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Welcome to Vineyard College

It's a privilege to serve you and offer you the chance to be involved in our programmes.

Vineyard College equips learners and potential church leaders by offering programmes of study that focus on growing and deepening biblical knowledge and, depending on programme selection, practical application in a ministry setting. Our students have a safe learning environment in which they have a go at 'doing the stuff' as they develop their understanding of the Kingdom of God. This provides a launchpad into a life-long pursuit of learning and deepening relationship with Christ.

Vineyard College serves the whole Church, working with many denominations to equip students through mentored practical ministry and blended academic study. Our students stay in their own church or organisation as they study.

In 2024, we welcome a new partnership with Laidlaw College that will offer additional benefits to our students, their local churches and the communities they serve.



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Why study at Vineyard College?

We are committed to pastoral support

Vineyard College pastoral support combined with Laidlaw College teaching offers new levels of combined biblical content, scholarly excellence, practical expertise and breadth and depth of student experience.

We are committed to student learning and outcomes

Vineyard College prides itself on students achieving their learning goals through outstanding academic teaching and learning, wrapped in Vineyard College pastoral support. Our students have access to Laidlaw College libraries to support them in their learning journeys.

We are committed to community support

Vineyard College is committed to working alongside and supporting students and their internship supervisors in their local churches for their local communities.

We are committed to enabling pathways

Vineyard College celebrates students' learning pathways. We have a long history of Level 4 graduates moving on to Level 5 Vineyard College study, and now our partnership with Laidlaw College will enable seamless pathways to further higher study.

We are committed to lifelong learning

Vineyard College is passionate about building our Vineyard and partner churches' biblical knowledge, practical experiences and ministry through NZQA-approved programmes of study to form students to be more like Jesus in wisdom, character and in working to see the redemption of the world, while deepening their knowledge of God and our Christian faith.

**This year of study is
a very worthwhile
investment of time
and energy that
will equip you for
stepping into the
fullness of life as a
Jesus follower.**

- CAITLIN WATSON



About Vineyard College

Vineyard College was launched in 1997, delivering onsite, face-to-face study. In 2003, in response to church and student feedback, we moved to a blended-learning approach, which allowed students to remain in their churches and develop in response to their local context. We love this 'hands on' approach to training people for ministry and are always refining it to make it even better for our students. Our programmes work well with local churches and enable students to stay in a supportive, familiar environment while studying.

Vineyard College works with all kinds of churches from many denominations all over New Zealand. We have a student-focused method of teaching that flexes around the particular needs and circumstances of each student. Students engaged in programmes of study that include internships are supported through one-on-one supervision and mentoring in their church or organisation, together with pastoral care and academic support from the College. This partnership approach to training means we have consistently high graduation rates.

In 2024, we welcome in a new partnership with Laidlaw College, a Category 1 NZQA-accredited tertiary educational institution. We are excited for the enhanced benefits this will create for our students, their academic and pastoral support, and the seamless pathways to further study options this enables.

Why partner with Laidlaw College?

Partnering with Laidlaw College is all about enhanced opportunities and support for our Vineyard College students and their communities.

The Vineyard College and Laidlaw College partnership offers:

- Comprehensive programmes of study for our students
- A new course-based programme of study with no internship requirements – New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies)
- Laidlaw College teaching and learning support wrapped in Vineyard College pastoral care and student support
- Additional learning resources – students will have access to the Laidlaw College physical and online library from anywhere in New Zealand
- Seamless pathways for students and graduates into further study with Laidlaw College
- Streamlined and supportive supervision requirements for students undertaking internship courses
- Partnership with an NZQA Category 1 accredited tertiary education provider

So why wouldn't we be excited about this partnership as we hold onto the uniqueness of the Vineyard College support and combine it with the added advantages Laidlaw College gifts us.

