



International
College

Pathways Link Programme Prospectus

2026



“I’m thrilled with my classmates and the teacher. School here is much more exciting than in China. In New Zealand, I feel less stressed and truly enjoy school life. I aspire to study Marketing at the University of Auckland in the future.

A PLP STUDENT, LUKE



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Welcome to the UP International College New Zealand

Kia ora,

At UP International College New Zealand, we take talented students and help them become exceptional. Our goal is to ensure that you learn as much as possible during your time with us so that you can achieve your ambitions and progress to a leading university. When we partner with students who demonstrate both ability and determination, there are no limits to what can be achieved.

Thank you for joining us and placing your trust in us to help you reach your goals. We are a mobile technology campus with extensive experience in using digital tools to enhance learning. We encourage the use of electronic devices in class, and this depends on all students being responsible and respectful users of technology. Our learning platforms provide comprehensive and well-designed resources to support your academic success.

Learning English extends beyond the classroom. While you are in Auckland, take every opportunity to read, write, listen, and speak in English. Doing so will make your studies at tertiary level easier and more rewarding. I also encourage you to make the campus an English-only environment whenever possible.

At UP International College New Zealand, we are passionate about education. Our values are underpinned by a commitment to helping every student succeed—in their studies and in life beyond the College. This prospectus is designed to help you understand life at the College and to answer key questions about what to expect throughout your study journey.

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International Learners) Code of Practice 2021, ensuring that your wellbeing and success remain at the centre of all we do.

We have a dedicated and caring team ready to support you. Please refer to this prospectus first for guidance, but if you are unsure about anything, speak to a member of staff. If they cannot assist you directly, they will connect you with someone who can.

Welcome to UP International College New Zealand. I wish you every success in your studies—work hard, aim high, and make the most of every opportunity.

Ngā mihi nui,

JULIAN LATIMER
Principal,
UP International College New Zealand



Study and Live in Auckland, New Zealand



Excitingly multicultural

Auckland is quintessentially Kiwi, yet our blend of cultures creates a global atmosphere. Our rich cultural mix is reflected in our spaces, restaurants, and events, with active ex-pat communities offering opportunities to connect, socialize, and worship with others from your home.



Surrounded by nature

Whether you seek adventure or a relaxed weekend, you're always close to a beach or a view of the harbor with its islands to explore. Urban greenspaces surround the inner-city campuses for a quick escape, while forests and waterfalls lie just beyond the city's edges.



Top 5
in the world for
quality of living¹
Mercer Quality of Living
Rankings 2024



42%
of Aucklanders
are born overseas²
Statistics New Zealand,
2023 Census



Top 25
global student-
friendly cities³
QS Best Student
Cities 2025



Top 7
most Liveable
City in the world⁴
CNN World's Most Liveable Cities
2025



Immerse yourself in Māori culture

From a traditional Māori pōwhiri (welcome) to festivals, ceremonies, and language immersion, you can experience Māori and Pacific culture in everyday life. These unique opportunities offer a chance to expand your perspective beyond the classroom.



Food from around the globe

Auckland boasts a diverse array of restaurants, cafes, and bars to suit every taste and budget. Experience dining at one of the city's famous "eat streets," offering a truly global selection of cuisines, including Chinese, Italian, Vietnamese, French, Spanish, Japanese, Lebanese, and Thai, among others.

Living Costs in Auckland

Cost of living*	Homestay estimated weekly cost in NZD
Accommodation	\$440
Electricity, water & gas	Included in homestay fee
Mobile phone plan	\$15
Public transport	\$0 - \$50
Food	Included in full-board homestay fee
Free time activities	\$50 - \$150

*Please note that this table is only applicable to Homestay prices. Costs can vary depending on lifestyle, accommodation, and hobbies and interests. However, for a reasonable standard of living, the estimated living cost per year is \$20,000 to \$27,000 NZD.





UP INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE NEW ZEALAND

Study in the heart of everything

University of Auckland City Campus
10-minute walk

AUT City Campus
5-minute walk

Central City Library
5-minute walk

Auckland Art Gallery
7-minute walk

YMCA Sports and Recreation Centre
10-minute walk

**Number of bus stops within
500 meters of campus**
8 bus stops

Auckland Airport
25-minute by car

About UP International College New Zealand

What we offer

UP International College New Zealand offers the Pathways Link Programme, Foundation Connect, and the Certificate in Foundation Studies for the University of Auckland, Auckland University of Technology, and Victoria University of Wellington.

