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PROSPECTUS

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Te Pūkenga

Nau mai haere mai ki Te Pūkenga Welcome to Te Pūkenga

Te Pūkenga is building a national network of integrated learning in Aotearoa New Zealand that better meets the needs of learners, their whānau, employers and the community.

By bringing together on-the-job, on campus and online learning, Te Pūkenga is creating a network that gives learners more choices and flexibility in what, where and how they learn.

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TE AHO A MAUI

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University College of Learning

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Te Whare Wānanga o Manukau

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Polytechnic
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Te Whare Wānanga o te Awakairangi

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Te Whare Wānanga o Te Kaitiaki

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Please note our programmes of study are currently under review as part of the reform of vocational education training. The objective is to provide one programme for Te Pūkenga that is portable, consistent, and more closely aligned with the needs of industry. As the review is ongoing, this prospectus is correct at the time of publishing but the courses outlined may change over time.



Kia ora huihui mai tātou.

It's my pleasure to be able to provide an introduction in this 2023 prospectus and welcome you to Te Pūkenga, nei te reo rāhiri e rere atu ana – nau piki mai, nau kake mai ki Te Pūkenga.

In 2020, the government reviewed the vocational education system in Aotearoa New Zealand and made some significant changes for how it would work in the future.

One of those changes was the creation of Te Pūkenga, New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology. The change meant that all of the country's Kura Tini, Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics such as Open Polytechnic as well as some of the country's Industry Training Organisations which focus on work-based learning such as apprenticeships, will now sit within one organisation – Te Pūkenga.

By bringing these organisations together, it means we can create a national network of on-the-job, on campus and online learning opportunities that give learners more choice and flexibility in what, where and how they learn throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

For those of you thinking of enrolling with Open Polytechnic for study in 2023, this means you are going to be enrolling with a national organisation and you will receive a qualification from Aotearoa New Zealand's largest education provider, Te Pūkenga.

You'll still be able to study by distance learning but you'll have the additional benefits that come from being part of a national network – such as more support, more study options and increased ability to switch between different types of learning if your circumstances change.

A national network means we can plan better for the future needs of Aotearoa. We want to make sure that when you enrol in a programme, you are gaining skills that are needed by Aotearoa and around the world – giving you more job security and ultimately increasing your opportunities for success.

Our transformation is a journey that will take time but one thing is clear, everything we do is centred around our learners and their whānau. We have a relentless focus of equity and we're setting the foundations to deliver to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles, and most importantly to the aspirations of Māori learners, their whānau, and iwi/hapū.

Throughout this prospectus you may notice that a number of programmes are changing.

We are unifying programmes to make sure they are consistent across the country. This means if your circumstances change, you'll be able to continue with your study rather than having to start again. It's just one of the ways we are working to make learning fit around life, rather than making life fit around learning.

Whether you're looking to continue with your study or try something fresh, we look forward to you joining Te Pūkenga whānau and being part of this transformational journey with us.

Mā te kimi ka kite. Mā te kite ka mōhio. Mā te mōhio ka mārama - Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and the world of light is yours to behold.

If you have any questions or want to find out more about Te Pūkenga, visit our website tepukenga.ac.nz or email us at info@tepukenga.ac.nz – we'd love to hear from you.

