

Manawatū Orientation Week (O-Week) Feedback

To better understand our student's experience at O-week, we conducted a survey for our Manawatū students and received 200 responses.

96% of students who responded feel a sense of belonging at UCOL or feel like they are a part of the UCOL family after attending O-week activities.

Comments include:

- The O-Week people were really helpful to me. While I was getting some lunch I had a conversation about my studies and ended up with some support appointments. I recently lost my job and decided to return to study as an older person and was terrified. The staff have me sorted.
- I wasn't going to come after signing up to my course but mum made me come and meeting people who can help me has made me want to stay.
- I now know where I am and what I am doing thanks to the team.
- My study link hadn't come thru (sic) and I was going to drop out. I found out I could get help and got it. Free lunch every day helped me.
- Feel like coming here was the right decision. I had been wondering if I should have gone to Massey instead but feel good now.
- I found out that there is lots of help for me and I now feel more confident
- The activities were great I had fun
- I liked meeting the support staff I have been out of study for a long time and was a bit worried about how I would cope
- I found out about the anxiety support group and will go
- Nice people, the black t-shirt people are really helpful and kind
- Amazing food it was so nice to be fed I didn't have to worried about food last week.
- I made a new friend.
- The staff in the black tshirts were amazing
- Great food, music and information.
- Staff running all the events really kind and helpful.
- What great staff I feel like no matter what comes up I will be able to cope.
- Powhiri was too hot and I couldn't see or hear anything so walked off

Favourite events:

All events were popular and well attended. Students rated Community Connect, Student Success Day followed by Pōwhiri and Welcome Lunch and Friday Picnic on the Green as favourites.