

International Student Guide 2025

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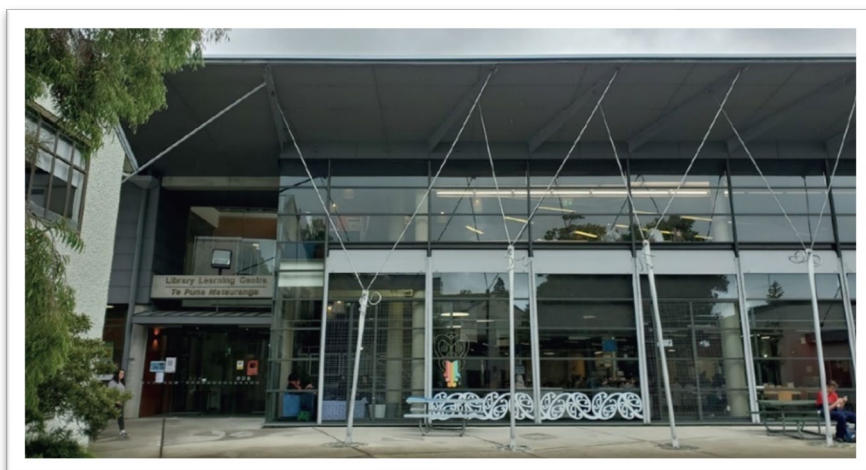
Welcome to Nelson and Richmond



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YOUR INDEPENDENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION

THE THINGS WE DO

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International Support

Provided by the Learner Services Wellbeing Teams, on or off campus, at work, or in the community, we are here to help you by:

- connecting you with [accommodation providers](#),
- giving orientation sessions and ongoing advice,
- introducing you to support services, such as the Police, healthcare providers, Community Law, Citizen’s Advice Bureau, Immigration NZ,
- directing you to doctor and dental services,
- supporting you to settle into the community and your studies,
- helping if you feel stressed, homesick or worried,
- advising about insurance claims.

Available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday – No appointment necessary

- visit us in the library,
- phone 03 539 5068,
- email internationalsupport@nmit.ac.nz,
- submit the [online support request form](#).

Urgent Assistance 24/7 & Campus Security 0800 718 277

The banner is split into three sections. The left section has a dark background with the text 'Emergency' in white, followed by 'Police, Ambulance, Fire Services' and a phone icon with '24/7 call 111'. The middle section has a blue background with the text 'NMIT student urgent assistance and campus security' in white, followed by '24/7 call 0800 718 277 or +64 3 5462333 (from outside NZ)'. The right section features a green circular logo with a hand holding a pencil and the text 'Te Tautoko Ākonga Student Support Hub'.

Health & Safety on Campus

- **Safety notice boards** with emergency evacuation procedures, emergency responses and health and safety notices specific to each area are located near the entrances of all campus blocks.
- **Defibrillators** are located at **T, A, M, D, H,** and **E** blocks

- If **you notice any hazards** or incidents, please immediately report them to a staff member.
- **First aid kits** marked by the international green cross symbol are available throughout the campus.



Police & Personal Safety

New Zealand is relatively safe but is not crime-free. Take the same precautions as you would at home. See the [Visitors Safety Guide](#) about keeping safe,

- with alcohol,
- on roads and travel plans,
- with identity and credit card information,

This guide is available in multiple languages, including Chinese, Hindi, Korean.

The New Zealand Police

- help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,
- services are free and need no payment,
- do not accept bribes of money or gifts,
- are trustworthy,
- comply with the law.



<p>NELSON NZ Police 1 St John Street Nelson</p>	<p>RICHMOND NZ Police 196 Queen Street Richmond</p>
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It is **illegal** in New Zealand to

- drive under the influence of alcohol,
- take recreational drugs,
- own firearms/guns without firearms licenses,
- commit verbal, physical, or sexual abuse.

You must ensure

- everyone wears seatbelts when driving, or you may be fined,
- you wear a helmet when riding bicycles, or you may be fined,
- you have a NZ drivers' licence with you when driving, or you may be fined,
- or you have an overseas drivers' licence with you, which is valid for 12 months,
- if you have an accident,
 - call 111 immediately if anyone is in danger,
 - ask the other driver for their name, phone numbers, and insurance,
- you are over 18 before buying and/or drinking alcohol,
- you don't drink alcohol in public places, such as streets,
- you are over 20 before you enter casinos,
- you are over 18 before you buy lottery tickets,
- you don't give your bank details to anyone, especially by phone or email,
 - banks will never ask for your PIN number.

