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NMIT will stand alone from 2026

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) has been confirmed as one of the polytechnics that will stand alone from January 2026, following today's [Government announcement](#) on legislative changes to the vocational education sector.

NMIT Executive Director Olivia Hall says the decision is a strong vote of confidence in the institute's ability to meet the needs of learners and our region.

"This announcement recognises the strength of our relationships with learners, industry, iwi, and community. It's an endorsement of how our teams have continued to deliver high quality education whilst preparing for a standalone future for NMIT."

"Our financial sustainability, which we've worked hard to strengthen over the past 18 months, has also put us in a strong position. Thanks to our efforts to grow income and achieve savings, we're now forecasting a shift from an expected \$2 million deficit to a surplus of over \$1 million by the end of 2025. This follows over five years of annual deficits of up to \$5 million. A 12% increase in enrolments compared to this time last year, including a 36% increase in international learners, has contributed to this positive outcome," says Olivia.

"This decision allows us to build on our 120-year legacy while continuing to deliver real-world, internationally and regionally relevant education."

Olivia says the focus now is ensuring a smooth transition.

"We're committed to continuity and care for our learners and kaimahi during this next phase of change."

She also thanked the many partners who have championed NMIT.

"We are grateful for the ongoing support of our industry, iwi and community partners and look forward to working together to shape a strong future for vocational education in Te



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Olivia Hall is available for interviews.

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