We have been working with these leading universities for many years, including a 25-year partnership with the University of Auckland and a 20-year partnership with Auckland University of Technology. Our integrated approach to the Pathways Link Programme ensures that this is your first step towards guaranteed entry into your desired degree programmes at our partner universities.

Our campus

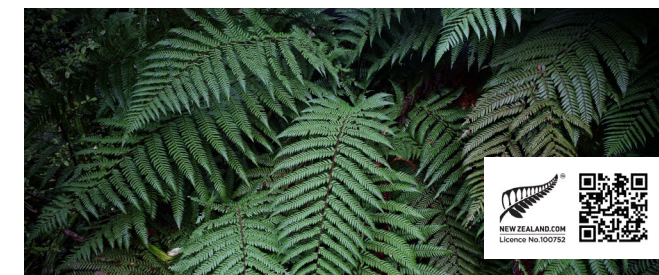
The UP International College New Zealand is located in the heart of Auckland's CBD, close to public transport, accommodation and a vibrant range of entertainment and cultural offerings.



Programme delivery

Your teachers will work through materials with you and your classmates. With the help of in-class activities and other tools, your teachers will give you every opportunity to engage with your classmates and learn. You will practise your English skills in these lessons – skills that are crucial to your success at University.

Outside of these lessons, you will be given clear instructions to guide you through flexible learning activities. These activities involve a combination of digital tools and other resources to deepen your learning – whenever and wherever you want to learn. Your progress will be monitored and you will receive personalised feedback based on your understanding and performance.



Endorsement from New Zealand Government

The UP International College New Zealand is proudly a Licensee of the FernMark Licence Programme, a country of origin trademark programme endorsed and recognised by the New Zealand Government.

It's a symbol people recognise and trust - a trademark that embodies our values of kaitiaki, integrity, ingenuity - the values of our New Zealand Story.

History of the Silver Fern

The Silver Fern is a long-standing and respected symbol of New Zealand. Since the late 19th century, it has been proudly worn by sports teams and soldiers and used to represent our country globally. Māori used the fern's silver underside to navigate by moonlight, illuminating their path through the forest.

Today, the Silver Fern continues to guide us, just as it has for over 150 years. Supported by the New Zealand Government, key businesses, Tourism New Zealand, and New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, the FernMark is a valued symbol of our country. It represents New Zealand globally and attracts international students to our shores.

About Pathways Link Programme

Duration: 1 year (4 terms)

The Pathways Link Programme (PLP) aims to equip you with essential foundational knowledge, skills, and the confidence necessary to excel in your future Foundation studies.

This accelerated one-year programme will offer successful students entry into the University of Auckland, AUT, Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies programmes.

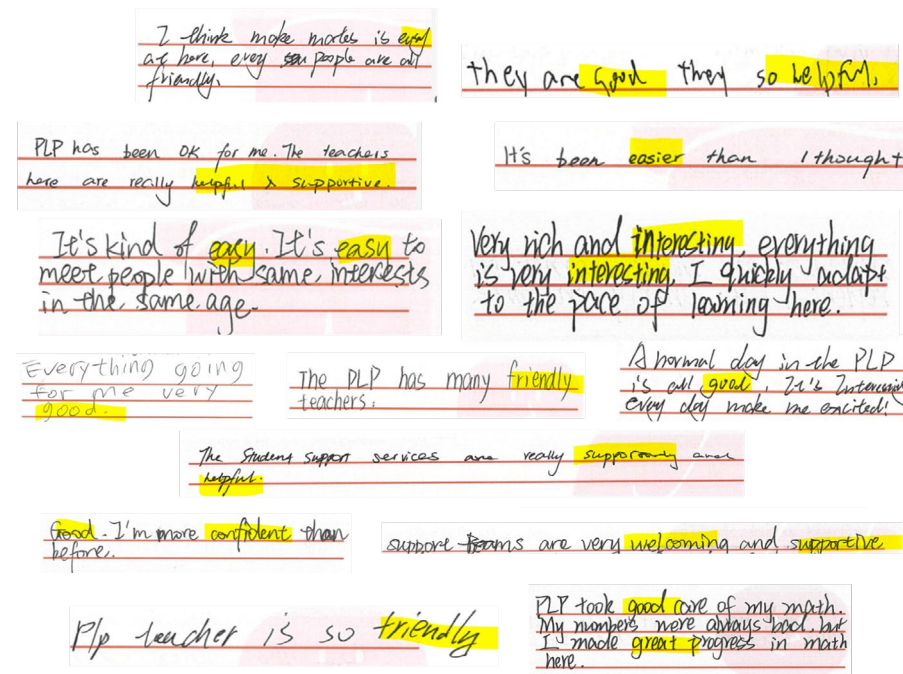
It is an innovative educational initiative designed specifically for international students aged 14 - 17 who have recently finished their junior high school education and aspire to study abroad. This unique programme provides a direct pathway for students to access one of the leading universities in New Zealand.