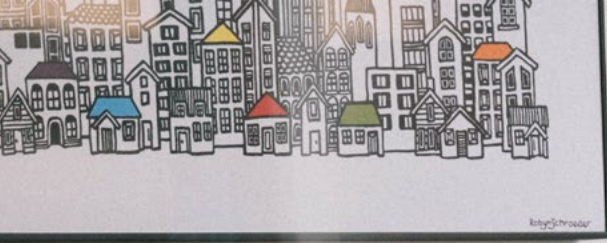
For Vineyard College - it's all about growing and extending our student opportunities!



Laidlaw College is the largest interdenominational theological tertiary institute in Aotearoa New Zealand, offering qualifications from certificate to doctoral level, in the areas of theology and biblical studies, mission, ministry, counselling and teacher education.

Laidlaw provides learning environments for students throughout Aotearoa New Zealand with two support campuses in Auckland, one in Christchurch and distance learning opportunities serving students' learning goals throughout New Zealand irrelevant of where they call home.

Laidlaw is accredited by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and has approvals to deliver undergraduate programmes like Vineyard College, plus postgraduate level education and research.



Vineyard College has been such a gift for me to go deeper into the Bible and give me fresh excitement for learning more about the Word.

I have been challenged and deeply encouraged by the amazing Vineyard College team, and I have drawn closer to Jesus through it.

-BEN MACGREGOR

Study Information

The programmes available through Vineyard College are:

- **Certificate in Christian Ministry – Internship**
leading to the New Zealand Certificate in Ministry (Level 4) with a strand in Internship
- **Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership)**
leading to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (level 5) with a strand in Christian Leadership
- **Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies)**
leading to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (level 5) with a strand in Theological Studies
No internship requirement

Students are encouraged to study full-time. The Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) is available part-time.

Programmes are available to study via distance learning and blended learning. Course materials and resources are delivered via the Laidlaw learning environment with additional learning and pastoral support by Vineyard College. Laidlaw's Online Learning Management System (learn.laidlaw.ac.nz) is a Moodle web-based educational site where students have access to course and learning support materials. Students submit their assignments through this Moodle environment and receive them back there once they are marked. Laidlaw's online learning environment is a safe, secure learning and communication support space.

Entry Requirements

Vineyard College is open to New Zealand or Australian citizens or those with New Zealand permanent residency.

Students will be required to undertake the Laidlaw College entry process into their programmes of choice. Vineyard College is ready to support students through this process.

Support

Vineyard College is committed to the success of our students. In partnership with Laidlaw College, we seek to provide appropriate support to work alongside students to meet their study goals.

The first week of study will commence with orientation. Distance and blended modes of learning students will be required to complete a short online orientation course. This free course called Studying@Laidlaw shares the Moodle online learning environment and expectations of study in an introductory course.

Throughout the academic year, Vineyard College students have the benefit of Vineyard support in partnership with Laidlaw College academic teaching and learning support. Choosing Vineyard College as your place of learning enables the very best of our two institutions to support you in your learning goals.

Time requirements

Hours of study vary significantly between students, so it's hard to pin down just how long any individual student will take to complete a course.

However, full-time study is considered to be up to 30 hours a week, including reading, practical work and assignments, so students should be mindful of that when enrolling.

Part-time study will vary depending on the number of courses taken, but as a rough guide a student should expect to spend about 7 to 8 hours a week on any individual course they are undertaking.

Email Communication

Students will be provided with a college email address. Student email addresses will be used by Vineyard College and Laidlaw College staff to communicate with students. Please note that all email correspondence will be sent to this address once the account has been created.

Vineyard College really grounded my faith in understanding biblical truths that were always there, but where I had not properly connected the dots.