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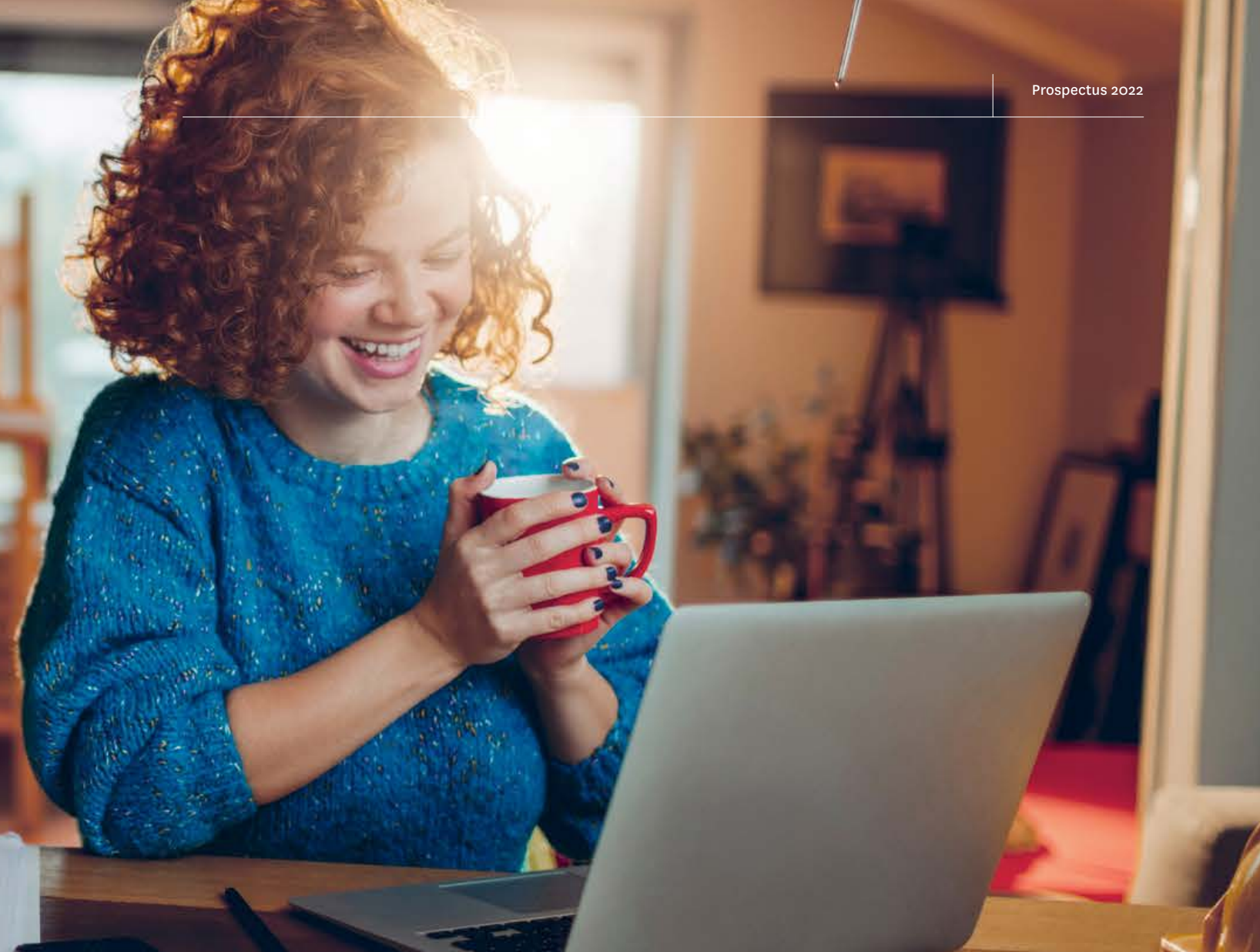
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Discover your possibilities

with Open Polytechnic



95%

of learners report their study is valuable to their current job.*



3,635

diplomas, certificates and degrees were awarded throughout 2020.*



*Annual report 2020

A New Zealand that's continually learning to succeed

Open Polytechnic is New Zealand's leading distance and online learning provider. Our organisation was created to ensure adult learners could gain the skills needed for their current or future career, without having to attend full-time study at a physical campus.

Around 30,000 learners each year take advantage of the flexibility of distance and online learning to gain the skills they need to progress in their jobs and careers. We are one of the largest educators of the current workforce and our graduates can be found in every major workplace throughout the country.

With distance learning you can make study fit with your needs. We give you the flexibility to develop a study routine that works with the rest of your life, so you can fit study around work, family, sport or community commitments.



As an Open Polytechnic learner

Studying by distance learning doesn't mean you'll be on your own. We'll be with you every step of the way to support, mentor and assist you with your studies and study planning.

Our qualifications

We offer over 100 qualifications and around 1000 courses. We work with industry to develop most of our programmes and courses, ensuring the skills and knowledge you gain are as relevant to your field as possible.