If you receive emails or phone calls saying that you are in trouble, with for example Immigration NZ, hang up and contact the Police immediately.

If you feel unsafe, threatened, or targeted because of your race, religion, sexuality, age, gender, or disability, you should report this to the Police.



Mountain Safety

To enjoy the outdoors,

- research and plan your activities,
- check the weather and long-range forecast,
- know essential first aid, such as recognising hypothermia,
- let people know where you are going and when you will return,
- learn about the skills you will need, such as river crossings, fire safety,
- take everything you need to be safe (such as water, food, wet weather gear, Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), maps),
- be aware that you may not have phone coverage away from towns and cities.

For more information, see <https://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/>

Water Safety

To enjoy water activities,

- know how to recognise rips and currents,
- swim between the lifeguard flags on beaches,
- don't swim in clothes or shoes,
- check conditions carefully before jumping or diving into lakes or rivers,
- always wear a lifejacket on boats and kayaks.

For more information see <https://www.watersafetynz.org/>

Sun Safety

Nelson and Marlborough sunlight has high levels of ultraviolet radiation (UV), especially from September to April from 10am to 4pm. UV can cause skin and eye damage.

- Wear hats, shirts, and sunglasses, shirts.
- Apply sunscreen at least SPF30.
- Seek shade - sit in the shady places.
- Stay hydrated and drink water.

For more information see <https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/>

Earthquake Safety

All of New Zealand is at risk of earthquakes. Knowing what to do can save lives.

Drop, cover and hold is the right thing to do in an earthquake.

Drop, Cover and Hold stops you being knocked over, makes you a smaller target for flying objects and protects your head, neck and vital organs.



www.civildefence.govt.nz

If an earthquake is LONG or STRONG coastal areas may have large waves and high water levels. Move immediately to the nearest high ground. Do not wait for tsunami warnings. For more information see <https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/>

Healthcare

- In an emergency, call 111 for an ambulance or go to the Hospital / Te Whatu Ora Emergency Department, 98 Waimea Road, Nelson.
- If you urgently need assistance, call 24/7 0800718277 or +64 3 5462333.
- If you need a doctor, make an appointment with a general practitioner (GP).
- If you are absent from class, let wellbeing@nmit.ac.nz, international@nmit.ac.nz and your programme area know.
- Sometimes, you may need a medical certificate as evidence of justifiable absence, which is provided by a GP or hospital.
- If you have a medical certificate, email a copy to your programme area and international@nmit.ac.nz.

Urgent Medical Care



98 Waimea Road, Nelson
open 8am—10pm, 7 days
PHONE 03 546 8881

For evenings and weekends care or urgent appointments when you cannot get an appointment with a GP. The Urgent Medical Care Centre is the orange building next to the Nelson Hospital Emergency department.

Healthline

If someone is unwell and you need advice, **call Healthline 0800 611 116 for FREE medical advice from a registered nurse.**

- call anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,
- ask for an interpreter for the language you need.

Collingwood Street Pharmacy

132 Collingwood Street, Nelson
Phone 03 548 7588
Email pharmacy@132.co.nz



If your doctor prescribes medicine, you can take your Student ID card and the prescription form to Collingwood Street Pharmacy, who will arrange payment directly from your Studentsafe Health Insurance.

Hauora Health Centre

105 Collingwood Street, Nelson
Phone 03 548 8663
Email reception@hauorahealth.nz
<https://www.hauorahealth.nz/>



To register as a patient with a doctor's surgery, you must complete a registration form and bring for sighting a copy of your passport, visa and Student ID Card.

You do not have to pay the doctor's fees when you visit Hauora Health Centre as they manage payment directly from your Studentsafe Health Insurance.

Nelson East Medical and The Doctors Medical Centre Richmond are accepting new patient enrolments. If you visit them, you must pay the fee and then arrange to submit an insurance claim with a copy of the receipt.