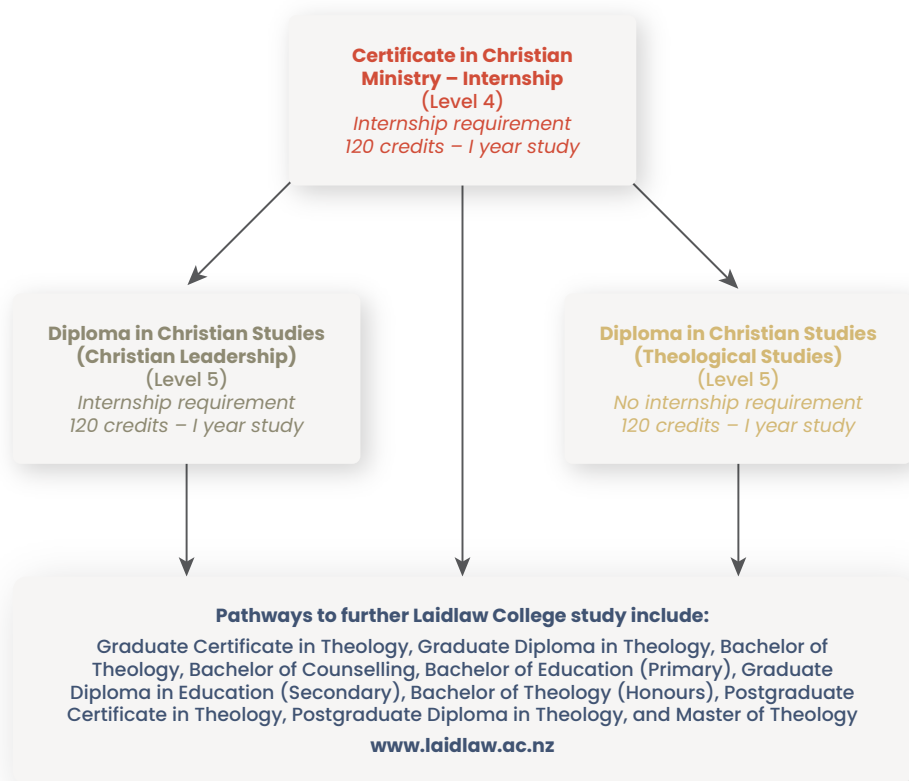
College gave me a deep understanding of the 'why' and 'how' of Jesus.

It grew my understanding for the person of God and also how I can outwork my faith practically in my profession. I am so glad I did this.

-SIMON MACGREGOR



Study Options & Pathways



What's On Offer

Qualifications on offer through Vineyard College

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	DURATION	CREDITS	INTAKES	STUDY MODE
4	Certificate in Christian Ministry – Internship leading to the New Zealand Certificate in Ministry (Level 4) with a strand in Internship	Full-time for one year	120	19 Feb --- 15 July	Distance Learning
5	Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership) leading to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (level 5) with a strand in Christian Leadership	Full-time for one year	120	19 Feb --- 15 July	Distance Learning
5	Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) leading to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (level 5) with a strand in Theological Studies	Full-time for one year Part-time available	120	19 Feb --- 15 July	Distance Learning



Certificate in Christian Ministry – Internship*

LEVEL 4

The Certificate of Christian Ministry provides a pathway for emerging Christian leaders to pursue ministry formation and theological study while serving their churches. Students develop knowledge, skills and experience by connecting their own reflection on the Christian faith with real life practical contexts, equipping them for service in the church.

The Certificate of Christian Ministry programme also provides a pathway into further study.

Graduates will be able to:

- Integrate foundational knowledge of selected biblical principles and Christian beliefs and apply them to specified communities, acknowledging bicultural or multicultural context.
- Apply biblical and theological principles to their own faith journey and to that of others.
- Apply biblical, theological and ministry skills in a mentored practical ministry context to support the spiritual development of individuals and groups.
- Organise and prioritise tasks and responsibilities in the provision of practical ministry to individuals and groups.
- Set goals and make plans for providing practical ministry to individuals and groups.

Entry Requirements

Acceptance into the programme includes:

- NCEA level 2 or equivalent
- A literacy and numeracy test
- Supported internship placement with their faith community
- A satisfactory New Zealand Police clearance

Our website contains more information about this qualification including the entry criteria and how to apply.

Core Courses

116.415 Encountering the Bible
216.415 Basics of Christian Belief
416.415 Discipleship
506.415 Faith in Action

Internship Courses

472.430 Ministry Internship I
473.430 Ministry Internship II

* Leading to the New Zealand Certificate in Ministry (Level 4) with a strand in Internship.