Pathways Link Programme offers a specialised curriculum combining rigorous academics with an immersive English-language learning environment, ensuring students are well-prepared for future academic endeavours.



Pathways Link is registered as 'Pathways Link - L1A and L1B (Level 1) (Training Scheme)' at NZQA.

Hear from Our Students



PLP curriculum belongs to UP Education; it does not belong to the New Zealand Ministry of Education, unlike a secondary school. So we can design a curriculum that meets the students' needs individually and as a class and in small groups.

We can adapt the curriculum quickly to raise expectations or to meet expectations of the students. We can also offer subjects that are not available in New Zealand secondary schools.



JULIAN LATIMER
Principal,
UP International
College New Zealand



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WHAT IS PLP?

Sample Course Progression



Junior High School
/ New Zealand Year
10 Completion



Pathways Link
Programme

1 Year



Certificate in
Foundation Studies

1 Year



University
Degree

3 Years



Our Focus



2. Physical and Cultural Well-being

Promote students' well-being with weekly team games, sports, and termly fitness events, while also encouraging cultural engagement through visits to galleries, libraries, cinemas, and diverse extracurricular activities.

1. Early University Readiness

Ensure that students are not only academically ready but fully equipped for university studies at an earlier stage than traditional New Zealand secondary school students.

3. Empowering Student Success

Foster academic excellence by setting high standards in literacy and encouraging responsibility for learning, including homework and deadlines. Build strong communication skills for success in all contexts.

Unique Teaching Approach



Emphasis on interactive and collaborative learning



No pressure environment to enhance student enjoyment and engagement



Students' positive feedback and requests for more English support

Course Structure

The Pathways Link Programme caters specifically to the unique needs of younger international students, providing them with a supportive and nurturing environment to excel academically and culturally.

Students will receive a broad and varied curriculum, to help them learn English, prepare for Foundation Studies, and find their preferences for degree study.

Example subjects studied are:

- **PLP1A:** English, Maths, Biology, Economics, Global Studies
- **PLP1B:** English, Maths, Physics, Business, Media Studies

There will be regular opportunities for individual and team games and sports, using different locations across Auckland. Students should bring physical education clothing and shoes.



Example Timetable

Time (NZT)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 10.00	English	English	No Class (staff briefing)	English	English
10.00 – 11.00	Science	English	English	Liberal Arts	Math
11.00 – 11.20	Individual Conferences / Circle Time	Individual Conferences / Circle Time	Individual Conferences / Circle Time	Individual Conferences / Circle Time	Individual Conferences / Circle Time
11.20 – 12.20	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12.20 – 13.20	Math	Science	English	Business	Health
13.20 – 14.20	Business	Business	Math	Self-Study	Health
14.20 – 14.40	Individual Conferences / Circle Time	Individual Conferences / Circle Time	Individual Conferences / Circle Time	Individual Conferences / Circle Time	PE
14.40 – 15.40	Liberal Arts	Liberal Arts	Science	English	

Education Outside the Classroom

Weekly sports class

UP International College New Zealand has partnered with YMCA, a sports centre in Auckland, to offer students high-quality sports education and training. Weekly sports classes will be organized to create a fun environment, promoting fitness, teamwork, and community among students.

Every Friday afternoon, students will enjoy their time at YMCA's facilities, which feature modern sports equipment and experienced coaches and mentors who will lead them in a variety of exciting team sports.