All our qualifications meet rigorous and transparent quality standards. They have been approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

Our range of qualifications allows learners to staircase from certificate to diploma and degree level. They include technical and vocational training through to higher professional and continuing education.

Like face-to-face study, distance learning courses have start and end dates, and work to get through in between. So, you'll need discipline and motivation to do the work and complete your assignments on time. The benefit is you decide on your timetable. It's up to you to work out when and where you study, how much to take on, and how to divide up your study time.



learners have access to anywhere, anytime learning.*

Kia ora, welcome

Whether you want to learn new skills to help you in your current career, or to change careers, Open Polytechnic has a range of qualifications that will help you achieve your goals.

We are an international leader in the field of flexible distance learning. Over our 70-year history we have helped learners throughout New Zealand and overseas gain qualifications that are highly valued by employers from a wide variety of industries.

We know the commitment it takes to fit study around work and family commitments. If you enrol with Open Polytechnic you will have access to a wide range of support services that are designed to help you learn, when and where it suits you.

All the best with your studies.

Dr Caroline Seelig
Chief Executive



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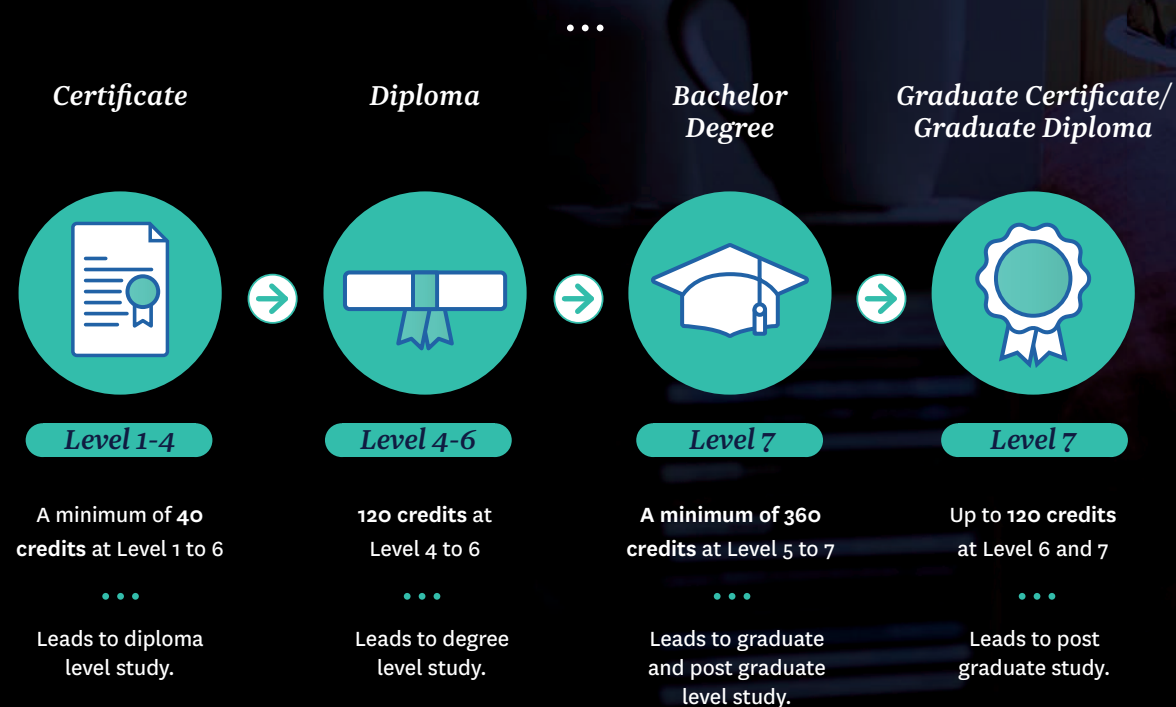
Start your journey

Your pathway

We have qualifications ranging from certificate to degree and graduate diploma level to suit you at different stages of your life and career. Some of our qualifications also credit into higher level ones so that you can achieve your goals as stepping stones along the way.