116.415 ENCOUNTERING THE BIBLE

This course introduces students to the Bible and explores the major themes that occur throughout Genesis to Revelation. It also shows how the Bible can be read so that it speaks into our lives, ministries, and workplaces.

216.415 BASICS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF

This course introduces students to key ideas and concepts that form the heart of Christian belief. Students will examine how these ideas fit together and shape Christian life and faith, and how they can interact with the wider community.

416.415 DISCIPLESHIP

This course introduces students to aspects of discipleship through engagement with Scripture, personal reflection and directed exercises connecting faith, life and ministry.

506.415 FAITH IN ACTION

This course introduces students to a range of different contexts where Christian faith is being lived out. Students will be introduced to a model of action-reflection to assist them in connecting faith and life in their own context and the contexts of others.

472.430 MINISTRY INTERNSHIP I

This Internship course offers an introduction to personal development and the principles of self and task management within the student's ministry context. It fosters reflection on the attributes and character of a leader by exploring qualities necessary for service that empowers others.

**473.430 MINISTRY INTERNSHIP II
PRE-REQUISITE: 472**

This Internship course offers an extension of Ministry Internship I by strengthening organisational skills through service in a selected area within the student's ministry context. Students will reflect on their own sense of call in relation to personal strengths.

Internship Hours

Total 210hrs per semester
(Approx. 16hrs per week)

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for 2024 for the Certificate of Christian Ministry - Internship is \$4770.00 per full-time year of study.

Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership)*

LEVEL 5

The aim of the Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership) programme is to produce graduates who are able to apply a range of key leadership skills to build, lead, and contribute to teams that fulfil organisational goals within church, mission, and community contexts.

Students who complete the Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian

Leadership) may staircase into the second year of the Laidlaw College Bachelor of Theology degree.

Graduates of the Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership) will be able to:

- Evaluate and apply a broad understanding of theology and biblical foundations to defined contexts based on textual interpretation and religious practice.
- Evaluate a ministry programme based on strategies that integrate personal and community faith journeys, and the social, cultural and other contextual considerations of defined groups.
- Apply key Christian leadership principles to facilitate team development and accomplish organisational goals in particular areas of responsibility in Christian ministry.

Entry Requirements

Acceptance into the programme includes:

- NCEA level 3 or equivalent
- Literacy and numeracy requirements
- Supported internship placement with their faith community
- A satisfactory New Zealand Police clearance

Our website contains more information about this qualification including the entry criteria and how to apply.

Core Courses

115.515 Reading the Bible
201.515 Engaging Theology
401.515 Formation
505.515 Christian Leadership and Mission

Internship Courses

474.530 Leadership Internship I
475.530 Leadership Internship II

* Leading to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (level 5) with a strand in Christian Leadership.

115.515 READING THE BIBLE

This course approaches the Bible from the perspective of biblical theology, which allows the Bible to tell its own story as a unified grand narrative that culminates in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Students explore the unity, diversity and central themes of the Bible to make sense of the relationship between Scripture, theology, and all of life.

201.515 ENGAGING THEOLOGY

This course introduces systematic theology and teaches learners to think theologically. It examines God's self-revelation, how we can understand that revelation, and why it is foundational for our faith. It then explores the arrangement of this revelation into a set of core beliefs and their application to everyday living.

401.515 FORMATION

This course aims to help learners reflect on personal and communal spiritual formation, through engagement with Scripture, theological understandings, and a variety of Christian spiritual traditions.

505.515 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP & MISSION

This course applies a lens of Christian leadership and mission to the evaluation of personal and community faith journeys, ministry programmes within the student's context and own emerging sense of call and mission.

474.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP I

This Internship course aims to evaluate Christian leadership models within the context of church, mission, and community ministries. Interns will build, lead, and contribute to teams in a way which reflects their sense of call and personal strengths, and through the application of leadership practices that enhance the goals of their chosen ministry.

