

Environment,

Horticulture and

Agriculture

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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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EASTERN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
TE AHO A MAUI

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Te Pae Mātauranga ki te Ao
University College of Learning

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Te Whare Wānanga o Manukau

Tai Poutini
Polytechnic
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Te Whare Wānanga o te Awakairangi

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Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

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Te Pūkenga

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Te Whare Wānanga o Te Pūkenga

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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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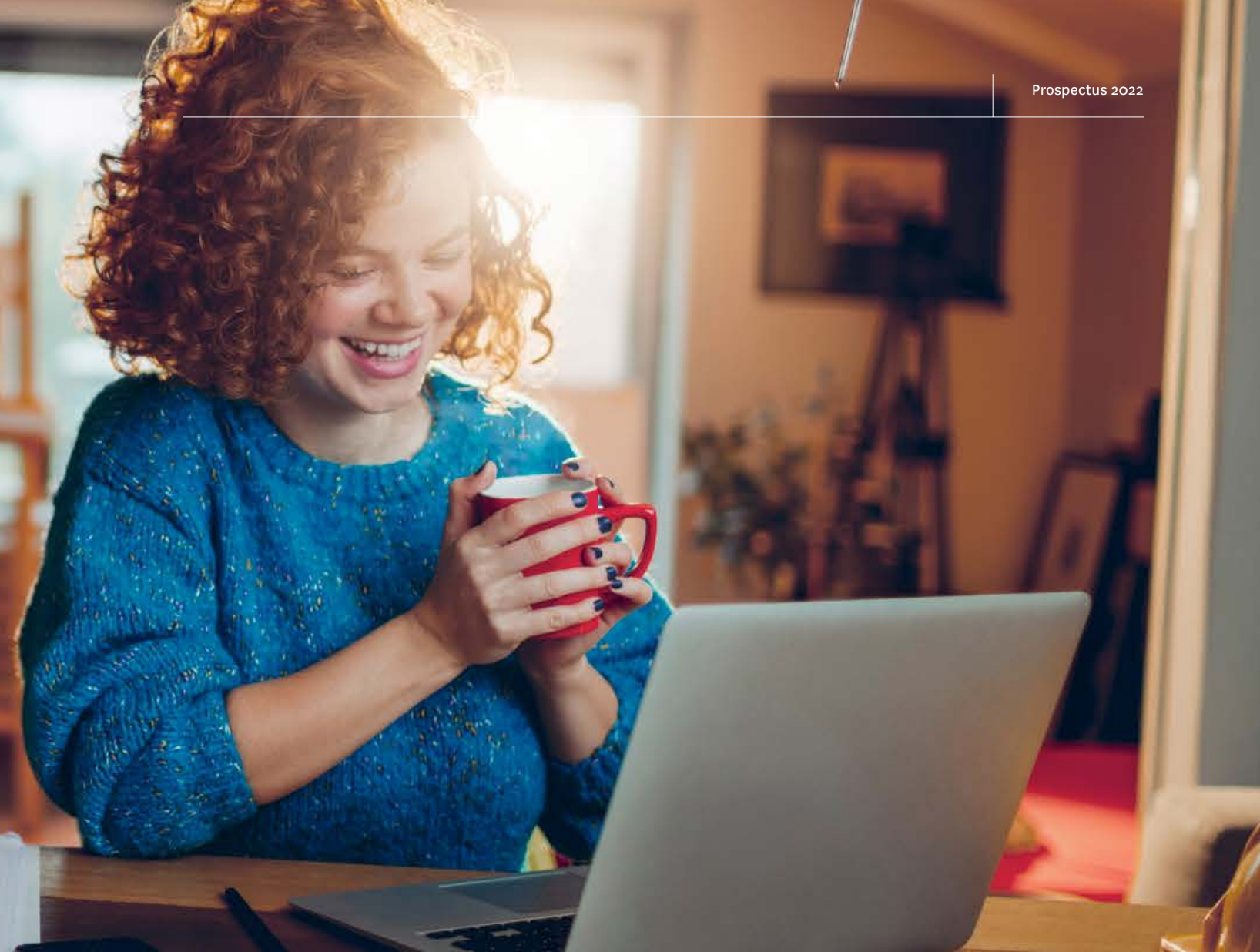
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Discover your possibilities

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.



