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Important Dates

We close for breaks and school holidays, sometimes adding travel days. Your tutor may supply further information on these breaks, if needed. Some dates in this section may be indicative only and may be subject to change. Write this information down in your diary or in a calendar app in your phone.

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2026

Please note: For assessment due dates (like portfolio entries and case studies) and dates you may be sitting assessments, please see the corresponding assessment notice.

Term 1 2026

January 2026

- 19 • First day of term 1 2026 – 2025 students continuing into 2026 start back at school
- January 2026 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy programme starts
 - Programme fees are due
 - Extra expenses are due
 - First aid certificates are due

- 26 • Last day for applications for February 2026 intake programmes from **domestic students** – if spaces remain, we will accept further applications
- Last day for **domestic students** to withdraw from the January 2026 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy programme without losing all fees

- 30 • Last day for enrolments for February 2026 intake programmes from **domestic students** – if spaces remain, we will accept further applications
- Last day for **international students** to withdraw from the January 2026 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy programme without losing all fees

February 2026

- 2 • February 2026 programmes start:
 - New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy
 - New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology
 - New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy
- For all programmes starting today:
 - Programme fees are due
 - Extra expenses are due
 - First aid certificates are due

- 5 ITEC applications for mid-year 2026 exams due

- 6 School closed – Waitangi Day

February 2026 (Continued)

- 10** • Last day for **domestic students** to withdraw from the February 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy programme without losing all fees for courses underway (please see enrolment form for these dates and other course withdrawal dates)
 - Last day for **domestic students** to withdraw from the February 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology programme without losing all fees
- 16** Last day for **international students** to withdraw from the February 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy programme without losing all fees

March 2026

- 1** Applications for all programmes starting between 1 July – 31 December 2026 open

April 2026 – Term 1 2026

- 2** Last day of term 1 2026
- 3 – 19** • Term break until 20 April 2026 – you may have assignments to complete
 - School closed during term break
- 3** Good Friday
- 6** Easter Monday
- 7** Easter Tuesday

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Term 2 2026

April 2026 (Continued)

- 20 First day of term 2 2026
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 27 School closed – ANZAC Day (observed)

May 2026

- 1 Last day for applications for July 2026 programmes from **international students**
- 8 Last day for enrolments for July 2026 programmes from **international students**

June 2026

- 1 School closed – King’s Birthday
- 19
 - July 2025 New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology last day of school
 - January 2026 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy last day of school
- 26
 - July 2025 New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy last day of school
 - Late enrolment period starts at 12 PM for **domestic students** for July 2026 programmes

July 2026 – Term 2 2026

- 2
 - Last day of February 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology students attending a full week (shift to portfolio from Term 3 2026)
- 3
 - Mid-year graduation
 - Last day of term 2 2026
- 4 - 19
 - Term break until 20 July 2026 – you may have assignments to complete
 - School closed during term break
- 10 Matariki
- 13 Last day for applications for July 2026 intake programmes from **domestic students** – if spaces remain, we will accept further applications
- 17 Last day for enrolments for July 2026 intake programmes from **domestic students** – if spaces remain, we will accept further applications

Term 3 2026

July 2026 (Continued)

- 20** • First day of term 3 2026
 - July 2026 programmes start:
 - New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy
 - New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology
 - New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy
 - For all programmes starting today:
 - Programme fees are due
 - Extra expenses are due
 - First aid certificates are due

- 27** • Last day for **domestic students** to withdraw from the July 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy programme without losing all fees for courses underway (please see enrolment form for these dates and other course withdrawal dates)
 - Last day for **domestic students** to withdraw from the July 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology programme without losing all fees
 - Last day for **domestic students** to withdraw from the July 2026 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy programme without losing all fees

- 31** • Last day for **international students** to withdraw from the July 2026 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy programme without losing all fees
 - Last day for **international students** to withdraw from the February 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy programme without losing all fees

August 2026

- 1** ITEC applications due for end-of-year 2026 exams

September 2026

- 1** Applications for all programmes starting between 1 January – 30 June 2027 open

- 25** Last day of Term 3 2026

- 26 – 11** • Term break until 12 October 2026 – you may have assignments to complete
 - School closed during term break

Term 4 2026

October 2026

- 12** First day of term 4 2026
- 25** School closed – Labour Day

November 2026

- 13** • Last day for applications for February 2027 programmes from **international students**
 - School closed – Canterbury Anniversary Day
- 20** Last day for enrolments for February 2027 programmes from **international students**

December 2026

- 17** • Last day of attendance for 2026 programmes until 2027
 - Last day of February 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy programme
 - Last day of February 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology programme
 - Last day of July 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology students attending a full week (shift to portfolio from Term 1 2027)
 - Last day of July 2026 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy programme
- 18** • End-of-year graduation
 - Last day of term 4 2026
- 19 – 17** • Term break until 18 January 2027 – you may have assignments to complete
 - School closed during term break

2027

2027 information is supplied mainly for 2026 programme students continuing into 2027.

Term 1 2027

January 2027

- 18 • First day of term 1 2027 – 2026 students continuing into 2027 start back at school
- January 2027 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy programme starts
 - Programme fees are due
 - Extra expenses are due
 - First aid certificates are due
- 25 • Last day for **domestic students** to withdraw from the January 2027 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy programme without losing all fees
- 29 • ITEC applications for mid-year 2027 exams due
- Last day for **international students** to withdraw from the January 2027 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy programme without losing all fees

February 2027

- 6 Waitangi Day
- 8 School closed – Waitangi Day (observed)

March 2027

- 1 Applications for all programmes starting between 1 July – 31 December 2027 open
- 26 Good Friday
- 29 Easter Monday
- 30 Easter Tuesday

April 2027 – Term 1 2027

- 9 Last day of term 1 2027
- 10 – 26 • Term break until 27 April 2027 – you may have assignments to complete
 - School closed during term break
- 25 ANZAC Day

Term 2 2027

April 2027 (Continued)

- 26** • First day of term 2 2027
- School closed – ANZAC Day (observed)

June 2027

- 7** School closed – King’s Birthday
- 18** • July 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy last day of school
- July 2026 New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology last day of school
- January 2027 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy last day of school
- 25** School closed – Matariki

July 2027 – Term 2 2027

- 1** Last day of February 2027 New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology students attending a full week (shift to portfolio from Term 3 202y)
- 2** • Mid-year graduation
- Last day of term 2 2027
- 3 - 18** • Term break until 19 July 2027 – you may have assignments to complete
- School closed during term break

Term 3 2027

July 2027

- 19** First day of term 3 2027
- 30** ITEC applications for end-of-year 2027 exams due

September 2027

- 24** Last day of Term 3 2027
- 25 – 10** • Term break until 11 October 2027 – you may have assignments to complete
- School closed during term break

Term 4 2027

October 2027

- 11** First day of term 4 2027
- 25** School closed – Labour Day

November 2027

- 12** School closed – Canterbury Anniversary Day

December 2027

- 16** Last day of attendance for 2027 programmes until 2028
- 17**
 - End-of-year graduation
 - July 2027 New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy last day of school
 - Last day of term 4 2027
- 18 – 16**
 - Term break until 17 January 2028 – you may have assignments to complete
 - School closed during term break

About School Terms

We operate on a 4 term (4 semester) system. During the breaks between terms, our offices may close, and we may not be able to return your calls or emails until we return. As a student or an application, please ensure your questions and concerns are met either before we close for, or after we reopen from, term breaks.

Please note:

**Term dates often are not the programme starting and finishing dates.
Please check the course information pack or your enrolment information for these dates.**