475.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP II PRE-REQUISITE: 474

This Internship course offers an extension of Leadership Internship I to apply a range of key Christian leadership skills to develop and lead a team. The intern will reflect on team dynamics and project management within their ministry context and contribute to the goals of a church, mission, or community ministry.

Internship Hours

Total 210hrs per semester
(Approx. 16hrs per week)

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for 2024 for the
Diploma in Christian Studies
(Christian Leadership) is
\$6726.00 per full-time year of
study.

Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies)*

LEVEL 5

The aim of the Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) programme is to produce graduates who are able to integrate a broad understanding of theology based on scriptural foundations and ministry practices, and apply these to church, mission, and community contexts in ways that are culturally and ethically appropriate.

Students who complete the Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies)

may staircase into the second year of the Laidlaw College Bachelor of Theology degree.

Graduates of the Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) will be able to:

- Evaluate and apply a broad understanding of theology and biblical foundations to defined contexts based on textual interpretation and religious practice.
- Evaluate a ministry programme based on strategies that integrate personal and community faith journeys, and the social, cultural and other contextual considerations of defined groups.
- Integrate core tools of theology, biblical texts and ministry practice, and apply these to the broader community to provide leadership and direction that is culturally and ethically appropriate.

Entry Requirements

Acceptance into the programme includes:

- NCEA level 3 or equivalent
- Literacy and numeracy requirements

Our website contains more information about this qualification including the entry criteria and how to apply.

Theological Studies

- 115.515 Reading the Bible
- 120.515 Reading the Old Testament
- 140.515 Reading the New Testament
- 201.515 Engaging Theology
- 308.515 Christian History: Our Story
- 401.515 Formation
- 505.515 Christian Leadership and Mission
- 907.515 Bicultural Relationships: Tikanga Kawenata

* Leading to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (level 5) with a strand in Theological Studies.

115.515 READING THE BIBLE

This course approaches the Bible from the perspective of biblical theology, which allows the Bible to tell its own story as a unified grand narrative that culminates in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Students explore the unity, diversity and central themes of the Bible to make sense of the relationship between Scripture, theology, and all of life.

120.515 READING THE OLD TESTAMENT

This course explores a broad understanding of the Old Testament and introduces students to the interpretation and application of the Old Testament in church, mission, and/or community.

140.515 READING THE NEW TESTAMENT

This course explores a broad understanding of New Testament foundations, and their interpretation and application within church, mission, and community contexts.

201.515 ENGAGING THEOLOGY

This course introduces systematic theology and teaches learners to think theologically. It examines God's self-revelation, how we can understand that revelation, and why it is foundational for our faith. It then explores the arrangement of this revelation into a set of core beliefs and their application to everyday living.

308.515 THE STORY OF CHRISTIANITY

This course develops an integrative understanding of how Christian theology, practice, culture and institutions have developed over history, such that students can better narrate the wider context of their leadership.

401.515 FORMATION

This course aims to help learners reflect on personal and communal spiritual formation, through engagement with Scripture, theological understandings, and a variety of Christian spiritual traditions.

505.515 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP & MISSION

This course applies a lens of Christian leadership and mission to the evaluation of personal and community faith journeys, plus ministry programmes within the student's context and own emerging sense of call and mission.

907.515 BICULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS: TIKANGA KAWENATA

This course introduces Tikanga Māori on the basis of understanding people in their contexts, and combines theological, theoretical and historical reflection with the development of practices drawn from an integration of these. The course includes regular oral activities aimed at developing fluency in the use of te reo and tikanga in a range of settings. The culmination of this oral learning is participation in the Noho Marae, where an overnight stay on a marae provides an integrated opportunity to engage with Māori culture beyond the classroom.

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for the Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) is \$6726.00 per full-time year of study.



I have been so pleased that through my study at Vineyard College, not only have I been able to continue in my practical ministry, but the theology and biblical papers have really strengthened me. The practical ministry goal setting and logs have also helped me to be more strategic and focused in my area so I can more effectively serve those in our congregation.

I would highly recommend Vineyard College for anyone who is passionate about growing in ministry.

