

## New student guide

Hit the ground running with our 4 step guide covering everything you need to know as a new student.

Following these four steps will help accelerate your orientation with NMIT and help focus your efforts on settling in and studying.



### 1. Ensure you have fully completed your enrolment

If you have been accepted onto a programme and received an email or letter on securing your enrolment, you will need to do this to save your place.

- If you applied online you can secure your enrolment [online](#).(external link)
- Otherwise email [enrolments](#) your signed 'Secure Your Enrolment' form.

Ok, now you think you're done but let's be clear... until we have confirmed your identity your enrolment may not actually be finalised.

If you already have an active National Student Number (NSN), you will normally just need to complete a declaration form confirming your identity, otherwise you will need to supply an original or verified copy of a [form of identity](#)(external link).

Doing this confirms your enrolment and unlocks lots of great benefits.



### Get your very own student card

You'll need to visit Information and Enrolments at Nelson campus or the administration office in Marlborough to get your card printed.

- You can use your student card to access the Library Learning Centre and to take out library resources.
- Present your student card at local businesses for [discounts and benefits](#).
- For more information please refer to our [support section article](#)(external link).

### Tell us about your support needs

Your success is paramount for us and there is a wealth of support available to help you if you require. It is important to let our Learner Services team know as early as possible if you'd like to request help with;



Learner services team members

- Specific Learning difficulties
- Physical injuries, disability or impairment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Study/Learning support
- Help with personal issues
- International student advice
- Māori and Pacific Island support

We are a group of friendly, supportive professionals who are ready to help. Call or [email us](#).

## Apply for a scholarship

Scholarships are a great way to help reduce your study costs. Every year we award over \$200,000 to students just like yourself. [Apply today\(external link\)](#).

## 2. Get connected

One day after you're fully enrolled, you'll be issued with a NMIT network login. To get started you'll need to [activate your account\(external link\)](#). Your login gives you access to an awesome suite of student perks:

- NMIT email address [Read more\(external link\)](#)
- Full access to [Office 365\(external link\)](#) - installable on up to 5 devices!
- Ability to login to any campus computer (you can [check availability\(external link\)](#) before you arrive)
- Access your [personal timetable\(external link\)](#) - Some programmes have consistent days, hours and locations for classes and others may require you to go from one classroom experience to another. Whichever it is for you, preparing your timetable so you know exactly where you are meant to be and when will save you a great deal of stress and catch up.
- Ensure you can access [Moodle\(external link\)](#) - our online learning platform
- Check out our other [NMIT online tools](#).

## Scrub up on your computer and online skills

Are you new to the computer and feel a little daunted by it all? [Contact us](#) to make an appointment with a Learning Facilitator about how to get the most out of IT at NMIT.

### 3. Be welcomed through a special Pōwhiri

*Pōwhiri ki Te Whare Wānanga o Te Taihū o Te Waka a Māui*



It is common practice at NMIT to welcome *manuhiri* (visitors / guests), staff and students in a formal and traditional welcoming ceremony unique to the Māori & New Zealand culture. If you are on the manuhiri side of the pōwhiri, you should expect to be welcomed as an honoured guest.

The intention of the pōwhiri at NMIT is to do just that, welcome you and celebrate the beginning / continuing of your learning journey. It is rich with symbolism and follows a special process ultimately uniting two separate groups: tangata whenua (hosts) and manuhiri (guests), together as one.

Māori is the language used during pōwhiri. Whilst parts of a pōwhiri may vary according to the occasion and tribal area, Māori language remains a key feature.

Discover more about [what it is like to attend the pōwhiri](#)

### 4. Get orientated

During the first few weeks of term you'll have the opportunity to get to know us and your campus. This is an important time to make the contacts and get familiar with where the help and support exists for you during your time at NMIT. Exactly what happens depends a little on which campus you're at but here's a taste of some of activities you can expect;

#### Programme orientation

Early on, your programme co-ordinator will introduce you to the tutors and fellow students in your programme area. Some co-ordinators organise crazy activities to help you learn about your campus. Even the local community gets involved. Take a look at the [2016 IT Challenge Week\(external link\)](#) video for a taste.

### Library Learning Centre

The team run regular tours of the Library Learning Centre and explain how to get the best from it whether you are studying on campus, by distance, or online. Your tutor will organise a suitable time for you to get acquainted with resources and information available.

### Join in the SANITI fun

Two weeks of student led fun sounds pretty good right? You bet. During Orientation, between 12pm and 1pm, enjoy FREE food from pancakes and sundaes to hotdogs and the famous SANITI BBQs. Go nuts with games, giveaways and music - all for FREE. You can visit the [SANITI\(external link\)](#) office or their [facebook page\(external link\)](#) for a schedule of activities and updates.

### International activities



Diwali celebrations

SANITI in conjunction with NMIT has arranged a number of activities for all International Students to get involved with during your time here, starting with orientation, then moving on to a variety of activities throughout the year. Make sure you know what is happening and to book so that you don't miss out!

[Read more\(external link\)](#)