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



learners have access to anywhere, anytime learning.*



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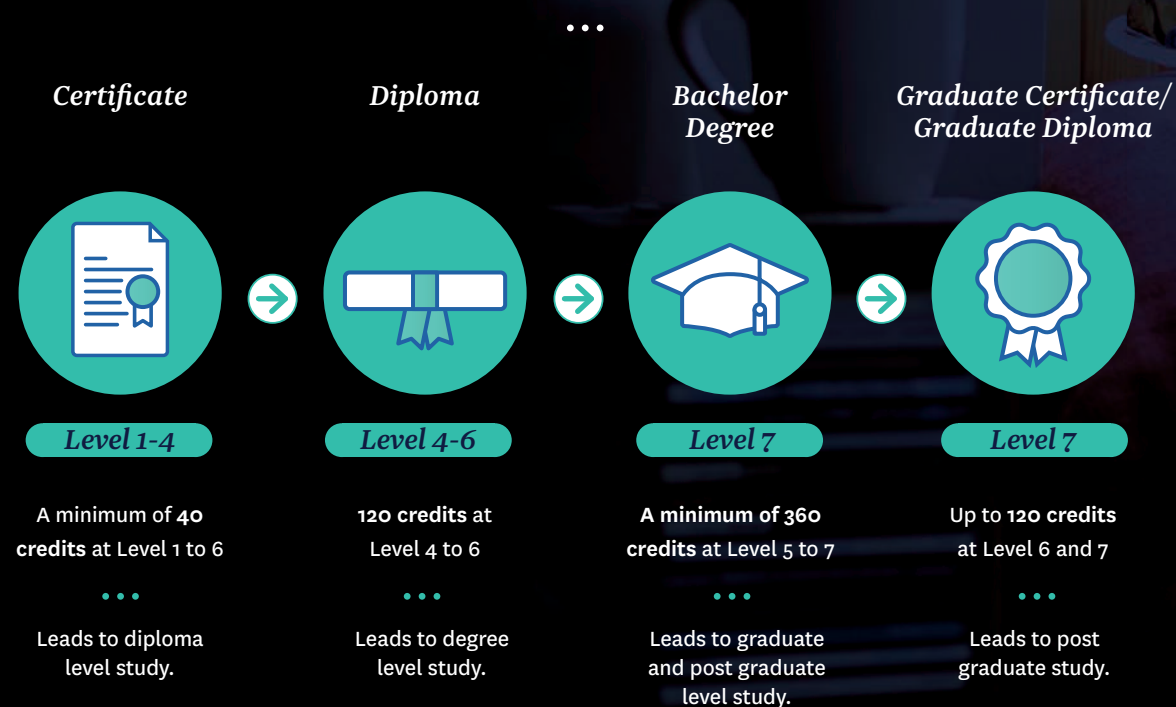
Start your journey

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.

Environment, Horticulture and Agriculture

Animal Care

- New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Companion Animals) | Level 3
- New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Lifestyle Block Animals) | Level 3

Environment

- Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication and Environment) | Level 7
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Environment) | Level 7

Floristry

- New Zealand Certificate in Floristry | Level 2

Horticulture

- New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (General) | Level 3
- New Zealand Certificate in Organic Primary Production | Level 3

Sustainable Management

- Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Management | Level 7
- Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Management | Level 7

“I would recommend doing a degree to anyone. It opens up your world. I think anyone can surprise themselves... It was great to interact with students to strike up a rapport. When I moved from one forum to another, a student remembered me! It was really cool that you could pick up that relationship later on. I found the lecturers brilliant on the whole, and the course work was well laid out.”

FAYE RICHARDS
BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE (ENVIRONMENT)



“The courses allowed me to up-skill in areas I haven't studied in before and to get a foot in the door in an industry that I wanted to be a part of. It helped me build on the skills that I already had from previous study and apply them in a much more practical and useful way.”

ELIZABETH JOHNSON
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT (LEVEL 7)



Animal Care

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Companion Animals) (Level 3)

Code → NZ248703 Level → 3 Credits → 70

Kick start your career in Animal Care with the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Companion Animals) (Level 3). This programme will equip you with the necessary skills, knowledge, and attributes to maintain the welfare of animals in the companion animal sector. You'll study two core courses and three specialised courses in the Companion Animal strand. As a graduate you will have the skills to work in a range of organisations associated with the care of companion animals.