Nelson East Medical

7 Alton Street, Nelson

Phone 03 546 8239

Email admin@nelsoneast.co.nz

<https://www.nelsoneast.co.nz/>



The Doctors Medical Centre Richmond

40a Oxford Street, Richmond

Phone 03 544 2255

Email reception@rich.thedoctors.co.nz

<https://www.thedoctors.co.nz/richmond-health-centre>



INP Medical Clinic

Specialised female team for sexual health.

18 Nile Street, Nelson

Phone 03 546 8155

Email info@inp.co.nz



Gentle Dental

Emergency appointments are available.

32 Bridge Street, Nelson

Phone 03 548 4601

Email info@gentledentalnelson.co.nz



Studentsafe Insurance

Studentsafe insurance provides medical and travel insurance cover for international students while studying in New Zealand. If you do have to pay medical expenses, ask for and keep receipts. Then, use the [Studentsafe Claims Portal](#) or call 0800 486 004 or +64 9 488 1638 to claim insurance and apply for reimbursement of costs.

Studentsafe insurance may not cover pre-existing medical conditions, fertility and reproductive health, and hazardous pursuits, such as mountaineering, rock climbing, motorcycling, ocean yachting, scuba diving. For more information and policy details, see [Studentsafe Inbound Learners](#).

Free Counselling Services

The following counselling services are free to NMIT students and can help with

- personal and study stress
- family and children concerns
- addictions, alcohol and drugs
- relationship challenges
- anxiety and depression
- anger and violence
- conflict situations
- harassment
- personal trauma
- grief and loss
- financial concerns
- career programmes

If you need help to make an appointment or select a service, contact Wellbeing Support.

Vitae

Counselling by telephone or video call, with counsellors available in many languages.

Call 0508 664 981 or submit the online referral form

<https://www.vitae.co.nz/contact/Te-Pukenga/>



OCP

Counselling is available locally in-person.

Call 0800 377 990 or make appointments online

<https://ocp.co.nz>.



1737

Free call or free text 1737 any time, 24/7 to talk to (or text with) a trained counsellor or peer support worker. It may be possible to speak with someone in your own language.

NEED TO TALK?



Adjusting and Making Connections

He iti hau marangai e tū te pāhokahoka / A little storm and then a rainbow appears.

Homesickness is experienced by many people who are adjusting to life in a different culture. Contact the Wellbeing Team for support.

Meet other international students and make friends at the monthly international student lunches hosted by Learner Services.

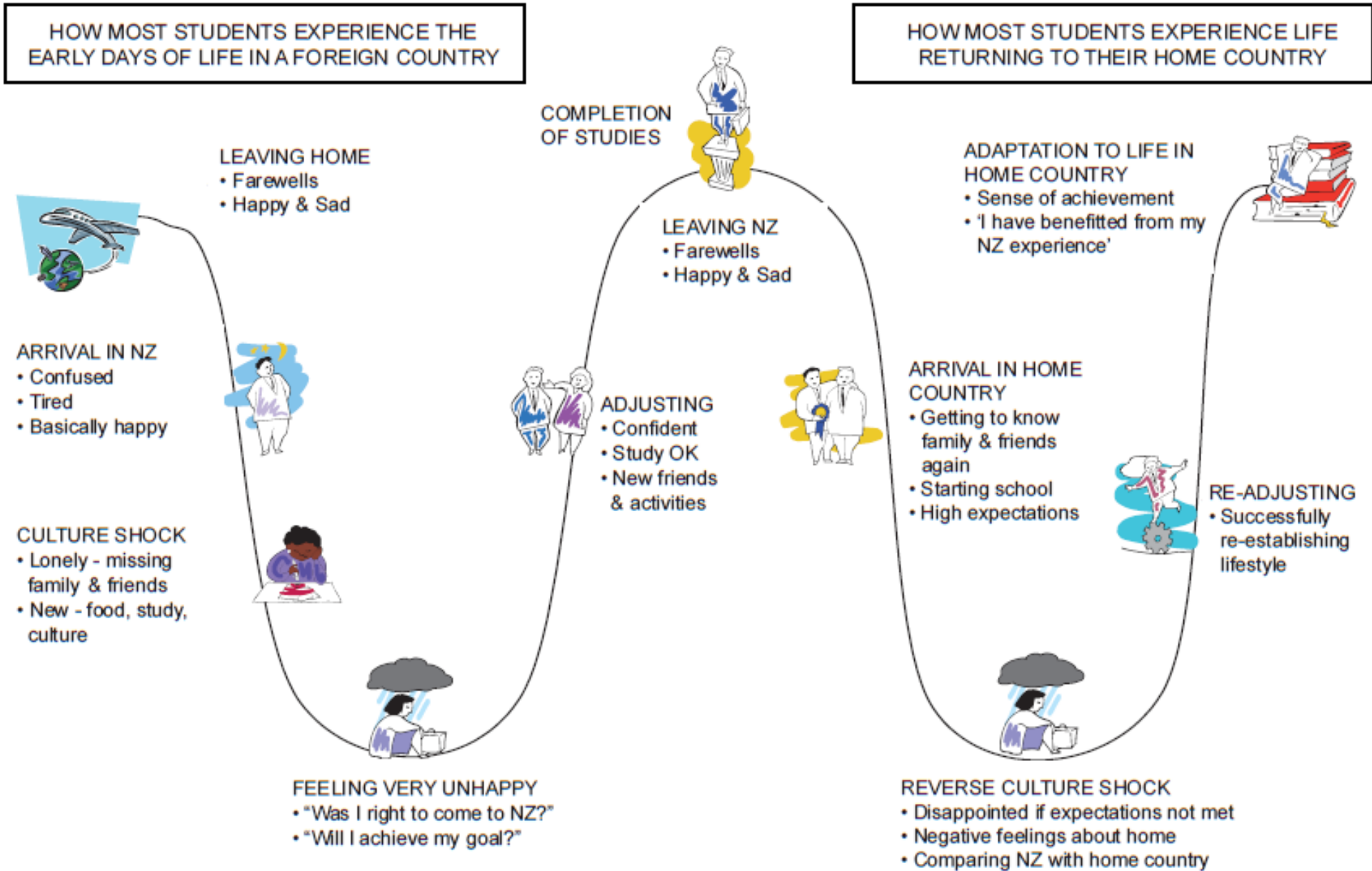
Check posters and your email invitation for the date and location on a campus near you or check out the [SANITI What's On Calendar](#) for all on-campus events.

