

# Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbours

From the beginning of 2017 until now has been a busy first year for me and staff at AIS. We have a number of new initiatives which were commenced in early 2017 that have now come to fruition. Some of these include:

- Plans to modernise the ground floor of our St Helens campus to make the social and study areas more integrated and user friendly.
- NZQA have granted AIS approval and accreditation to deliver a postgraduate qualification in information technology.
- Increasing our delivery to domestic students while still maintaining our relationship with a number of international academic institutes.
- Expanding our relationships with other tertiary education provider nationally and internationally. We now have a formal relationship with a tertiary education provider in Samoa as well as now having a delivery site in Wellington.

As a research active institute we are always looking for ways that we can integrate with our community. In 2017 students of AIS Information Technology programme developed a database to use across the institute for collecting research outputs. If you have or know of any organisation that would benefit from student involvement please let me know on [juliah@ais.ac.nz](mailto:juliah@ais.ac.nz). We have also had two interns for the Netherlands, placed at AIS, working on a number of projects as part of their course work.

We have also been exploring the idea of a start-up/incubator space for small businesses out in this region. We have students who could, under supervision of academic staff, assist business with their development, again if you have people that may be interested in this concept please let us know.

This year we will have an evaluation undertaken by NZQA, as such we have been working hard over the past four years to maintain the academic quality of our programmes and support for our learners, in order to maintain our category one status.

The two campuses are fortunate that they are located close to the city but are situated in peaceful park-like ground that the students can enjoy.

Dr Julia Hennessy  
President



## Our Programmes

### Postgraduate

- Master of Business Administration
- Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration
- Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology

### Graduate

- Graduate Diploma in Business
- Graduate Diploma in Tourism Management
- Graduate Diploma in Hospitality Management
- Graduate Diploma in Information Technology

### Undergraduate

- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Hospitality Management
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Tourism Management
- New Zealand Diploma in Hospitality Management (L5 & 6)
- New Zealand Diploma in Tourism and Travel (L5 & 6)

### Certificates

- TESOL
- Food and Beverage Service (Café Services) (L3)
- Licence Controller Training (LCQ)
- Barista Skills
- Food Safety

### English Language

- General English - Beginners to Advanced
- IELTS Preparation
- English for Academic Purposes I (EAPI)
- English for Academic Purposes II (EAPII)

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## Utilising Global Talent

AIS recently hosted a networking breakfast with industry partners to highlight the value of employing international students.

Today, Kiwi hospitality businesses are catering to an ever-changing array of people, and hiring international students who reflect those people is just good business sense.

But hiring international students brings far more benefits than just acting as a mirror to your customers. Many have worked in multiple countries and speak multiple languages – arming them with the tools they need to interact with anybody.

Most come to New Zealand with a qualification already – meaning they also come with life experience, work experience, and the ability to learn quickly. They identify where the gaps in their knowledge are and aren't afraid to ask for help – which is hugely valuable in a new workplace.

Every year, 90% of our students come from overseas; from places as diverse as India, China, Russia, South America, Korea, and even Lithuania. They bring with them commitment, focus, the ability to communicate with many cultures, and a passion for New Zealand. Why not give them a chance?

## Host a Student, Earn Some Extra Cash

AIS is always on the lookout for kind, caring Kiwi families to host our international students in the Mt Albert area. We have students of all ages who require long term and short term placements.

Families must be fluent in the English language, living close to our Institute or on an established public transport route ie. bus or train.

Hosting can be a fun and rewarding experience, so if you have a spare room and are interested in becoming an AIS homestay family, give us a call today. Weekly payment covers all expenses.

For more information contact our new Homestay Coordinator:

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For a copy of our guidelines and an application form visit our website :  
[www.AIS.ac.nz/homestay-providers](http://www.AIS.ac.nz/homestay-providers)



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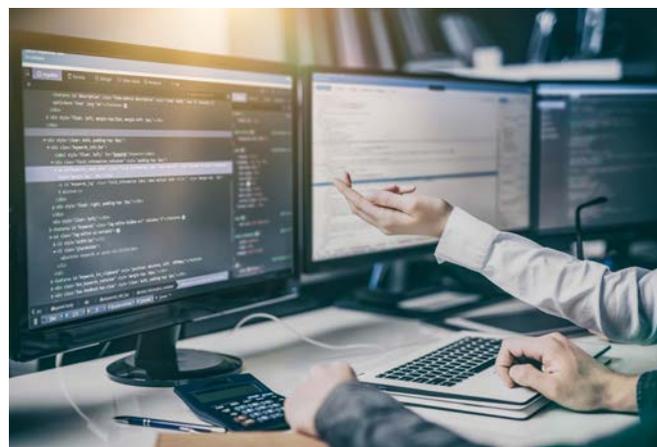
### Postgraduate Diploma of Information Technology Launched at AIS

AIS is pleased to announce the launch of the level 8 Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology (PGDIT).

With specialist topics in Information Systems, Networks and Security, and Software Development, the PGDIT has been developed to address the I.T. skills shortage that has been recognised in New Zealand and internationally.

Graduates of this programme will need to already have a background in I.T. and with the skills they gain from the programme, they will be highly employable.

In today's world information technology is an integral part of every workplace. Kiwis use I.T. on a daily basis at work and at play – be it for internet banking, online shopping, farmers tracking stock or analysing crop yield and soil conditions, research, or even to launch a rocket into space!



### AIS Students Learn Eco-Tourism at Auckland Zoo

As part of the Tourism Management programmes at AIS, students attended a field trip to Auckland Zoo to observe Eco-Tourism in action.

Jonathon Spring, senior lecturer of tourism management programmes said:

*"We came to the Zoo today to give students an experience of what Eco-Tourism is and how it looks in the real world. The important thing is that they learn something, have fun and could be able to put their learnings into practice."*

Places like Auckland Zoo ensure that education is an integrated part of tourism in New Zealand, and by providing video, interactive materials and demonstration they make the learning more engaging, fun and easy.



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