If you need to top up your skills before entering higher level tertiary study, check out our Certificate in Study and Career Preparation and Certificate in Foundation Skills.

We also offer course only options to help you boost your study or professional skills.



Open Courses

You can enrol in and start open courses throughout the year, as they start on the first Monday of each month.

Trimester Courses



Most trimester-based courses start at the same time, but some do have different start dates.

Visit our website for more information and key dates.

Education

Early Childhood Education

- New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care | Level 3
- New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care | Level 4
- New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care | Level 5
- Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) | Level 7

Education

- New Zealand Certificate in Education Support | Level 4
- New Zealand Certificate in Assessment Practice | Level 4
- New Zealand Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Teaching | Level 5
- New Zealand Certificate in Adult Literacy and Numeracy Education (Vocational/Workplace) | Level 5
- New Zealand Certificate in Education Technology (Advanced Practitioner) | Level 6

“I wanted something where I could work at the same time and studying with Open Polytech enabled that. I thought I was going to fail because it’s online, and I’m a face to face person that likes discussion, debate, and being able to ask questions. But it did work for me.”

ANEHERA OTIMI

BACHELOR OF TEACHING (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)



“Start with what you’re capable of then see how that works for you. You can build on it one step at a time. It depends on your circumstances but I truly believe if you start small and dream big it will happen.”

KILISI PALU

NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (LEVEL 5)



“I’m really over the moon that I’ve completed this certificate. It gives me a bit of mana. I have learnt the importance of caring for my learners, identifying and respecting their individual needs and privacy.”

ARIANO (ARI) TOVIO

NEW ZEALAND CERTIFICATE IN ADULT AND TERTIARY TEACHING



“If someone had said to me ‘do you think this early childhood degree is everything you thought it would be?’ I would say that it’s actually much more.”

JULIETTE BROOMHALL

BACHELOR OF TEACHING (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)



Early Childhood Education

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3)

Code → NZ2849 Level → 3 Credits → 60

If you are interested in working with infants, toddlers or young children the New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) may be right for you. If you have NCEA Level 1 or equivalent this is a great way to start your ECE career. You will study three courses and volunteer or work in a licensed ECE service for four hours a week.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for an entry level role as a nanny, home-based educator, an early childhood centre educator or a kaiwhina in a Māori immersion setting if you speak Māori.

	Structure: 3 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4)

Code → NZ2850 Level → 4 Credits → 60

If you have experience in the care and education of young children, this programme will enable you to gain formal recognition for your skills and progress your ECE career. You will learn how to educate and care for infants and young children in home-based settings, education and care centres and playgroups within New Zealand. You will also need to volunteer or work within a licenced Early Childhood Education service for three hours per week.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career as a homebased educator or as an educator working alongside registered teachers in early childhood education centres. You may also find employment as a nanny, an educator in hospital-based services, as a certificated playgroup coordinator, in puna reo, if you speak Māori, or in other language immersion settings if you are a speaker of another language.

	Structure: 3 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate

New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5)

Code → NZ2851 Level → 5 Credits → 120

If you are interested in working with infants, toddlers or young children, the New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) may be right for you. The programme is offered nationwide which means you can study with us from wherever you are in New Zealand. This is a great way to build an early childhood career and will set you up well for further study towards an early childhood teaching degree. You do not need to work in an early childhood service while studying although this will be helpful and is recommended.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this qualification will have the skills and knowledge to work as early childhood educators in a range of early childhood contexts, such as centre-based, hospital-based (play specialist assistant), home-based, nanny, parent-led, or culturally-based contexts including Pasifika or Māori.

	Structure: 8 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Diploma

Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)

Code → OP7030 Level → 7 Credits → 360

The Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) will equip ākonga with a recognised, flexible and applied teaching qualification in the early childhood education context. Practical courses connect theory with practice and are strongly aligned with sector needs to ensure work-ready graduates equipped with skills and knowledge required for ECE teaching positions or for further study at postgraduate level.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career as an early childhood teacher within a range of ECE settings including, kindergartens, education and care centres, teacher-led home-based care agencies, and puna reo or other language immersion settings. Graduates of the programme are eligible to apply to the Teaching Council Aotearoa for Teacher Registration.