SANITI, with NMIT, also runs on- and off-campus international student activities, which provide great opportunities to meet other students and explore your new region.

Find out about upcoming events at <https://saniti.co.nz/events/international-activities/>

The Process of Adjustment for most International Students

- these feelings are completely normal, you are not alone



Faith, Spirituality and Religion

New Zealand has many different religions. Connect with those that suit you.

Bahá'í Faith New Zealand

Striving to bring the vision of the oneness of humanity into reality. Everyone is invited to contribute. 181 Vanguard Street, Nelson. <https://www.bahai.org.nz/>

Christ Church Cathedral – Piki Mai

Nelson Anglican Cathedral is a place of worship and prayer with daily services and excellent music. 1 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. <https://www.nelsoncathedral.nz/>

Hindu Community Priest

An ordained Hindu priest conducts Hindu Pujas, religious rituals of marriage and death, family and community ceremonies, private and public recitals of Holy Hindu Scriptures. Contact 03 545 9234 or email badhikari1965@gmail.com.

Nelson Baptist Church

Meeting to read scripture, pray, sing, connect, share food, and celebrating communion. 193 Bridge Street, Nelson. <https://nelsonbaptistchurch.wordpress.com/>

Nelson Buddhist Centre

Supporting Buddhist philosophy and meditation, with programmes for everyone. 11 Buxton Square, Nelson. <https://www.nelsonbuddhistcentre.org.nz/>

Nelson Mosque and Islamic Centre

Providing a platform to improve spirituality; promote peace, harmony, integration and tolerance; and to bring the community together. Old St John's Church, Back Hall, 320 Hardy Street, Nelson. <https://nelsonmosque.co.nz/>

A Muslim prayer room is located in L103 and can be accessed 6am-10pm daily, except on public holidays. Swipe-card access is required outside business hours.

Parish of the Holy Family

A Roman Catholic Church. This is our community, our family, our parish.

St Mary's Church. 18 Manuka Street, Nelson. <https://www.holyfamilynelson.org.nz/>

Quakers in Nelson

A faith group whose spirituality is simple, radical and contemporary, committed to working for social justice and peace. 30 Nile Street, Nelson. <https://www.quakers-in-nelson.org.nz/>

Rainbow Community Support

Ira Āniwaniwa/Rainbow Hui are drop-in lunchtime sessions to grow and celebrate our LGBTQAI+ community and peer support on campus.

