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A University Partner Success Story

Can you introduce yourself and share a bit about your background?

Kia Ora! My name is Shanny. I'm from Surabaya, Indonesia, where I lived with my family. I'm now in Auckland, deeply engaged in my studies to secure a spot at the University of Auckland and eventually intern in architecture.

What drives you to excel academically?

My passion for architecture keeps me motivated. Participating actively in class and helping peers with difficulties not only solidifies my understanding but also enhances my educational experience.

What was the process like getting into the Foundation course?

It was straightforward. I needed my high school transcripts and an IELTS score. My education agent helped with the application, and securing a student visa was quite efficient.

How do you find the teaching style here compared to Indonesia?

It's quite different. In Indonesia, the strict teaching style made it tough to ask questions. Here, the teachers are more like friends, very supportive, and always ready to clarify doubts, making the learning environment much more engaging.

What major adjustments did you face in Auckland?

The cooler weather was a challenge initially. However, the ease of finding accommodation and the inclusive environment here made the transition smoother. Auckland's diversity and openness have made me feel welcomed and safe.

How have you adjusted to the social life at college?

It was lonely at first without fellow Indonesians around. But through group projects and socialising, I've formed friendships with students from diverse backgrounds, which has greatly enriched my experience.

Any tips for new students feeling overwhelmed?

It's important to engage and make connections. Don't hesitate to ask questions or initiate contact. Everyone is adjusting, and your proactive approach will help you settle in faster.

Student Profile

STUDENT NAME

Shanny

NATIONALITY

Indonesian

PROGRAMME

The University of Auckland
Certificate in Foundation Studies
(Standard), February 2024

UNIVERSITY DESTINATION

The University of Auckland,
Bachelor of Architectural Studies

"I've always been interested in world cultures and global issues and I had dreamed of studying abroad."