



## Event backgrounder: Minister Tinetti and Minister Davis - Visit to the Auckland University of Technology School of Education

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<b>To:</b>	Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education
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### Purpose

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1. Ministers Tinetti and Davis are scheduled to visit the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) School of Education between 9.00am – 9.30am to meet with faculty and students. A tour of AUT's North Campus, where the School of Education is situated, will also be included as part of the visit.
2. This short backgrounder provides you with high-level information about AUT, including its North Campus. AUT funding information is attached as Appendix A.
3. We recommend that you release this event backgrounder in full after the visit has occurred.

### About AUT

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4. AUT was founded as Auckland Technical School in 1895, offering evening classes only. Daytime classes began in 1906 and its name was changed to Auckland Technical College. In 1913 it was renamed Seddon Memorial Technical College.
5. In the early 1960s educational reforms resulted in the separation of secondary and tertiary teaching; two educational establishments were formed; the tertiary (polytechnic) adopting the name Auckland Technical Institute (ATI) in 1963 and the secondary school continuing with the same name. For three years they co-existed on the same site, but by 1964 the secondary school had moved to a new site in Western Springs and eventually became Western Springs College.
6. In 1989, ATI became Auckland Institute of Technology (AIT), and then Auckland University of Technology (Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau) on 1 January 2000 when the polytechnic was granted university status.

7. AUT is funded to deliver provision to approximately 17,377 equivalent full-time students (EFTS) in 2022<sup>1</sup> across three campuses (North, City and South) in Auckland.

### North Campus

8. North Campus is located on grounds in Northcote, Auckland. The Faculty of Health Sciences (including the Sport and Recreation division) and School of Education share this campus.
9. AUT's main sport and fitness centre and gymnasium is located at the campus. The campus offers an early childhood centre (Akoranga Childcare Centre) and student accommodation (Akoranga Student Village). North Campus is closely linked with the nearby AUT Millennium Institute of Sport and Health.
10. AUT offers a wide range of education and teacher education qualifications through its School of Education at certificate and diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

### Ongoing restructure

11. In early September 2022, AUT announced it would review administration and support roles and a small number of courses with low enrolments. The university is proposing staff cuts that would reduce spending by \$21 million a year, with up to 230 jobs potentially at risk.
12. According to AUT the proposed staff cuts reflect not only a decline in enrolments, but also changes in the courses that students are choosing to enrol in. Programmes included in the university's proposal include degrees in Social Sciences, Conflict Resolution, Japanese Studies, and English and New Media.
13. Non-core activities under review include a drone lab, a textile design lab, and an English language school. As part of the restructure, AUT has already confirmed that its Warkworth Radio Astronomical Observatory, and an early childhood centre, will cease operating this year.



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<sup>2</sup> Data sourced from Qlik, as at 27 October 2022, My Allocations and Payments App, using the Summary sheet with filters for reporting year (2022) and TEO (7008 – Auckland University of Technology).