	Structure: 24 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Bachelor's Degree



Education

New Zealand Certificate in Education Support (Level 4)

Code → NZ2761 Level → 4 Credits → 40

You can play an important role in young learners’ lives by supporting them during their education. As part of the programme you will volunteer or work in an education setting for five hours per week. You will be responsible for assisting teachers by helping learners with their learning programme and other needs. If you are currently working as a teacher aide, learning assistant, or providing education support, this programme is a great way to gain formal recognition and new skills that you can apply straight to your job.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career supporting learners across the early childhood, school and community education sectors.

	Structure: 2 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate

New Zealand Certificate in Assessment Practice (Level 4)

Code → NZ2752 Level → 4 Credits → 40

If you need to assess learners against standards in a workplace or academic setting, this qualification will build your knowledge and skills. You will become proficient at preparing learners for assessment, assessing learners on the job and providing feedback about their performance.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career as an assessor in industry.

	Structure: 2 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate

New Zealand Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Teaching (Level 5)

Code → NZ2993 Level → 5 Credits → 60

If you’re employed as an adult educator in an academic or workplace setting, this base qualification will build on your knowledge and skills so that you become proficient in your field of work and can promote equitable outcomes for adult learners.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career in adult and vocational tertiary teaching and training.

	Structure: 3 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate

New Zealand Certificate in Adult Literacy and Numeracy Education (Vocational/ Workplace) (Level 5)

Code → NZ2754 Level → 5 Credits → 40

Play an important part in the future of education in New Zealand by helping adult learners to learn essential skills in literacy and numeracy. If you are an educator or workplace tutor working with foundation learners supporting their development with Literacy and Numeracy skills this programme will provide you with the skills you need. You will build on your existing adult education knowledge and skills, be able to relate better to your learners and learn strategies to help them achieve.

Career opportunities

When you complete this programme, you will have the skills and knowledge for roles such as vocational, workplace or a community educator. You will have the ability to embed literacy and numeracy within a programme. You could work with youth or adult learners in a range of tertiary settings including a community organisation, a workplace setting, a PTE or a polytechnic.

	Structure: 2 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate

New Zealand Certificate in Education Technology (Advanced Practitioner) (Level 6)

Code → NZ2748 Level → 6 Credits → 60

This programme is ideal if you work in education and training and would like to learn how to incorporate educational technologies into your existing practice. You will learn about leading and training staff to use educational technologies to enable quality learning. By the end of this programme you will be a lead practitioner who will be able to guide staff who work alongside you.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for the current challenge of incorporating educational technology into your teaching practice. It will also prepare you to be a leading practitioner in the area of educational technology use.

	Structure: 3 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Certificate



Bachelor of Teaching (ECE)
Sian Brennan

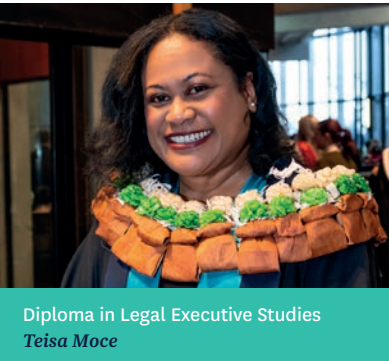
Celebrating 2021 learner success

Each year we hold graduation ceremonies in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch to celebrate our graduates’ study success with their family, friends and fellow learners.

This is a great opportunity for us to meet graduates in person before they embark on their new journeys, be it a new career, further study, or to take their existing career to a new level.

If you’re planning on studying towards a diploma, degree or graduate diploma, we look forward to celebrating your success at graduation.

If you or your family are unable to attend a ceremony, you can still tune in via online live streaming on our website.



Diploma in Legal Executive Studies
Teisa Moce



Graduate Diploma in Strategic Management | Audrey Govender



Bachelor of Social Work
Idah Koudayah



Bachelor of Arts Library and Information Studies graduates
Amy Luxton-Esler, Elisabeth Tobler and Debra Airey.



