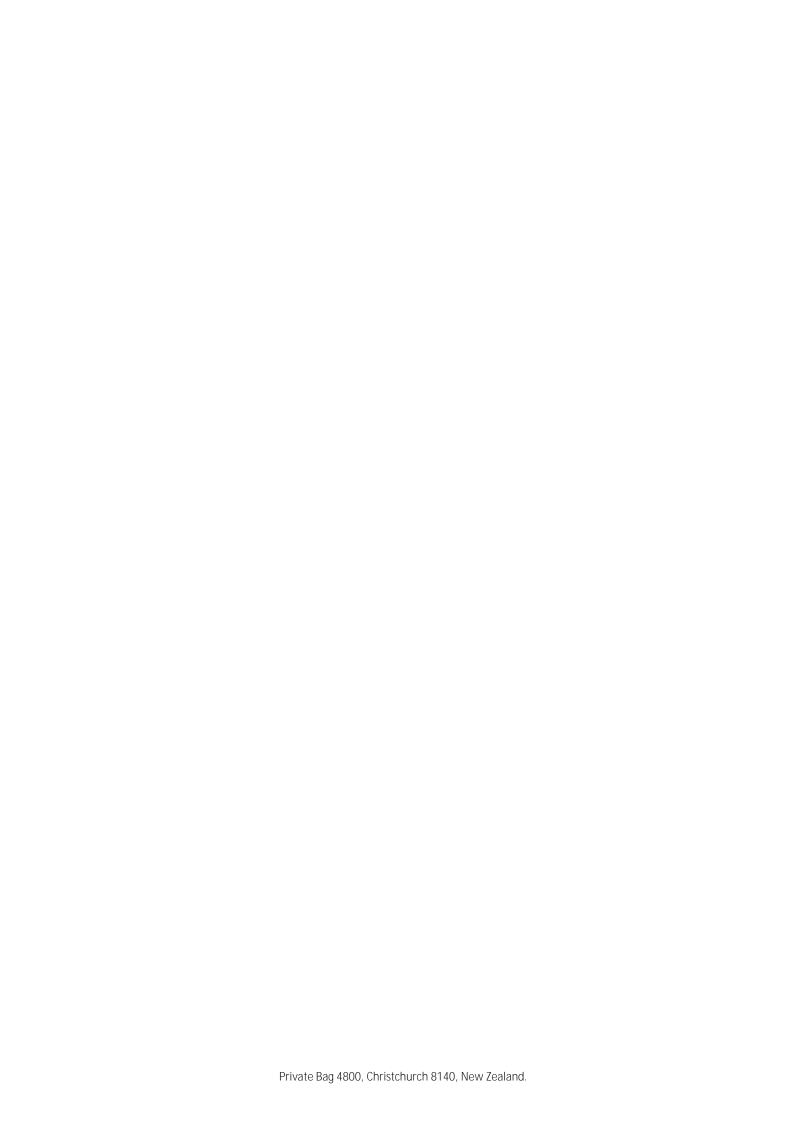# Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council

Semester 2 began on 15 July and after a quiet period due to the mid-year break, the campus is again busy with staff and students.

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a Haere (Lunch on the Lawn), a Clubs Day, an International Food Expo, Music Events, and a Winter Wellness Expo. There was also a drop-in opportunity for postgraduate students and families to meet with UCSA advisors, provide feedback about their experiences to date, and to connect with fellow students.

UC hosted the July meeting of the Committee on University Student Pastoral Care (CUSPaC). Operating through Universities New Zealand, the Committee has a focus on the Pastoral Care Code

Accounting academics have been successful with external grants with Drs Ellie Norris, Julia Wu and Peni Fukofuka gaining a grant from Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand (AFAANZ) to support their project entitled *u*

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competition, earning them the right to travel to the Sunshine Coast to play in the Oceania tournament, where they secured the title. This has earned them a place in the World University 3x3 Games in China at the end of 2024.

UC Rugby have had a successful season so far, with the Premier Women becoming Champions again, h U # u h k U , all making their respective finals. u h U u h

The Student Ambassador programme within halls of residence has commenced with a training workshop facilitated by the ISANA NZ. This programme aims to work with international students on developing cross-cultural connections.

The staff leadership development programme has been expanded to include courses on Applied Decision Making, Moving Forward After Change   Rebuilding Groups and Departments, Fostering a Meaningful Work Environment, and Managing Neurodiversity. The last thre

u ⁣ ⁣ ⁣ u ⁣ , the 283-bed student accommodation facility in Homestead Lane, is underway and on track.

Tuihono UC | UC Online upgraded the learning management system from Totara to Moodle to enhance y # ˙learner experience. The Moodle implementation aligned our system with UC's AKO | Learn, leveraging existing LMS capabilities, increasing agility for in-house changes, and providing immediate access to the latest features, alongside Moodle's improved and dynamic user interface. This change will reduce costs per year and pave the way for improving student experience, ˙y # ¨ mic Course Engagement (ACE) product.

Since the launch of the new website and experience management platform, the Digital Services web ˙y # ˙ website experience based on feedback from staff and students. Improvements in recent months include a revised research landing page and improved searching experience for researchers, improvements to staff profile and contact information, content and structure improvements for multiple areas including Library and Graduate School, improving our search engine rankings and a series of improvements to the search performance on the website.

The HitLAB and the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering (CNRE) have collaborated to share space leading to a win-win situation, with 18 desks being allocated to CNRE staff and research postgraduate students in underutilised space in the HitLAB. Not only has this led to enhanced space utilisation, but has also contributed to positive 8871 0 59.32 841.2 iicion59.32 841.2 it