Career opportunities

Graduates will have the skills, knowledge, and attributes to be employed in a range of workplaces associated with the care of companion animals. This may include people working as assistants in pet stores, animal rescue centres, pet grooming, animal day care, greyhound racing kennels, animal breeders, animal training, or boarding facilities.

	Structure: 5 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Lifestyle Block Animals) (Level 4)

Code → NZ248704 Level → 3 Credits → 70

Kick start your career in Animal Care with the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Lifestyle Block Animals) (Level 3). This programme will equip you with the necessary skills, knowledge, and attributes to maintain the welfare of animals in the lifestyle block animal sector. You'll study two core courses and three specialised courses in the Lifestyle Block Animals strand. As a graduate you will have the skills to be employed in a range of businesses associated with the care of lifestyle block animals.

Career opportunities

Graduates will have the skills, knowledge, and attributes to be employed in a range of businesses associated with the care of lifestyle block animals. This may include people working as assistants for animal rescue centres, animal sanctuaries, animal breeders, animal training, boarding facilities, lifestyle block services or recreation facilities (petting farms, etc.). They may also be (or be planning to be) lifestyle block owners.

	Structure: 5 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate





Environment

Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication and Environment)

Code → OP701007 Level → 7 Credits → 400

If you're passionate about the environment, a Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication and Environment) will help you make a difference. This double major will give you the strategic understanding and communication skills needed to analyse and report on environmental issues in both the private and public sectors.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for roles in resource management, policy analysis, planning, research management, corporate communication, consultancy, environmental education, auditing and advocacy.

	Structure: 20 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor of Applied Science (Environment)

Code → OP701003 Level → 7 Credits → 360

Are you passionate about the environment and want to help protect it for future generations? You can make a real difference in the world with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environment). Whether you want to update your skills or take your first steps in caring for the environment, our range of environment qualifications will help you.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career in central or local government, public and private organisations, working in planning, resource and environmental management, research, consultancy or environmental education.

	Structure: 18 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Bachelor's Degree



Floristry

New Zealand Certificate in Floristry (Level 2)

Code → NZ2671 Level → 2 Credits → 60

The New Zealand Certificate in Floristry (Level 2) will provide you with the skills and knowledge to gain a qualification that recognises your skills and provides entry into a training and career pathway in the floristry industry.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career as a beginner florist in floristry retail outlets. With further work experience and study, graduates may gain employment as Intermediate Florists in floristry retail outlets.

	Structure: 3 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate



Horticulture

New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (General) (Level 3)

Code → NZ2677 Level → 3 Credits → 60

The New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (General) (Level 3) is the first of a new generation of horticulture courses that can help you grow food for the family, design a garden you will be proud of or set you on a pathway to careers in the horticulture sectors. This is the qualification perfectly designed whether you simply enjoy gardening, are already working in the industry or seeking a horticulture role, this certificate is sure to grow your knowledge and skills.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career across all sectors of the horticulture industry such as plant nurseries, orchards, garden centres or parks and reserves.

	Structure: 4 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate



Sustainable Management

Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Management (Level 7)

Code → OP7213 Level → 7 Credits → 60

This graduate certificate will help you advance your career by giving you practical skills in environmental law and management. You'll learn how to analyse environmental issues and find out how environmental management assists with sustainability. This graduate certificate is also a stepping stone to the Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Management (Level 7), which will enable you to complete a research project in an environmental area of your interest.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career as a policy analyst, resource manager or environmental educator in central or local Government, public interest groups or private sector organisations.

	Structure: 3 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Certificate

New Zealand Certificate in Organic Primary Production (Level 3)

Code → NZ2680 Level → 3 Credits → 50

This qualification will help further develop your skills and knowledge in organic primary production. This online programme is right for you whether you are seeking a role in the organic primary production sector, looking to gain recognition of your skills, looking to change career or are a home gardener or lifestyle block owner looking to incorporate holistic organic practices in your produce production.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career employed or self-employed as an organic orchard worker, organic vineyard worker, organic greenhouse worker, organic crop worker, organic nursery worker, organic farm assistant/ worker, organic pastoral farm worker, organic arable farm worker, Mahinga Kai assistant/worker.