-BECCA FRANCE

General Information

Our academic study year has two commencement dates, in February and July. The study commencement in February finishes in November. The study commencement in July finishes in June of the following year.

This incorporates 39 weeks of study including seven weeks of holiday. Full-time students do a minimum of 30 hours of study per week made up of directed and self-directed learning and practical ministry internship if applicable to their programme choice. For internship courses, churches and organisations provide students with a mentor and a supervisor to help direct their practical work and contribute towards pastoral care and support. Vineyard College partners with churches to provide outstanding pastoral support for each student. This is a great opportunity to develop leaders who can help expand the ministry of the local church.

Vineyard College is funded through the Tertiary Education Commission and governed by the Vineyard Churches Aotearoa New Zealand board of directors, who are all active in ministry. Vineyard College is accredited to provide

a New Zealand Certificate in Christian Ministry (Level 4) and a New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership) (Level 5) by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority under section 441 of the Education and Training Act 2020. Through partnership, Vineyard College students engage in the above Laidlaw College programmes of study. Through the Laidlaw College partnership, the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) (Level 5) is also available to Vineyard College students and is accredited by New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

Vineyard College is a Category 2 NZQA-accredited tertiary educational institution. Laidlaw College is a Category 1 NZQA-accredited tertiary educational institution.

All Vineyard College programmes are eligible for fees free, student loans and allowances.

Please visit studylink.govt.nz to check on your eligibility to receive a student loan/allowance.

Visit vineyardcollege.org.nz for a copy of Vineyard College's full 2021 external evaluation report carried out by NZQA.

TUITION FEES

For individual programme fees, please see each programme description in this prospectus: "Certificate in Christian Ministry – Internship" on [page 14](#), "Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership)" on [page 16](#), "Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies)" on [page 18](#).

OTHER COSTS & REQUIREMENTS

- A reliable laptop
- A stable internet connection, with capability to watch online video and engage in video sessions

SCHOLARSHIPS

Vineyard Church associated students may be eligible for scholarships of support for part payment of tuition fees depending on availability. Please contact **Vineyard College** for further information.

Fee scholarships are available for Māori and Pasifika students. We also have support available for other special circumstances (e.g. financial hardship). Please contact **Vineyard College** for further information.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

To enrol, please visit vineyardcollege.org.nz/apply

Or get in touch directly:
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info@vineyardcollege.org.nz

INCLUSIVE LEARNING

Vineyard College is committed to fostering an inclusive learning environment that meets the diverse and variable needs of all learners. Our student-centred approach means we walk closely alongside students, supporting them personally to develop strategies to ensure studying with us is a positive and rewarding experience. Please get in touch to discuss your specific needs so we can make a plan to support you.

CREDIT RECOGNITION AND TRANSFER

Credit Recognition and Transfer (CRT) is the process of awarding credit towards your chosen programme at Vineyard College for courses which you have successfully completed at other tertiary providers. CRT is assessed on a case-by-case basis. If you wish to apply for credit of previous completed courses and for more information on this process, please contact: enrolments@vineyardcollege.org.nz

WITHDRAWALS & REFUNDS

Fees are paid into the Public Trust. Students who withdraw within eight days of commencement of courses will be refunded all fees paid, less an administration fee of 10%. Students who withdraw later than eight days but less than 40 days after commencement of courses may be refunded a maximum of \$500 or 50% of the tuition fees, whichever is the lesser amount, at the discretion of the College. Students who withdraw later than 40 days after commencement of courses will not be eligible for any refund of tuition fees.

DISCLAIMER

Information given in this publication may be subject to change. If there are any changes, prospective students will be notified.



I am grateful for the capacity,
through Vineyard College's
internship option, to

**continue growing
in the practical
aspects of my
work; I look forward
to the added depth
I will gain in my
faith journey.**

-HAMISH MANNING



**Got further
questions?
Get in touch
with us today!**

We would love to hear from you, to talk about whether study at Vineyard College can equip you to respond to your calling.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

vineyardcollege.org.nz

You will find all the information you need about our programmes, staff, campuses, and facilities.



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