These sports classes are designed to encourage students to be active, stay healthy, and develop teamwork and leadership skills. Students will have the opportunity to experience the joy of sports and build stronger friendships with their classmates.

We believe that through the PLP programme, students will not only succeed academically but also gain rich experience in sports and personal development. We encourage all students to actively participate and enjoy this vibrant and fun sports class together.



Education Outside the Classroom

Extra-curricular

Students will be going on curriculum trips and visits to receive specialist teaching, as well as enjoyable sporting and activity events around the city.

By enrolling in the Pathways Link Programme, you consent for your student to attend these events. We do an extensive risk assessment for the venue and transport, prior to the event, and the class teacher will always be in attendance.



Learner Success

Offering a level of care that sets us apart.

Support is provided from the moment you contact us, to enrolling in a course and throughout your studies. We are here to offer you help, both in-person and online, so that your student life is happy and rewarding.

Learner Success Team

You can visit our friendly Learner Success Team in person or email them for assistance with practical and personal challenges.

E: learnersuccess@up.education

24/7 Emergency Phone: +64 21 597 135



The Learner Success Team monitors the attendance, wellbeing and academic progress of every student, and is ready to step in and provide support when necessary. Our goal is to work with students to make sure that every student has the best chance of being successful, having a great experience and progressing to the University of Auckland.

We work closely with internal teams (e.g. academic, administrative) and external agencies (e.g. university partner, counselling services) to make sure that students are well-supported and have the best tools available to meet their needs.



KATIE GAO
Pastoral Care
and Engagement
Specialist

Administrative Service Support

We have a team dedicated to key areas, like visa, insurance, and accommodation.

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Visa checking and monitoring

The Administrative Services Team is responsible for checking and monitoring the visa status of our students. They will send reminders to students whose visas are about to expire, communicate with Immigration New Zealand when there are errors on the visas.

Accommodation

International students who are under 18 may choose to live with their parent(s) or a designated caregiver. To get the most out of experiencing life in New Zealand, you are encouraged to live with a local homestay family.

For more details about the accommodation, please refer to the next page.

Medical and travel insurance

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 requires all international students studying in

New Zealand to have appropriate health and travel insurance during their period of study.

Allianz Partners is our preferred insurance provider. Enrolled international students will be charged Allianz's Studentsafe Inbound University insurance premium when enrolment is completed. You must pay this fee unless the University approves the use of an alternative insurance provider.

You must have approved insurance for the duration of your study and covering the duration of their visa or until they depart New Zealand, whichever comes first.

Note: Your UP International College New Zealand student ID number is also your insurance policy number. You are not automatically covered for pre-existing medical conditions. However, cover can be arranged in certain circumstances on application to Allianz before your programme starts.



Homestay

For students who are under 18, it is mandatory that you reserve your accommodation through the International College. This option is available to students over 18 as well.

Homestay accommodation includes a room for you with a bed, desk, adequate heating and internet access. All meals are included for full-board Homestay option.

- A 24/7 number is provided in case of emergency.
- All students under 18 are visited in their accommodation by our accommodation agency quarterly until students turn 18.
- UP Education will arrange payment to be made to the homestay provider.
- All accommodation is thoroughly checked – each homestay family is interviewed and the home inspected before a student is placed.
- All homestay providers sign a contract agreeing to specific rules and standards and undergo a vetting procedure by New Zealand Police.



Images are for illustrative purposes only and may not represent the exact accommodation. Each homestay is unique.

Facilities

- A variety of classroom layouts and flexible furniture options
- All classrooms are equipped with docks, additional monitors, and projectors for seamless teaching
- Free Wi-Fi access available to all students
- Dedicated laboratories for Chemistry, Biology, and two for Physics
- Specialised design rooms, including a dedicated painting studio
- Student Common Room (Cafeteria)
- Music room
- Library
- On-campus sick bay
- Secure swipe card access for all facilities

Swipe Cards on the Entrance



Science Laboratories



Library



Student Common Room



Design Rooms



Cafeteria



Music Room

Entry Requirements

Age requirement:

Must be between 14 and 17 years old.

English language:

Must have an IELTS (Academic) score of 4.5 with no band lower than 4.0, or an equivalent score, including the UP English Language Test (UPELT).

