

# OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM

University Attended: University of Auckland

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## INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

'O-week' was the first week of the semester and involved some talks for international and exchange students aimed at getting you accustomed to the uni. Had a Maori cultural performance too! There's also events organised by the international office to help you meet other exchange students.

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

I personally really liked the academic style here, especially in the business school. The courses are designed to give you more of a practical and often entrepreneurial understanding of management rather than just heavy theory. Much the same as in Manchester the assessment is mixed coursework and a final exam. However you only have to take 4 courses a semester and so exam time can feel a little nicer than in Manchester. Also a big benefit here, is that you can choose all your courses from a variety of specialisms, which allows a lot of freedom in terms of timetables (this semester I'm in 9hrs a week).

I took two 1<sup>st</sup> year 'cultural' papers, which I'd thoroughly recommend doing as it gives you a break from the business courses.

## MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Fantastic help when needed. Plenty of reassuring e-mails after some very unforeseen natural disasters.

## MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

N/A

## HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Brilliant set-up for assistance in anything from course choices to settling in etc. Offer buddy system like Manchester's mentoring scheme.

## INSURANCE, HEALTH COVER

It's compulsory by law to get the StudentSafe policy, around NZ\$550 for the year.

## INFORMATION ON ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS

N/A

## ACCOMMODATION

In my first semester I stayed in Number 14 Whitaker flats, which is university run flats much like any of the self-catering halls in Manchester. Nice enough building and facilities (accommodates around 100 people in flats no bigger than 5). I really enjoyed my time there and have met some really good friends. This semester it's about \$202 per week inc. bills. There's a brilliant social atmosphere, with most of the residents being exchange students (a lot of Auckland students live at home). Also heard very good things about International House too. Had some friends stay in Huia, which is the cheapest, but not recommended.

In my second semester I'm living in a shared house, as I'm now living with my girlfriend. Otherwise I'd probably be staying in halls. I'm renting a room in a really nice house in One Tree Hill (30min cycle to uni) for \$220 per week inc. bills for both me and my girlfriend, so a lot cheaper than halls.

### **DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE**

There's plenty of travelling to be done in New Zealand, I've just come back from an awesome 3 month road trip round the south island. So much to see, absolutely beautiful country. Also a great opportunity to get to some of the pacific islands!

There's a lot of clubs to join and I've been a member of the rock climbing club, the canoe club and now I'm learning to SCUBA dive with the underwater club. Through clubs and living in halls I've met so many awesome people, mostly international rather than kiwi but Auckland is such a diverse city.

Transport around Auckland can be a little peculiar, but can't say I've used the buses/trains that often. Buses go all round the country for pretty cheap but best way to travel is to buy a car or rent one with friends for the weekend.

It's been a fantastic year abroad and would definitely recommend it.

### **DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD**

An absolutely awesome experience and a brilliant opportunity to really experience New Zealand.