



“Kia Ita helped me to develop an unbreakable bond with a group of like-minded rangatahi. We honestly love each other and are fully invested in supporting one another along our university journey. So yes, Kia Ita most definitely helped me transition to university, by enabling me to find a whānau here in Dunedin.”

“Kia Ita exceeded beyond my expectations. I don't have as much of 'imposter syndrome' heading into lectures now. One of the greatest things is that the Kia Ita programme catered to many different areas I never knew would be so important in University life – including the role of Māori (cultural involvement) in the education system, learning about being a bystander (safety on a night out), study skills, mindfulness, well-being, Māoritanga and at the same time attending / engaging in lectures.”



Kia Ita

University preparation programme

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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Whītikiria te aka o Tāwhaki, kia mau, kia ita! **Hold fast to the infinite power of Tāwhaki!**

**Kai kā raketira nō kā tōpito katoa o te motu,
tauti mai rā ki te whare wānaka o Ōtākou.
Welcome to the University of Otago!**

What is Kia Ita?

Kia Ita is a free university preparation programme offered to Māori students before the beginning of their first year of study.

What's in it for you?

You will:

- learn degree-level study skills and habits
- get to know what university is about and how it works
- learn your way around the Otago campus
- make new friends
- get to know university staff, facilities and support systems.

What should I expect from Kia Ita?

Kia Ita is a mix of lectures, workshops and social activities designed to help you hit the ground running. You should expect to learn new skills to kick-start your university journey, and be inspired, valued and welcomed here on campus. You will meet our amazing Māori staff who will be there to support you every step of the way. And you will do it with other like-minded students.

Waiting for University Entrance (UE)?

If you are awaiting UE results in January 2022, you will need to have:

a prepared written statement

a character reference from your school to endorse your academic abilities

please note, your character referee must be contactable over the holiday period (if need be)

When and where?

Two weeks of distance learning starting early January, followed by four weeks on campus with free accommodation.

No fees
free paper

Free
accommodation

18 points
to kick-start your degree

When and where?

10–23 January 2022
Two weeks of distance learning.

24 January–18 February 2022
Four weeks on-campus
(9am–5pm Monday–Friday).

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