Bachelor of Social Health and Wellbeing | Nyashadzaish Danha



New Zealand Diploma in Library and Information Studies (Level 5) | Vita Lods



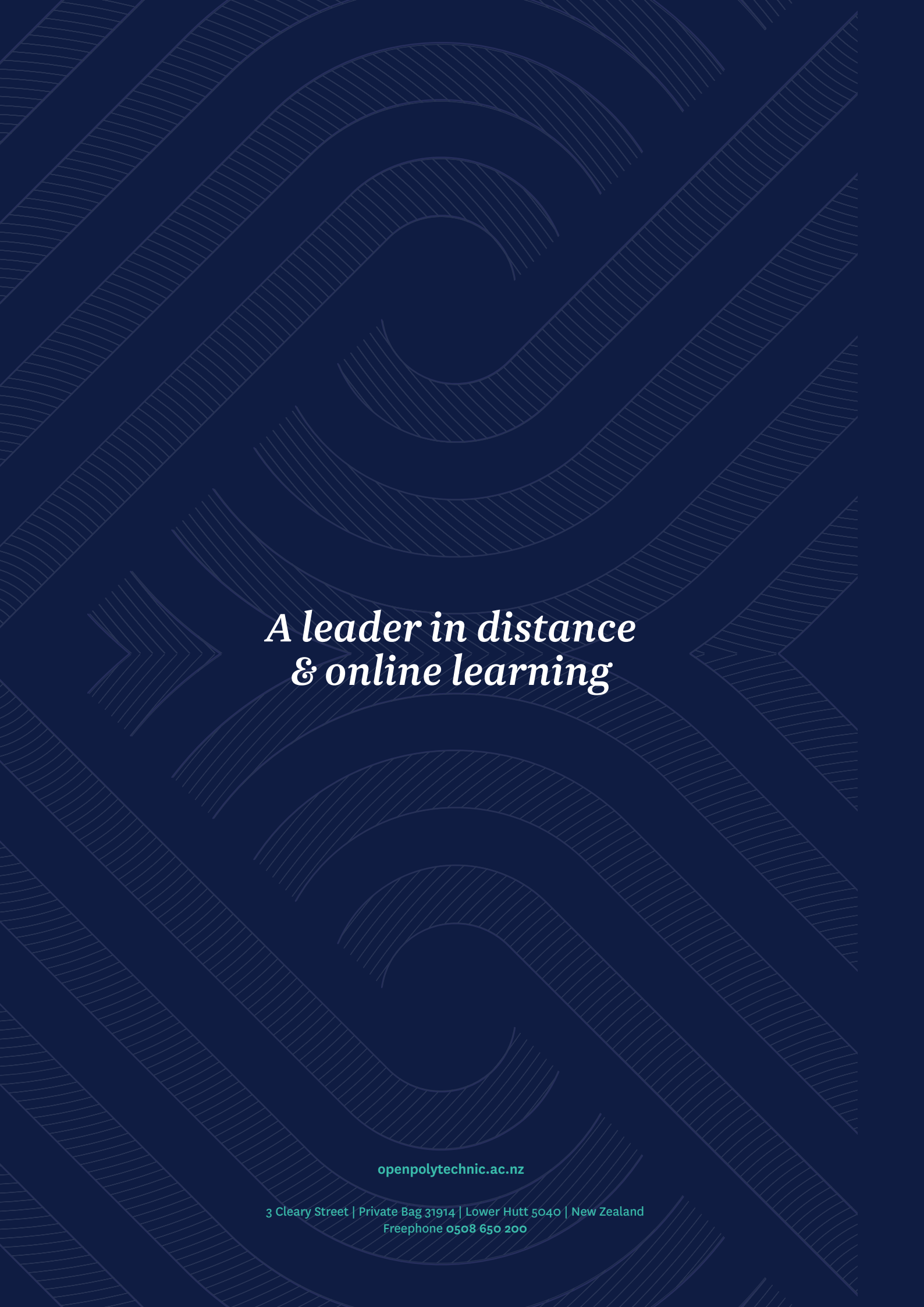
Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) graduates
Rhiannan Dalton, Morgan Ibbertson and Anthya Poumale.



Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) graduates
Felicity Bowater and Kacie Warren



Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) | Bianca Allan



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