Academic:

- **New Zealand:** Completion of Year 10 with a good school report, including satisfactory attendance (90%) and teacher comments. This assessment will be conducted by the Head of College.
- **China:** Completion of Middle School with Year 3 at 70%, or an average of 70% across all three years.
- **South Korea:** Completion of Middle School or attainment of 70% in the Middle School GEE.

For entry requirements from other countries, please scan the QR code on the right-hand side.

Progression Requirements

Students must meet the minimum English language and academic requirements to successfully progress to the Foundation Studies programme.

- English 60%
- Minimum score in all academic subjects 50%
- Pass all Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the programme but do not meet the required grades to progress to Foundation Studies will have the opportunity to enroll in Foundation Connect.

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Scholarships

Pathways Link scholarship

The scholarship is available for the students who apply and are accepted into the Pathways Link Programme in 2026.

Pathways Link Progression scholarship

Students who successfully progress from the Pathways Link Programme to the Standard Foundation Programme will be eligible for scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded based on the student's final academic performance.



"I really enjoy my time in the PLP class. Our teacher always makes learning fun, so it's never boring. I'm really into math and science. Although my dream is to become a sports athlete, I plan to attend university first to find a great coach and practice more. I've already met some sports enthusiasts here in Auckland and I love spending my spare time with them."

PAK NIN CHAN (ETHAN), PLP student

Intake Dates (Orientation included)

- Tuesday 27 January 2026
- Monday 13 July 2026

Fees

- \$35,438 NZD
- Resource fee: \$2,300 NZD
- Enrolment fee: \$550 NZD*

*Note that when students progress onto the Certificate in Foundation Studies, they will not need to pay this again.

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OVERVIEW

UP English Language Test (UPELT)

The UP English Language Test (UPELT) has been developed to provide prospective students with an opportunity to quickly obtain an English language score prior to enrolment into a programme of their choice.

The test is facilitated online by highly qualified and experienced staff. It consists of computer-based, hand-written, and examiner-led tasks. Test description and instructions for test preparation are made available to all prospective candidates in advance, and a practice test is provided. Measures are taken to ensure the integrity of the test.



The UPELT is facilitated every Wednesday afternoon (12pm NZ Standard Time). Bookings can be arranged through the UP Admissions Team, admissions@up.education.

One day before the test, candidates will be sent:

- information about the UPELT and technical requirements
- the test security procedure
- instructions on how to set up the room and desk for the test
- demonstration of how to use two devices with cameras during the test
- login instructions
- a practice test
- a Microsoft Teams link for joining the test

UPELT Test Summary

Part	Tasks	Time (Online)
Reading	3 short passages (approx. 300-400 words each) from: • a textbook chapter or report • an academic article or essay • an academic abstract	45 minutes
Listening	2 tracks: • a conversation in an academic setting • a part of a lecture	20 minutes (Plus time to record answers)
Writing	1 essay, 220-250 words • problem and solution • cause and effect • advantage and disadvantages • compare and contrast	40 minutes (Plus time to upload the essay)
Speaking	2 tasks led by an examiner: • a conversation on familiar topics • a discussion of a topical issue	10 minutes (Plus time for preparation)



Accommodation Fees

Homestay	NZD
Homestay Placement fee <i>(one-off)*</i>	\$350
Homestay Replacement fee <i>(one-off)**</i>	\$350
Standard Homestay - Full board****	\$440/week
Designated caregiver (DCG) - Under 18 only	NZD
DCG Assessment fee	\$350
DCG Reassessment fee <i>(change DCG)+</i>	\$250
Under 18 accommodation guarantee and service fees^	NZD
Per year	\$1,000
Per term	\$250
Additional fees	NZD
Urgent Booking fee – Full board <i>(one off)</i> <i>applicable for bookings received within 7 days of arrival</i>	\$440
Short-stay <i>(less than 1 week)</i> / Emergency homestay - Full board	\$130/night
Homestay Retainer^^^	\$250/week

Please note that Accommodation Placement Fee, Designated Caregiver Assessment Fee or Airport pick up fee are non-refundable once the arrangement is confirmed.