	Structure: 3 courses
	Study type: Open
	Qualification: Certificate

Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Management (Level 7)

Code → OP7214 Level → 7 Credits → 120

Gain an advanced knowledge of environmental policy and management with the Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Management (Level 7). Once you've achieved this qualification, you will have the skills necessary to plan and conduct activities and programmes in a variety of environmental work streams. You will also have the ability to communicate complex environmental ideas and information in a professional way.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career in central or local government as a planner or enforcement officer, working with public interest groups, iwi and rūnanga resource managers and in environmental management positions in the private sector.

	Structure: 5 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Diploma



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



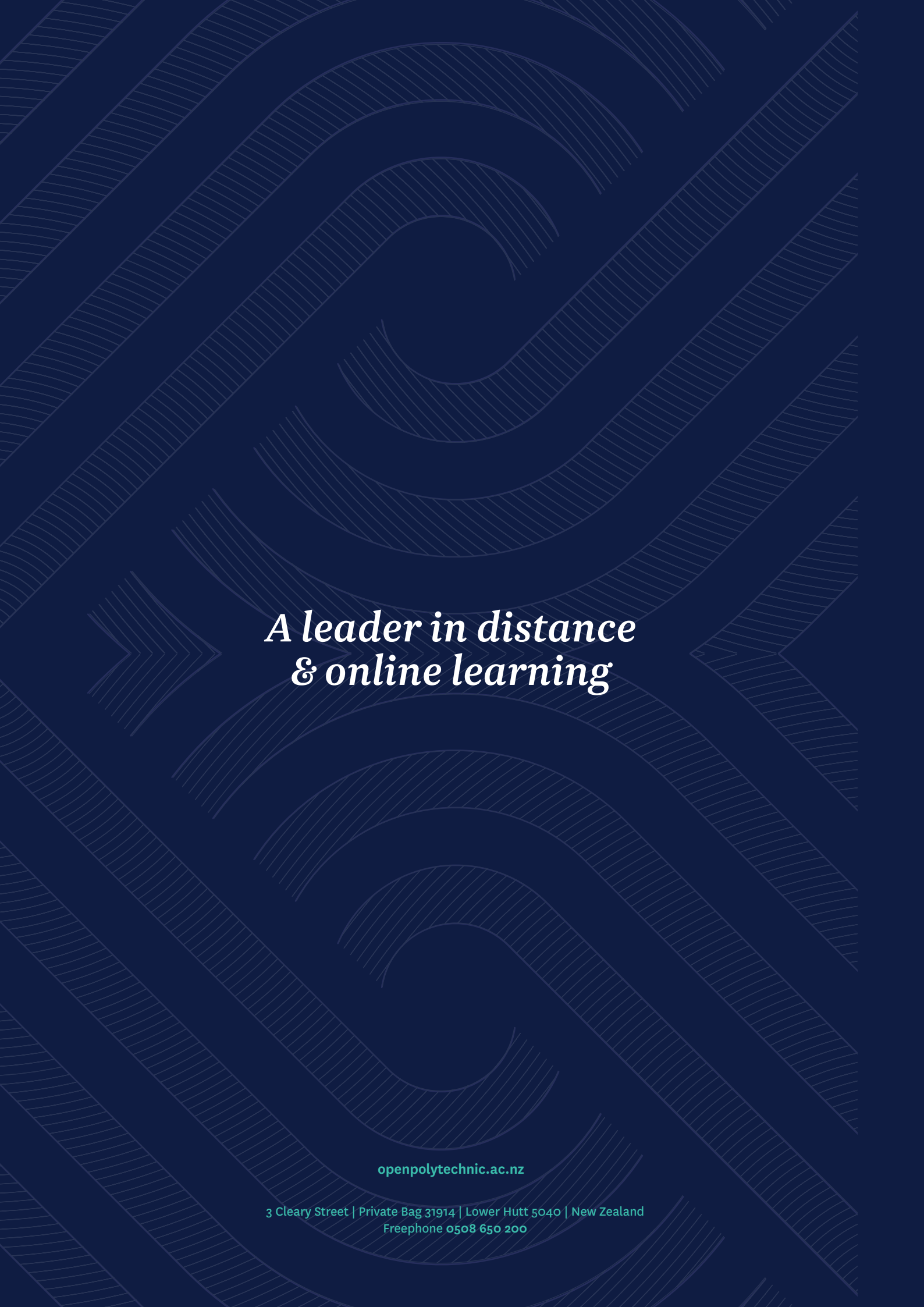
Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) graduates
Rhiannan Dalton, Morgan Ibbertson and Anthya Poumale.



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



Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) | Bianca Allan



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