

# Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors

As the cooler months approach, I am reminded that the relatively mild seasonal changes we experience in Auckland are yet another factor that make this city an educational hub.

Apart from housing-related costs, Auckland is clearly one of the world's most liveable cities and Mt Albert is the centre of one of its most desirable areas.

Many international students come from vastly different circumstances to those we enjoy here. The physical living conditions and the climate are certainly different - but it's the social and cultural dimensions that can have more significant and longer-term impacts on the people who come to undertake tertiary studies here.

At AIS we impart knowledge and develop skills that should assist people fulfil their career aspirations. The majority of our students are international and many of them have a goal to settle in New Zealand. At times we struggle to get students to adapt to a 'learning culture' that is quite different to that of their homelands. We also try to imbue our students with solid 'kiwi' values such as: honesty, respect for people from all backgrounds, freedom from harassment and a desire to seek peaceful and respectful solutions to conflicts. In educational jargon, these values are part of the 'informal curriculum'.

Part of the informal education of our students occurs outside our immediate campus and we are grateful for the acceptance and support we have from our local community. Whether our graduates stay in New Zealand and contribute to our developing nation or return home, the values they learn while studying in our community will hopefully lead to a better world.

Prof. Richard Goodall  
President



## Our Programmes

### Postgraduate

- Master of Business Administration
- Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration

### Bachelor Degrees and Diplomas

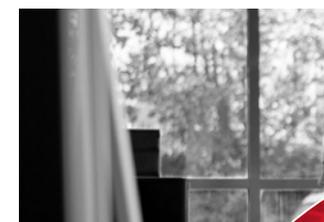
- International Business
- Tourism Management
- Hospitality Management
- Information Technology

### Certificates

- CertTESOL

### English Language

- General English
- IELTS Preparation
- English for Academic Purposes
- Tour Group Options



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## AIS Staff Takes Key Role At PILOT



As a keen supporter for the Pacific Islands Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) AIS recently hosted workshops for the group at both the Asquith and St Helens campuses. And this year our own Kasanita Holani from marketing was elected as secretary for the PILOT committee where she keeps in contact with all the high schools who send students to PILOT workshops. The current PILOT committee and organisers of PILOT workshops consist of AIS, University of Auckland, AUT, Best Pacific Institute, Manukau Institute of Technology, Martin Hautus and Victoria University.

PILOT is an initiative that began eight years ago upon the collaboration of Careers NZ and Pacific Island staff from various tertiary providers and backed by the universities, polytechs and PTEs that they work for. The initiative is to help Pacific Island student leaders in high schools get in touch and identify with their roots, to help them reflect on their rich Pacific heritage as they think about further studies and their careers. Most of these students are first, second and third generations born in New Zealand and far removed from the culture their parents and grandparents came from.

PILOT workshops are attended by Pacific Island student leaders from Auckland high schools. These students represent Years 10, 11, 12 and 13, while the workshops prepare the students with information to make good choices for their futures with reference to their cultural heritage.



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## AIS Gives Back To Local School



Grey Lynn School recently held its Annual Aloha Event and the AIS Hospitality Department wanted to get involved.

AIS donated ingredients and AIS Bachelor students and students from the MAGS programme donated their time to whip up a batch of spaghetti bolognese.

The hard-working students tended the stall all day while people enjoyed the festivities, even going so far as to win 'Best Stall at Aloha'.

All proceeds from sales on the day were donated to Grey Lynn School in the spirit of the Aloha Fundraiser.

## More MAGS Students Into Hospitality

In 2016, AIS celebrates its fifth year working with neighbouring high school, Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS) where its Year 13 students under the STAR programme (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource) attend NCEA Level 3 Hospitality assessments and work experience at the AIS Asquith cafeteria facilities under the guidance of the AIS Hospitality Tutor, Mrs Anne Lawson.



There are three groups of Year 13 students spending a full day, once a week at the Asquith Campus cafeteria, learning barista, customer service, cash handling and preparing café food. The time spent in the AIS cafeteria gains the students NCEA Hospitality Level 3 credits as well as giving them the confidence, skills and experience to help them find jobs in this area if they chose to. Past students have found the experience useful in getting part-time jobs while they study full-time towards their degrees.

This year, the numbers have increased from the usual 30 students per year to as many as 90 students with the addition of MAGS Year 12 students to the programme.

We welcome you to come and grab a coffee or a sandwich and see how the students are progressing in the café, sign up to our mailing list for our hours and any upcoming events or specials - <http://eepurl.com/bWGFIK>



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