

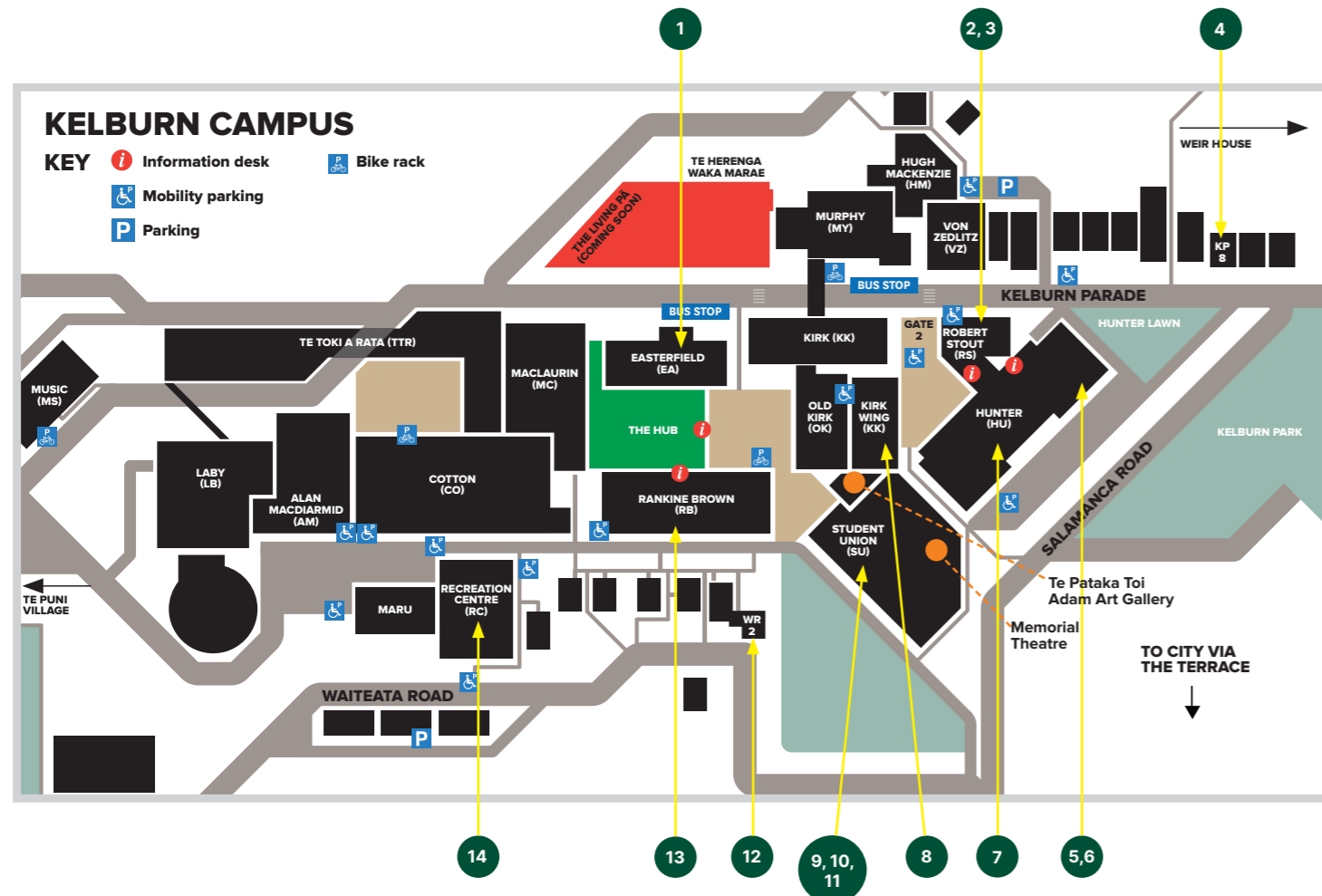
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ORIENTATION

5-7 November 2024

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During International Students' Orientation, we're here to help you prepare for study, find your way around, meet new people, and have fun.

There are heaps of activities, events, workshops, and tours on offer to help you get settled in and have a smooth transition to university life and study. Check out the timetable in this guide or online, and be sure to get involved.