Airport pick-up	NZD
Airport transfer <i>(Pick-up/drop-off) (One way per person)</i>	\$150
Airport transfer - no show	\$80
Transfer of additional passenger	\$80
Transfer of additional luggage/oversized luggage	\$30/item
Airport check-in assistant and transfer for Under 18 learners	\$50

Insurance

Studentsafe Inbound	NZD
Medical and travel insurance (12 months)#	\$925

*If UP Education coordinates student accommodation.

**Fee charged when student requests a change of homestay for reasons deemed unacceptable, or if student frequently changes homestays (fee charged at discretion of the Accommodation team).

***Full-board – 3 meals a day are provided

+Fee charged when change to a new Designated Caregiver

^Allows for homestays for students under 18 to be checked once per term to ensure the Education Code of Practice requirements are being met.

^^Fee applies when students go away for more than seven days (6 nights) and want to keep the Homestay room.

#International students must have comprehensive medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand. Enrolled international students will be charged Allianz’s Studentsafe Inbound University insurance premium when enrolment is completed. The final cost of insurance will depend on the length of requested insurance cover period.

How to Apply

Visit Enroller, our online enrolment portal, where you will be able to set up your account and manage the entire enrolment process from application through to arrival.

> internationalcollege.ac.nz/enroller



1. Application

Create a secure account and complete the application form with the guidance of a step-by-step process. Ensure that you have the following documents ready to be uploaded:

- **Certified copy of your passport***
- **Copy of your most recent school reports or other qualifications**
- **Evidence of achieving the minimum English proficiency requirement**

*Your identity document will have to be certified or verified by an approved person before you can submit it online. For more information, please visit auckland.ac.nz/en/study/applications-and-admissions/how-to-apply/supporting-documents/certifying-copies-of-yourdocuments-for-admissions.html

2. Accept the offer

Once your application has been received and assessed, you will:

- Receive an offer letter for the Foundation programme.
- Be able to review and update the required documents up until accepting the offer.

Once conditions of entry have been met, you will receive:

- An unconditional offer letter for the Foundation programme
- A conditional offer for your degree
- Details on how to create your student account with the University

3. Payment

- Sign into **Student Services Online**. Click on the **Fees and Payments** icon to open the **Account Summary** page.
- Click **Pay by Flywire-International** tab and enter the total amount, on the Fees Estimate of your offer letter, in the Payment Amount (NZ Dollars) field, you may need to **Unblock your Pop-ups** in order to **Transfer to pay by Flywire** so that Flywire site can open in a new window.
- Click the **Transfer to pay by Flywire** icon and follow the on-screen instructions to complete your payment. You can visit Flywire fees payment method for international students for more information. At the same time as you receive your unconditional (firm) offer from the University, you will also receive an invoice and payment instructions for the UP Education application fee.
- You should also pay the relevant application fee to UP Education directly through Flywire. Please go to upic.flywire.com. If you need help with your payment, go to flywire.com/support. The fees to pay UP Education directly will be: Application Fee/IELTS Test fee (if applicable)/ Airport Pick Up Fee (if applicable)/ Accommodation fees (if applicable).

4. Visa application

Apply for your student visa online at immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa

5. Enrolment

Once your payment is received, you will receive an email from admissions@up.education with your confirmation letter.

Please pay attention on your email inbox, including spam and trash box for emails from admissions@up.education, they include important information such as orientation schedules, subject selection link and deadline. Read the emails carefully and reply to their emails with requested information to complete your enrolment process.

If you have any questions about the application process, contact the Administrative Service Support Team at learnersuccess@up.education

Key contact details

Student Support and Services

(Academic, Personal, and Pre-arrival Advice on

Student Visa and Insurance)

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Useful QR codes

More information about the Pathways Link Programme

(English)

<https://www.internationalcollege.ac.nz/pathways-link/>



(Chinese)

<https://cn.internationalcollege.ac.nz/pathways-link/>



Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

UP Education, and its schools, is a signatory to The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021. Published by the New Zealand Ministry of Education and administered by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), the Code is designed to ensure international students are well informed, safe and properly cared for. Visit: nzqa.govt.nz/the-code

UP Education partners with leading universities in New Zealand and Australia to provide learning pathways to international students, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to excel at English-language universities.

Every effort was made to present accurate information in this publication at the time of printing. (28 October 2025)

UP Education reserves the right to change information without notice where this is considered necessary or desirable.

EDUCATION