Follow ira_aniwaniwa on [Instagram](#) or check out the [SANITI What's On Calendar](#) to keep updated about news and events.

Community Agencies

Operation Friendship

Friendly Christian volunteers, linking International Students with New Zealand friends, through day trips, fun activities, games, meals, and conversation groups.

Contact Jonathan Thorpe

Email palmhaven15@gmail.com

Phone/txt 027 223 6431

<https://www.facebook.com/OperationFriendship/>

Found Directory

The FOUND directory offers searchable listings of groups and organisations by including culture, art, sport, recreation, and faith.

<https://www.found.org.nz/>



Community Law Service

FREE legal advice, such as immigration, consumer rights, tenancy agreements.

63 Collingwood Street, Nelson

Phone 03 548 1288 or 0800 246 146

Email admin@nbcl.org.nz



Citizen's Advice Bureau

Free, confidential, and independent advice, such as employment, disputes, separation, and budgeting, and a Community directory with searchable listings of groups and organisations, including culture, art, sport, recreation, support networks and faith.

9 Paru Paru Road, Nelson

Phone 0800 367 222

Email nelsontasman@cab.org.nz



Multicultural Nelson Tasman

Supporting migrants and newcomers to celebrate diversity in a welcoming and safe environment. They organise festivals, community events, and have a youth group. See their [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for info.

3/63 Collingwood Street, Nelson

Phone 03 539 0030 or 0508 773 256

Email admin@multiculturalnt.co.nz



Nelson Tasman Pasifika Community Trust

Working to strengthen the Nelson Tasman Pasifika Community to grow, achieve and prosper, including events and workshops. See their [Facebook page](#).

142 Saxton Road East, Stoke

Phone 021 052 8371

Email info@nelsonpacifika.org.nz



Wellby

A community initiative to help connect people to communities and improve wellbeing, including Talking Cafes.

The Habitat Hub, 166 Tahunanui Drive, Nelson

Phone 03 546 7681

Email hello@wellby.org.nz



New Zealand Chinese Friendship Society

2/10 Ngaio Street, Nelson 7011

Phone 03 547 6608



Volunteer Nelson

Working with non-profit organisations that need volunteers, including administration, conservation, mentoring, event assistance, and animal welfare.

Habitat Hub, 166 Tahunanui Drive, Nelson

Phone 03 546 7681

Email admin@volunteernelson.org.nz



Travel

Nelson City Taxis

A safe way to travel. Show your Student ID for a 10% discount. Pay at the end of your ride. 03 548 8225

<https://www.nelsontaxis.co.nz/>



eBus

Buses between Nelson and Richmond depart every 15 minutes. Buy tickets from drivers or get a Bee card for discounted fares. Bee Cards are available from the Nelson City or Tasman District Councils or a Public Library.



No smoking or eating or drinking on buses. 27 Bridge Street, Nelson. <https://ebus.nz/>

Driving in New Zealand

if you have a valid overseas licence (must be in English or translated) and have not been disqualified from driving in NZ, you can drive for a maximum of 12 months from your last entry to New Zealand.

Refer to [New Zealand Transport Agency – New residents and visitors](#).

Read the [New Zealand road code](#)

See an overview at [Driving in New Zealand](#) (multi-lingual options)

Buying a car or vehicle

Before buying a car, check on the car windscreen that it has a current [Warrant of Fitness \(WOF\)](#) and [Registration \(Rego\)](#). Getting a mechanical inspection from a garage is also good. A history report from [Motorweb](#) will show if money is owed, the car is stolen or it has an inconsistent odometer.

After purchase, the seller and buyer must notify the [NZ Transport Agency – Online Services](#).