MAP KEY

- 1. International Student Experience—Level 2, Easterfield building**
The International Student Experience team is here to help with all current international students' needs.
- 2. Disability Services—Level 1, Robert Stout building**
Disability Services is a leading provider of disability advice, expertise, and support.
- 3. Student Interest and Conflict Resolution—Level 1, Robert Stout building**
The Student Interest and Conflict Resolution team is a central point for students to receive advice and support about responding to threatening, inappropriate, and concerning behaviour.
- 4. Chaplaincy—Ramsey House, 8 Kelburn Parade**
The team offers support to students as you need it, be that prayer, a listening ear, a good laugh, or a cheese toastie.
- 5. Student Finance—Level 1, Hunter building**
The student finance advisers provide confidential and non-judgemental financial mentoring and budget advisory services to students.
- 6. Enrolment office—Level 1, Hunter building**
Student ID cards are issued by the Admission and Enrolment Office.
- 7. Careers and Employment—Room HU120, Level 1, Hunter building**
Get connected with employers and the community, prepare for your future employment, and get job-ready using our advice and resources.
- 8. Student Learning—Level 0, Kirk building**
Student Learning is passionate about supporting students in their studies so that they can have a positive learning experience while studying at university.
- 9. Mauri Ora (Student Health and Counselling)—Level 1, Student Union building**
The Mauri Ora team provides a range of confidential services to help students manage their physical and mental wellbeing.
- 10. Wellbeing/rainbow and inclusion—The Bubble, Level 1, Student Union building**
Get some helpful tips, access resources, or attend a course or workshop to maintain a good level of wellbeing.
- 11. Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association—Level 4, Student Union building**
Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association (VUWSA) advocates provide professional, confidential, and independent student support to help you with academic issues, complaints, and accommodation problems, as well as employment and legal disputes.
- 12. University Accommodation Wellington—2 Waiteata Road**
Choose from a range of living options including catered halls of residence or independent living close to campus in flats, apartments, or studios.
- 13. Library—Rankine Brown building**
The library provides excellent client-centred services, a supportive learning environment, and world-class resources.
- 14. Recreation centre/gym—Waiteata Road**
University Recreation provides fitness, sports, and clubs services for the campus and wider community.

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International Student Support team

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Room numbers

Order: Building code, lecture theatre (LT) if applicable, room number (in a three-digit room number, the first numeral refers to the floor level)

Example: MCLT103 is lecture theatre 103 on level 1 of the Maclaurin building; VZ513 is room 513 on level 5 of the von Zedlitz building.

Scan to see the list of sessions



TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Start	Finish	Session	Venue
9.15 am	9.30 am	Registration—scan QR code Sign in, collect an orientation schedule, and meet new students and staff before the welcome session begins.	TTRLT1
9.30 am	10.30 am	International welcome session Welcome to Victoria University of Wellington! This session is a chance to hear from the International Student Support team and get yourself orientated to Wellington and the University.	TTRLT1
10.30 am	10.45 am	Morning break	
10.45 am	11.15 am	Get connected Join us for this opportunity to meet other new students, form valuable connections, and embark on a memorable and fulfilling study journey together.	TTRLT1
11.15 am	Noon	Student panel Hear from our students on a range of helpful topics. Get advice on updating your address and contact details, learn how to add/drop courses, and pay fees in Pūaha. Find out how to get around in Wellington, learn how to check the Metlink timetable (public transport), and get tips on studying at VUW.	TTRLT1
Noon	1 pm	Lunch break	
1 pm	2 pm	Insurance and visa session Join this session to learn everything you need to know about managing the visa and insurance process while you study in Wellington.	TTRLT1
2 pm	3 pm	Keeping safe—NZ Police Join us for this chance to meet the New Zealand Police and learn how to keep safe in New Zealand.	TTRLT1
3 pm	3.15 pm	Afternoon break	
3.15 pm	3.45 pm	Student Interest and Conflict Resolution In this session, you'll get an introduction to the Student Interest and Conflict Resolution team and find out how it can support you.	TTRLT1
3.45 pm	4.30 pm	PhD students Come along to this session to meet other PhD students and share knowledge and any concerns you might have.	TTRLT1

WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Start	Finish	Session	Venue
9.30 am	10.30 am	Know the culture—Māori language and Kiwi slang Dive into the rich cultural heritage of New Zealand by exploring the Māori language and learning about Kiwi slang.	TTRLT1
10.30 am	10.45 am	Morning break	
10.45 am	11.30 am	Academic expectations Our Student Learning team will explain what to expect when studying at the University and share useful tips to get your study off to a great start. You'll also find out about workshops, resources, and support for your studies.	TTRLT1
11.30 am	Noon	Renting privately Renting a flat, or a room in a flat, while you're studying in New Zealand can be a great experience if you know your rights and responsibilities. When renting a property, you need to have a good understanding of tenants' rights (or renters' rights).	TTRLT1
Noon	1 pm	Lunch break	
1 pm	1.30 pm	Campus tour and quiz Enjoy a campus tour with our Uni Crew, where you'll learn about services on campus to support your study and find out who you can ask for help.	TTRLT1
1 pm	2.30 pm	Services expo Come along to meet your student services and representatives from student groups. They are here to support you during your time at the University.	TTR foyer
2 pm	3 pm	Te Pātaka Toi Adam Art Gallery tour Te Pātaka Toi Adam Art Gallery is your gallery on campus. Join a tour of our current exhibition, <i>Vaiei Tupuna</i> , with manutaki—director Sophie Thorn.	Gallery foyer
2.30 pm	3 pm	International Buddy Programme afternoon tea Come along to meet your buddy and learn about the International Buddy Programme, which pairs new students with returning students and helps them adjust to university life in Wellington.	TTRLT1
3 pm	4.30 pm	City tour Enjoy a city tour with Uni Crew to explore well-known places in Wellington.	TTR foyer

