



# LEADING EDGE

MASSEY UNIVERSITY'S CRICKET  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



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**The Leading Edge Cricket Development Programme is a short course that provides you with the opportunity to experience what New Zealand has to offer by way of high performance cricket training, education and culture. Leading Edge will provide cricket-minded students with a once in a lifetime, unique learning experience you will never forget.**

Leading Edge will see you develop your cricket skills through coaching sessions by former international cricketers, qualified sports professionals and teachers in a high performance environment. Jacob Oram will be your head coach and will train with you to develop your batting, bowling, fielding and fitness skills to enhance your overall game performance.

As well as learning valuable cricket skills, you will also attend classes in Sports Science and Sports Management on the Massey University campus and will be taught by our award-winning academic staff.

When you are not busy training or in the classroom, you will experience a fun, cultural, social and sightseeing programme led by our friendly team to make your time here as memorable as possible.

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*"I was fortunate to have been born and raised in Palmerston North, New Zealand, where cricket is strong and well supported by local schools, clubs and organisations. It was a great place to learn about cricket and develop the skills that would hold me in good stead for future cricketing endeavours – locally, nationally and internationally.*

*As a business graduate of Massey University, I have experienced first-hand the benefits of studying at this progressive, research-led institution. Every day, in my work and in my life, I make use of the skills and experience that I gained through my studies here.*

*Take the opportunity to come to New Zealand and experience Leading Edge. An amazing package has been created by Massey University with your cricket, education, cultural and social requirements in mind. I have no doubt that by the end of the programme you will have learnt an enormous amount about cricket, sports-related subjects and New Zealand itself.*

*I guarantee that you will love your time here and that you will leave New Zealand with a feeling of satisfaction and achievement."*

*Jacob Oram  
Former International Cricket Player and Black Cap*



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# About Massey University

Massey University has a long and proud tradition of academic and research excellence and has played a defining role in the development of New Zealand. We foster positive change, taking the best of our nation's creativity and innovation around the world. Massey is increasingly becoming New Zealand's predominant sporting university, and the first choice for emerging and elite athletes.

We have award-winning teachers, well-connected lecturers and world-renowned researchers to help you succeed. Our students enjoy a personalised approach to learning within applied learning environments where theory and practice meet. You can be confident your learning will be up to the latest international standards and we will help you get the skills and confidence you need to take your place in the world and make a difference.

- In the top 3% of universities worldwide
- Internationally recognised qualifications

- Recognised by High Performance Sport New Zealand as New Zealand's first athlete friendly university
- More than 4,000 international students from over 100 countries
- Modern facilities and student-centred services
- A warm and friendly study environment

Massey's Centre for Professional and Continuing Education (PaCE) has earned an excellent reputation over 25 successful years of coordinating innovative and customised programmes. PaCE's bespoke short courses deliver intensive professional development and/or language training to international and domestic partner universities, governments and professional organisations. Our programmes are tailored to the needs of each group, and are supported by a full range of support services, therefore ensuring a memorable total learning experience for all participants whilst in New Zealand.

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## About New Zealand

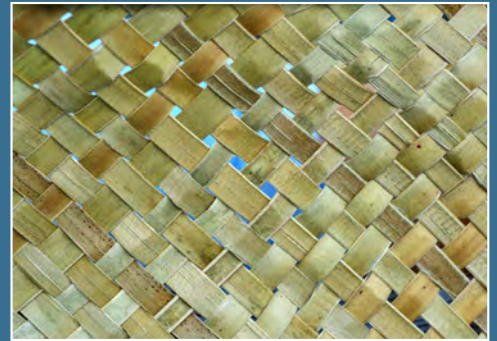
New Zealand – Aotearoa – is a modern, technologically advanced, globally competitive nation offering internationally recognised university education within a unique cultural and natural environment.

We have a high standard of living that is consistently ranked highly in international quality of life indexes. Our society is diverse, sophisticated and multicultural, and the honesty, friendliness and openness of New Zealanders, or “Kiwis”, is world-renowned.

[newzealand.com/int/](http://newzealand.com/int/)

## Culture and Sightseeing

This programme incorporates a range of great cultural and tourist activities to be enjoyed while in New Zealand. You will discover Wellington, voted the coolest little capital in the world, experience Māori culture at Whare Manaaki, walk the Te Apiti Bush Walk through the unique Manawātū Gorge and see live kiwis at Pukaha Mount Bruce National Wildlife Centre. Optional activities include a day trip to Mount Tongariro National Park and the snow on Mount Ruapehu or white water rafting in the Manawātū Gorge.



# Why Leading Edge in New Zealand?

- New Zealand is renowned for cricket and it is an integral part of the New Zealand culture
- With a history extending back to the 1842, New Zealand's national cricket team- the Black Caps - has a successful history in international sport
- The Leading Edge programme is offered by Massey University as part of the Manawātū Centre for Cricket Excellence suite of programmes. Leading Edge is endorsed by Education New Zealand.
- Experience and learn about New Zealand's rich and fascinating history that reflects a unique mix of Māori and European culture
- Friendly and down-to-earth people
- A safe country with all homestay families assessed for suitability and monitored regularly
- High quality education and cricket opportunities available to international students





# High Performance Cricket and Facilities

Coaching sessions are taught by high profile coaches and players from the Manawātū Cricket Association, former international cricketers (subject to availability) and specialist guest coaches. Jacob Oram will be your head coach for this programme.

