

Title: UNITEC-MIT BOARD MEETING KEY ISSUES 30 September 2021



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This bulletin contains insights into the key issues before the Board at its monthly meeting allowing staff to gain insights into discussions raised and decisions being made.

For the second month, the meeting was held online due to the ongoing COVID-19 response in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Directors noted and expressed their appreciation for the mahi staff at both institutes are doing to support students in lockdown.

ENROLMENTS

The Board heard enrolments at Unitec are tracking strongly, remaining slightly ahead of budget.

While MIT is experiencing a large number of withdrawals due to disruptions to delivery caused by the pandemic. This means forecasts there are now below target.

This prompted a discussion on how the institutes could better engage and support learners during enforced changes to delivery.

There had been a high uptake of hardship assistance over lockdown, particularly at MIT. The providers are working with Te Pūkenga to meet this continued demand.

The Chairman urged leadership to work with high schools to develop solutions reengaging those who had been lost to education over this time.

BUDGET 2022

The Board heard that investment in projects supporting priority learners was higher at the institutes than the national benchmark.

There is an allocation in next year's budget for six new learner outreach positions. These staff will play an important part in converting applications to attendance on Day One. Oritetanga Project has identified a significant number of learners who enrol do not end up attending a single class.

The Board acknowledged the challenging operating environment and expressed support for the work going on to improve financial sustainability.

The budgets for next year of both institutes were signed off.

NZ MARITIME SCHOOL

The Board approved a lease extension for the school's base in Auckland CBD.

Earlier this year, NZMS opened the largest Det Norske Veritas-certified ship simulator in the Southern Hemisphere on the first floor of the Rabobank Building, Commerce St.