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Start	Finish	Session	Venue
9.15 am	10 am	Te Amaru—Disability Services new students' welcome	VZ103
10 am	11 am	University transition and success Ready to kick off your university adventure? Get advice and study tips to set you up for academic success. Plus, meet our Student Success team—they're here to support your study journey.	KKLT303
11 am	Noon	Using the Library Find out about the physical libraries and how to search for, find, and access the best resources for your assignments. We've got the tools and tips to help you succeed.	KKLT303
Noon	1 pm	Academic expectations Our Student Learning team will explain what to expect when studying at the University and share useful tips to get your study off to a great start. You'll also find out about workshops, resources, and support for your studies.	KKLT303
Noon	1 pm	Postgraduate students' welcome Join our postgraduate community and learn about the Postgraduate Students' Association (PGSA). Find out about the services offered by the University, the PGSA, and the Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association (VUWSA) that are designed to support you in your research and studies. Connect with fellow postgraduate students over a delicious bite to eat.	SUMT228
1 pm	2 pm	Get involved: Leadership programmes, exchanges, sports, and clubs Find out how to get involved in the Wellington Plus programme, Wellington International Leadership Programme, and Wellington Global Exchange programme. Boost your CV, broaden your horizons, and make friends in the vibrant Wellington community. Plus, don't miss out on what University Recreation Wellington has to offer. With a range of fitness, sports, and club activities, you'll find the perfect way to stay active and engaged. A healthy body fuels a healthy mind. Whether you're joining a sports league or trying out a yoga class, you'll connect with fellow students while supporting your academic journey. Let's get moving and make the most of your university experience!	MCLT103
1 pm	2 pm	Rainbow students' meet and greet Meet Sterling, your rainbow and inclusion adviser, and other rainbow students for a chat, hot drink, and snacks.	Rainbow room SU209
2 pm	3 pm	Introduction to Mauri Ora and Manawa Ora Join us for this introduction to Mauri Ora, the student health and counselling services at the University, and Manawa Ora, the University's student wellbeing and health promotion services. We're here to support your health and wellbeing during your studies.	MCLT103
3 pm	4 pm	Mature students' welcome Meet other students and learn more about what to expect from your first year of study. This session is for students who are starting study more than two years after completing their high school education.	KK001
3 pm	4 pm	Student budgeting 101 Come along to our budgeting 101 session to learn about the first steps of taking control of your finances.	MCLT103
4.30 pm	6.30 pm	International welcome night Join us for some fun activities and get to know your fellow students. Pizza and drinks will be provided.	The Hub

TOURS

Kelburn campus

Take a tour of Kelburn campus anytime between 11 am and 2 pm on Thursday. Meet at the campus tour information desk on level 2, the Hub mezzanine.

Kelburn Library tours

Available on Thursday at 11.10 am, 12.10 pm, and 1.10 pm. Meet at level 2, the Hub, outside the library entrance.

Recreation Centre tours

For all things sports, clubs, fitness, and wellbeing, take a tour of the Recreation Centre at 10 am or 2 pm on Thursday and Friday. Meet at the reception desk in the Recreation Centre.

Te Pātaka Toi Adam Art Gallery

Te Pātaka Toi Adam Art Gallery is your gallery on campus. Join a tour of our current exhibition, *Vaiei Tupuna*, with manutaki—director Sophie Thorn at 2 pm on Wednesday. Meet in the gallery foyer.

You can also enjoy a tranquil visit any time between 11 am and 5 pm Tuesday to Sunday when exhibitions are on.

TĪTOKO—CENTRE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- Level 4, Murphy Building for Education, Humanities and Social Sciences
- CO144, Cotton Building for Health, Science and Engineering

The Tītoko team provides front-line and ongoing assistance to students across all faculties and schools. They are a first point of contact for questions about studies, student administration, support services, and student life in general.

PASIFIKA STUDENT SUCCESS

The team fosters learning and teaching communities in an environment that celebrates Pasifika cultures, is welcoming and safe, and is focused on academic excellence, personal growth, and wellbeing.

The following spaces are available for all Pasifika students to use:

- CO145a, Cotton Building, Kelburn Campus
- TTR107, Te Toki a Rata, Kelburn Campus
- VZ513, von Zedlitz Building, Kelburn Campus.

