a full-time polytech or university course is around \$20,000. This covers fees, books, accommodation and minimal personal spending.

Students find their funding in a variety of ways – the following is an outline of:

**1 –Student Allowance** and **2 –Student Loan Scheme**

### **1 Student Allowance**

- Students must be studying full-time at a University, Polytech or College of Education.
- The maximum allowance of around \$238 net per week is payable to students living away from home whose parent's combined income is less than \$55,000 p.a. (or \$200 per week if living at home).
- If parental income is over \$55,000 p.a. the allowance reduces proportionally, until it disappears at an annual combined income of over \$105,000 (living away from home).
- An Accommodation Benefit is payable to those students eligible for an Allowance. This varies from city to city depending on average rental costs.

### **2 Student Loan Scheme**

- The key word here is LOAN – it has to be paid back!
  - Students may borrow-
- a ) Living Costs of \$238 x the number of weeks of the course, less any entitlement to Student Allowances. (I.E. student allowance + loan living costs = \$238 max. per week PAID EACH WEEK)

- b) Full sum of **compulsory** university or poly tech fees. First year is fees free!
- c) Course related costs up to \$1,000, for text books, field trips etc.
- There is a \$50. administration fee payable on all loans.
  - The interest rate CURRENTLY 0% as long as you stay in New Zealand.
  - The loan starts being repaid through the tax system when earnings reach about \$19,000 p.a.
  - For most students the Student Loan is a necessary evil – no loan, no education. Best advice is to, firstly, borrow only what is necessary, and secondly, pay it back as quickly as possible. Be cautious – take advice. You do not pay interest on the loan as long as you remain in New Zealand
  - Applications for Student Allowances and Student Loans can be made on-line. Studylink may visit the school mid-October to preview the application process and to sight the required documents: Birth certificate, IRD card and bank statement. Eligibility for Allowances, can of course be checked earlier. Generally speaking, when parents are separated or divorced, both incomes are still counted. There is provision, in certain circumstances, for only the supporting parent's income to be counted.
  - It is important to have a "RealMe" account. Set this up at [www.RealMe.govt.nz](http://www.RealMe.govt.nz)

### Check the website or 0800 number.

**STUDYLINK:**                      [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)    0800 88 99 00

#### UNIVERSITIES:

[www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)              [www.waikato.ac.nz](http://www.waikato.ac.nz)              [www.massey.ac.nz](http://www.massey.ac.nz)  
0800 61 62 63                      0800 WAIKATO                      0800 MASSEY

[www.victoria.ac.nz](http://www.victoria.ac.nz)              [www.canterbury.ac.nz](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz)              [www.lincoln.ac.nz](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz)  
0800 VICTORIA                      0800 103 109                      0800 10 60 10

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