

## Pānui pāpāho | Media release

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## NMIT 2024 Graduation ceremonies celebrate achievement

NMIT is thrilled to honour the dedication and accomplishments of its learners at the 2024 graduation ceremonies.

This year, over 400 graduates will walk the stage in Nelson and Marlborough, supported by their whānau, friends, and kaiako (tutors) to honour their remarkable achievements. Two ceremonies will be held in Nelson to accommodate the many programme areas available.

Graduation is a moment to reflect on the journey from aspirations to accomplishment. It highlights the resilience, hard work, and determination of both learners and kaiako, who have worked together to achieve these milestones.

The ceremonies also showcase the rich cultural diversity of Te Tauihu, offering ākonga (learners) the chance to shine in their academic regalia and celebrate their unique identities.

After the ceremonies, graduates will parade through the streets, take photos in their formal academic regalia, and attend a reception hosted by the student association, SANITI.

Each ceremony will will feature a student speaker who embodies the spirit of perseverance and excellence.

In Marlborough, Jamie Howe, a Bachelor of Viticulture and Winemaking graduate and 2024 Wine Marlborough Ltd scholarship winner, will take the stage. Having just returned from the harvest season in Canada, Jamie's degree has already set her on her dream career path.

In Nelson, Brooke Connor-Wi, a Bachelor of Nursing graduate, will speak at the morning ceremony. Brooke is of Ngāti Maniapoto descent and has represented NMIT on Te

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Kaunihera o Ngā Neehi Māori – the National Council of Māori Nurses as the Māori student representative for two years.

The afternoon ceremony will feature Lily Barlow, a Bachelor of Accounting graduate. Lily was awarded the School Leavers Scholarship during her first year of study at NMIT, which she says was a life changing opportunity.

The 2024 NMIT graduation events will take place in Marlborough and Nelson as follows:

## Marlborough

Date: Tuesday, 10 December 2024

Time: 2pm

Venue: Marlborough Events Centre

Nelson

Date: Friday, 13 December 2024

Venue: Trafalgar Centre

Time: 10am and 2pm

The student processions will occur in both Nelson and Marlborough, followed by a reception at NMIT 322 Hardy Street, Nelson, and the Marlborough Events Centre.

For programme information visit <u>nmit.ac.nz/graduation</u>