Car insurance is not compulsory, but 3rd party insurance is recommended to cover costs if you cause damage to other cars. For more information, see the [Consumer Car Insurance Guide](#)

International Food Stores

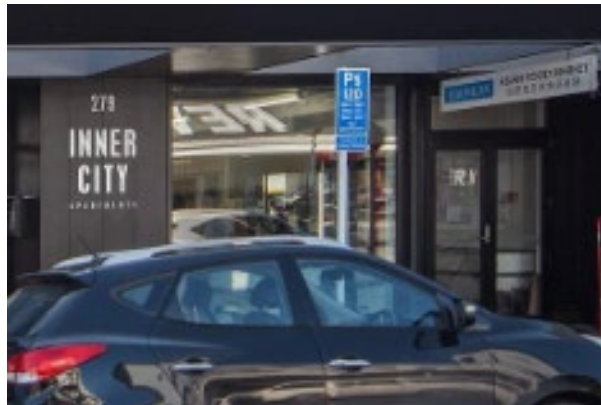
Asian Foodstore

2/64 Montgomery Square, Nelson
Phone 03 539 1412



Ebonlon

281 Hardy Street, Nelson
Phone 03 548 2188



CJ Asian Supermarket Nelson

Montgomery Square, Nelson
Phone 03 539 0080



Kee's Mart Filipino/Asian Store

54 Montgomery Square, Nelson
Phone 03 539 4737



Inland Revenue Department (IRD) & Tax

You must apply for an IRD number for any tax-related obligations, such as opening a bank account, earning income, buying or selling property and joining KiwiSaver. Find out more about IRD numbers and tax obligations at <https://www.ird.govt.nz>.

Employment

To get support in writing a CV and cover letter and getting local advice on how to find work, book a 1:1 or group session with Marianna Deynzer.

To book, visit the Library, phone 03 539 5068, or submit an [online support request](#).

Banking

The main banks are [ANZ](#), [ASB](#), [Bank of New Zealand](#), [Kiwibank](#) and [Westpac](#)

Take your passport, visa, and a letter showing proof of address and IRD number to open a bank account. Complete an application online before visiting a branch. If required, the Enrolments team can print a confirmation of study letter showing your current address. Check that your address is updated in MyNMIT first.



Foreign Exchange

Travelex Currency Services

Inside House of Travel - 188 Hardy Street, Nelson

Email 1320travelagentnelson@travelex.com



Western Union

Various locations

<https://www.westernunion.com/nz/en/home.html>

Phone 0800 005 253



Accommodation

The campuses are close to city centres and various accommodation options are available.

Host Families NZ

[Host Families NZ](#) provides you with the opportunity to live with local families in your own furnished room. Some students prefer homestay accommodation because they use English every day. All host families are interviewed, and police are checked.



Nikau Apartments

[Nikau Apartments](#) provides independent living in secure, and friendly shared apartments. You can apply to live in a single room or share a two, three or four bedroom apartment.

For more information, including pricing and booking processes, [Nikau Apartments](#). Enquire early, as rooms book up fast.



Backpackers

If you need immediate accommodation, we recommend backpacker accommodation.

Private board or flatting

Feeling more independent? Join an established flat or live with a local family.

Scroll down the NMIT [Accommodation Website](#) for more options and advice on renting.

You can also check out the notice boards in the Student Centres for private vacancies.

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The Pastoral Code

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 ensures that tertiary and international students are safe and supported.

The Code describes the responsibilities of education providers to support your wellbeing, safety, and academic success. We have agreed to help you to

- be safe, both physically and mentally,
- feel respected and accepted for who you are,
- feel supported in your learning and wellbeing,
- stay connected to your social and cultural networks,
- have your say in decisions about services.

For more information, see [the Code for learners](#).

Have Your Say – Kōrero Mai

Feedback is important. We value your voice.

If you have feedback, you can have your say in many ways.

- Speak with your tutor or coordinator
- Meet with a member of the Learner Services Team
- Talk directly with your Curriculum Manager
- Meet with your Programme Representative
- Meet with SANITI - Student Association
- Send feedback directly to haveyoursay@nmit.ac.nz
- Drop a note in the Have Your Say mailboxes on campus.



For more options, including giving anonymous feedback or formal complaints, see <https://www.nmit.ac.nz/about/have-your-say>.

Complaints

To make a formal complaint about an educational provider, see [Study Complaints](#)

Policies and procedures

For comprehensive information about policies, such as withdrawals, reconsiderations, misconduct, and appeals, see <https://support.nmit.ac.nz/downloads/policies>



**For urgent assistance
for student wellbeing,
24/7 call**

0800 718 277

or +64 3 546 2333

(from outside the NZ network)

Nelson Campus

322 Hardy Street
Nelson
New Zealand 7040

Richmond Campus

390 Lower Queen Street
Richmond
New Zealand 7020