

# Develop tertiary life and study skills

A suggestion for implementing the strategy  
'Prepare ākonga with future-focused skills'  
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## Investigate tertiary institutions

When choosing a learning institution, support the student to investigate:

- ✓ trying out courses
- ✓ loans
- ✓ the disability service at the chosen institution
- ✓ training allowances and funds
- ✓ the location, relative to home, family, and relatives
- ✓ the size of the institution and the need for interaction with tutors
- ✓ the atmosphere and other students' experiences at this place.

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## Identify and address transition challenges



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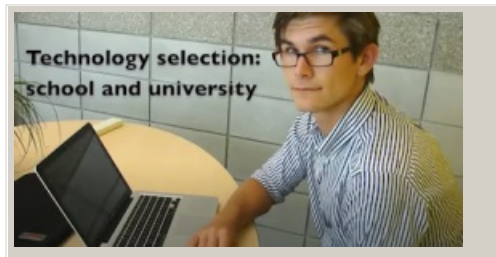
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## Maximise technologies

Ben talks about the technologies that support his learning at university.



Video hosted on Youtube <http://youtu.be/rDvJJX7sZyA>

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[BLENNZ](#)

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## Support personal organisation skills

Personal organisation and time management are core skills at tertiary level. Introduce students to technologies and systems that students can begin using while still at school.

- ✓ Encourage students to use their mobile devices to schedule alerts and reminders for regular and novel events and task deadlines.
- ✓ Model how to make graphic organisers and flow charts to support planning and thinking.
- ✓ Explore tools such as [Trello](#) to help students structure tasks and break them into smaller manageable ones.
- ✓ Model how to sync calendars between mobile devices.

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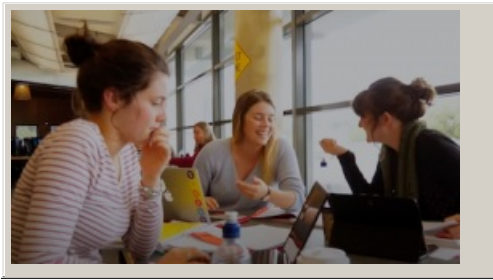
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## Discuss the future

Students talk about their experiences of studying and adjusting to student life.

Use the video as a prompt for discussion.



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