



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

NEW ZEALAND

Waikato Summer Start Programme

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The University of Waikato is excited to offer its new Summer Start Programme for international students finishing Y13 in 2020. It's for students who are unable to travel home over the summer due to border restrictions in NZ and in their home countries.

Summer Start is for any international school leaver students who will be studying at undergraduate level, whether you are planning to come to Waikato or not.

When: 11 January – 19 February 2021

Duration: 6 weeks

Who for: Year 13 international high school leavers

Cost: \$5,500

Entry requirements:

- You must have been enrolled in Year 13 at high school in 2020;
- You must have 14+ Level 2 credits in three approved NCEA subjects;
- You must have numeracy;
- You don't need to have literacy but you will be required to complete an English language diagnostic test to help us to understand your level of English and where we can support you.

Summer Start includes:

- A university-level paper designed to develop your academic reading, writing, and communication skills (ENSLA100). This paper can be credited towards your undergraduate study at Waikato;
- Academic skills preparation classes which will help you to make the transition from learning in a high school environment to learning at university;
- Half a day of co-curricular activities every Friday: creative arts, e-sports, and community volunteering.

A summer experience package will also be available as an add-on, with supervised off-campus excursions to local hot spots, offered at the weekend and public holidays.

Accommodation

Over the Summer Start programme accommodation is available for those who need it at our largest hall of residence, College Hall, where you will join local students who have joined us for our Jump Start programme. You will be

appropriately supervised, or we can find you a place in a homestay.

The cost for accommodation at College Hall will be \$150 per week for a room and food over the duration of the Summer Start Programme. This is a subsidised rate, and will revert back to the normal weekly rate from 20 February if you continue to stay in a Hall of Residence.

The benefits of Summer Start

We will be teaching the programme in collaboration with Waikato Pathways College, which has staff who are experienced in preparing high school students for university study. At our dedicated facilities on campus, we can provide an environment that is supportive, encouraging and fun as well.

This is an opportunity for you to make an early start in your tertiary studies, in a safe space, away from large first-year lectures;

- A personalised and supportive environment for international students over the summer where you can:
 - Become better prepared for your University studies and gain confidence;
 - Transition from High School to University;
 - Make friends and find your way around the Hamilton campus before the full cohort of students come back;
 - Meet other international students and build social networks.
- Peace of mind for your parents if they choose to keep you in NZ during this difficult time.

Check out our Summer Start webpage for more information: waikato.ac.nz/study/campaigns/summer-start

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