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UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND

12 TIPS FOR THE TRANSITION TO UNI

- 1 FIGURE OUT WHERE YOU WANT TO GO AND WHAT YOU WANT TO STUDY**
Having it all sorted out sooner rather than later can help with peace of mind. Much better than leaving it all to the last minute. There are lots of details to be sorted out and forms to be filled in. Make sure you know what's required and get it done on time.
- 2 GET YOUR FINANCES SORTED**
Uni costs money so you need to know how you're going to pay for it. Possible sources of money include parents, part time jobs, Studylink and scholarships.
- 3 BE PROACTIVE**
Uni is big and so being proactive is essential in everything from finding out where your classes are to how to get extra help with your assignments.
- 4 READY, SET, TAKE NOTES**
Figure out how you're going to take notes – by laptop or by hand.
- 5 TRANSPORT**
How are you going to get there? How long does it take to find a park or walk to your classes? Plan ahead because you don't want to be arriving late on your first day.
- 6 SCHEDULE YOUR LIFE**
Create a timetable of your classes and schedule in everything: study time, work time and also relaxation time.
- 7 BE READY TO GET INVOLVED**
The more you get involved with university life the more you get out of it. So plan to attend orientation events and find out about the wide range of activities on campus so you can join a club, take up a new sport and generally get involved.
- 8 GET YOUR TEXTBOOKS AND STATIONERY SORTED**
Textbooks are normally available at your university bookshop, and they sometimes have secondhand copies available. You can also sometimes pick them up on Trademe.
- 9 CAMPUS AND LIBRARY TOURS**
They might not sound that exciting but they can really make a difference to your university experience. Understanding how the library works and what services are available are a valuable help towards success at uni. And the same goes for campus tours and so on. If you take advantage of these you will learn things that will help you out throughout your studies.
- 10 CATCH UP IF YOU NEED TO**
Didn't take the right subjects in year 13? If you're missing credits in Maths, Physics, Biology or Chemistry then summer school catch up papers can give you the equivalent of year 13 in these subjects. Or if you don't get uni entrance overall, there are preparation programmes to help with that.
- 11 GET YOURSELF INTO THE RIGHT MINDSET**
Uni is more intense than school. The semesters are shorter and there's less time to do everything. So get yourself into the mindset of working before you start.
- 12 IT WON'T ALL BE PLAIN SAILING, BUT THAT'S OK**
There will definitely be ups and downs. The initial euphoria of orientation, fun and new friends won't last forever. You'll have periods of stress and plenty of challenges but there's heaps of support on campus to get you through these. And the reward at the end is worth the effort.