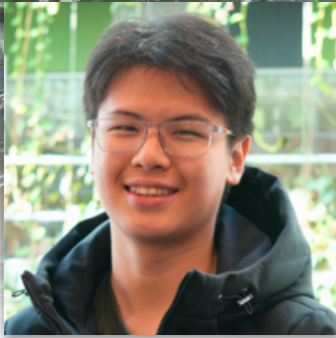


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Seaghan and Vivin's Stories

A University Partner Success Story

Q1: Kia Ora! Could you introduce yourselves?

Seaghan: Hello, my name is Seaghan Wijaya, and I'm currently pursuing a degree in Communication Studies at AUT. I've always had a passion for media and communication, and AUT has been a great place for me to explore that passion further.

Vivin: Hi, I'm Vivin, and I'm also studying Communication Studies at AUT. We both attended UP International College before starting university, which really set us up for success here.

Q2: How did you meet each other?

Seaghan: We were both assigned to the same group for a Media Studies project at UP International College. Since we were both from Indonesia, we connected quickly. I remember we started chatting on Instagram after our first project and have been close ever since.

Vivin: We helped each other with assignments and homework. It's been great working together.

Q3: How did studying at UP International College help with university life?

Seaghan: Studying at UP International College really helped with our campus life because we already had friends when we started university, so we weren't alone.

Vivin: Yes, it gave us the academic foundation we needed, but also introduced us to people from all over the world. We made friends from countries like Hong Kong, China, Korea, and Japan, which really enriched our experience. When we started at AUT, we weren't alone, and that made the transition much easier.

STUDENT PROFILE

STUDENT NAMES

Seaghan & Vivin

NATIONALITY

Indonesia

PROGRAMME

Auckland University of
Technology Certificate in
Foundation Studies
(Accelerated)

INTAKE

July 2023

UNIVERSITY DESTINATION

Auckland University of
Technology, Bachelor of
Communication Studies

Q4: Did you face any challenges as an international student?

Seaghan: Speaking English is natural for us, but sometimes understanding different accents can be challenging because New Zealand is so diverse. However, our interactions with the teachers have been great. They're very supportive, especially towards international students, so we never feel left out.

Vivin: I was anxious about making friends when I first arrived, but luckily, I had already made a lot of friends at UP International College.

Q5: Did teachers at UPIC support you well?

Vivin: Yes, the teachers were very supportive. We could reach out to them in class or via email, and they were always patient, explaining things until we fully understood. Every two weeks, we also had meetings with our home teachers to discuss our progress.

Q6: How does studying at AUT compare to your education experience in Indonesia?

Seaghan: The material here is much more practical compared to Indonesia, where it's very textbook-focused. Living alone here is also quite different because we don't have our parents to motivate us every day.

Vivin: I prefer the practical approach of university here, and it's been a better fit for me compared to high school back home. It's been a challenge to adapt to living on my own, but I've become more self-reliant and confident in my abilities to manage my studies and personal life.

Q7: What do you like to do in your free time?

Seaghan: I often visit the recreation center at AUT, where students can play sports like badminton, volleyball, football, and more. There's also a gaming room that opened recently.

Vivin: I also go there three to four times a week to meet new people. I enjoy staying active and playing badminton, and I've made a lot of friends through sports. It's one of my favorite ways to relax after a busy week of classes.

Q8: What are your future plans?

Seaghan: I've always been interested in storytelling through media, and studying communication at AUT has been a perfect fit for me. I'm excited to pursue screen production.

Vivin: I'm enjoying the communication major as well, and I'm thinking of working in a public relations company. I also plan to get permanent residence here because I love everything about New Zealand.

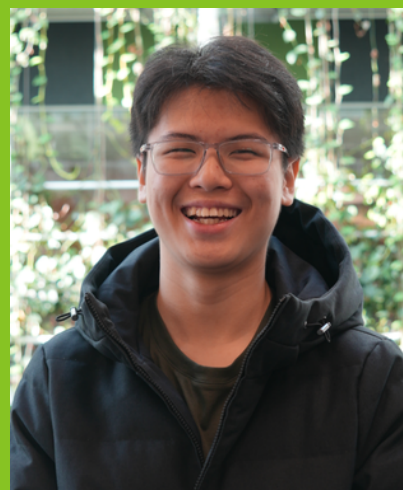
Q9: What advice do you have for new students?

Seaghan: My advice is to make sure you enjoy the journey. University can be challenging, but if you're having fun along the way, it won't feel as overwhelming. Take time to appreciate the experiences, make friends, and don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it.

Vivin: It's definitely going to be tough at times, but I promise it will be worth it. Just stay positive, keep pushing through, and don't forget to have fun. University is not just about studying—it's about growing as a person and enjoying the experience.



"UPIC was like a stepping stone for us. And now I'm planning to apply for permanent residency."
– Vivin



"Make sure you enjoy the journey—if you're having fun, it won't feel as overwhelming."
– Seaghan



SEAGHAN & VIVIN ARE SHAPING THEIR FUTURES.

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