Classes cover all three cricket skills: batting, bowling and fielding. We schedule very specific skill development sessions: individual or in small groups, full net sessions or as one big squad. The purpose of the cricket classes is not only to develop your skills, but to also give you a better understanding of what skills you need to succeed, and why.

Cricket classes are scheduled Monday to Friday with sessions in either the mornings or in the afternoons. Leading Edge will use the Manawātū Cricket Association facilities, these cricket facilities are truly unique and world class. The facilities include artificial grass pitches and world leading natural grass indoor cricket grounds.

## Manawātū Cricket Association (MCA)



Widely regarded as one of the best provincial cricket associations in New Zealand, the Manawātū Cricket Association has a proud reputation for delivering excellent development programmes, producing quality cricketers, and nurturing the game locally. Cricket is strong in the Manawātū and the new NZCT Cricket Centre, a fully covered grass practice facility and the first of its kind in the world, is testament to that. The NZCT Cricket Centre has played host to numerous local, regional and national representative teams such as the Central Stags, Wellington Firebirds and the NZ White Ferns.

## Palmerston North Boys High School (PNBHS)



The largest school in the Manawātū and the only all-boys school in Palmerston North, Palmerston North Boys High School is Manawātū's main source of cricketers at club and representative level. PNBHS has a strong status as a national cricketing school, having won the Gillette Cup three times and producing a number of past and present Black Caps; including Jacob Oram, Ross Taylor, Adam Milne, Mathew Sinclair and Jamie How to name a few.

## Sport and Rugby Institute (SRI)



The Sport & Rugby Institute is a world class, award-winning high performance sports facility on the Massey University campus, offering endless opportunities for sports teams, training camps and elite athletes. Equipped with the facilities and expertise to support all sporting codes and skill levels, the SRI can meet all your training and development needs.

## Academic

To further your general knowledge of sports and business, qualified sports professionals and award –winning academic Staff from the School of Sport & Exercise and the School of Management faculty will teach classes on topics of interest such as:

- Mental Skills
- Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation
- Strength and Conditioning
- Sports Nutrition
- Sports Business
- Sports Management
- Leadership





## Accommodation and Student Welfare

You will stay with carefully selected host families with a keen interest in cricket. Massey University endeavours to match your preferences as closely as possible. Homestay families are representative of the rich and varied make up of modern New Zealand. Families come from all walks of life and experience, reflecting New Zealand's cultural diversity.

Our hosts live in town or in the nearby suburbs within easy travelling distance from the campus. You will also be provided with a bus pass which entitles you to unlimited travel within Palmerston North. Our homestay advisors are always available to help and give advice to students and their host families.

Personal information must be provided early to ensure the best possible match with suitable hosts. The accuracy and detail of the information provided on the enrolment form, in particular with respect to any special needs (food, allergies, health...) is key to a successful homestay placement. Participant details would be required at least two months before the course begins.

The pastoral care of participants is very important to Massey University. While participating in a Massey University programme you will have access to a 24-hour support team which includes a Student Welfare Advisor and a First Language Adviser. You will also attend a comprehensive Orientation to Massey University and to Palmerston North.



## Insurance

Students are expected to arrive the weekend before the start of the programme, and depart two weeks later. You will receive tuition from Monday to Friday for two weeks.

Travel and medical insurance is compulsory for all international participants studying in New Zealand, including those on Short Courses and Development Programmes. Because the New Zealand government has set minimum requirements for travel and medical insurance for international students, we will arrange New Zealand based insurance cover for participants. Details of the policy can be located at the following link: [www.studentassist.co.nz](http://www.studentassist.co.nz)

Please note that an existing medical condition can only be covered given prior approval by the insurance company and payment of an additional premium.

## Visa Information

To enter New Zealand for the purpose of attending the Leading Edge Cricket Development Programme, you need to apply for a visitor visa with Immigration New Zealand. Usually this process takes up to four weeks. The easiest way to apply is online at [immigration.govt.nz](http://immigration.govt.nz), click on 'Apply for a Visa' and follow the process to apply for a visitor visa. Documentation to be supplied with the application are your current passport, evidence of funds to finance the course as well as a letter from Massey University with an offer of place in the programme. There is a fee payable for your visa application.



# SAMPLE PROGRAMME

DAY		MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
DAY 1	SUN	Arrival in Palmerston North Welcome at Airport and Orientation		
DAY 2	MON	Mental Skills Class	Activity: Campus Amazing Race (campus tour with treasure hunt)	
DAY 3	TUE	High Performance Cricket	Mental Skills Class	Potluck Dinner
DAY 4	WED	Strength and Conditioning Class	Activity: Farm visit	
DAY 5	THU	High Performance Cricket	Strength and Conditioning Class	
DAY 6	FRI	Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation Class	High Performance Cricket	
DAY 7	SAT	Activity: Wellington, the Coolest Little Capital in the World		
DAY 8	SUN	Free time, Game or Optional Activity		Movie Night
DAY 9	MON	Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation Class	High Performance Cricket	
DAY 10	TUE	High Performance Cricket		
DAY 11	WED	Sports Nutrition Class	Activity: Te Apiti Bush Walk or Flip City or Indoor Kartz	
DAY 12	THU	High Performance Cricket	Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation Class	
DAY 13	FRI	Leadership in Sport Class	Activity: Foxton Beach and Māori Cultural visit	Farewell Ceremony with Massey University Certificate
DAY 14	SAT	Activity: Pukaha Mount Bruce National Wildlife Centre and Castle Point		
DAY 15	SUN	Departure Palmerston North – Return home		





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