

prayermatters

NATIONAL

Please pray for the staff team as they gather in mid-January to pray and plan for the year ahead. The following weekend, some will join students to volunteer at Festival One in Hamilton. Pray for plans for the Student Lounge and Sanctuary space there, that the efforts will provide places for young people to grow in both Christian community and in their knowledge and love for the Lord.

Pray for wisdom and grace for the leadership of TSCF going into this new year, and particularly Ben Carswell as he takes on the role of National Director.

As groups gear up for orientation, please pray leaders will have creativity and an evangelistic focus as they welcome students to campus, providing good opportunities to live out true witness and undivided lives.

And please pray that participation in student groups would begin well and grow steadily from the start of semester, especially in contexts that are often fragmented and lacking in community support.

WELLINGTON

Victoria CF

We praise God that our speaker event and outreach event were well received by large numbers.

Please pray for us as a new committee as we begin planning events for 2019, that we may be inspired and full of wisdom as we organise the



weekly outreach projects. Pray that we reach the wider community and have a greater presence on campus.

We praise God for the engagement of Lachlan Whisker and Victoria Webber, and pray that their relationship will continue to strengthen with God.

– Tamara Stratton

Massey CU

We're thankful for the first year of this pioneering work at Massey Wellington, and ask God to continue to bring along students who have a vision to reach this campus with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that the core group would be encouraged by the opportunities they find at the beginning of the year.

AUCKLAND

With almost half of NZ's university students, we have a massive mission field and would appreciate prayer for more staff to join the team in Auckland.

Please pray for Jenny and students like her, who heard the gospel during Jesus Week. Pray that

they would continue to seek answers and that the Holy Spirit would open their eyes to the truth and hope found in Jesus.

– *Robyn Drake*

International student ministry

Please pray we would connect with the new students God wants us to meet at the international student orientation 18–19 February. Pray that many of them would not only sign up but also come to activities like the introduction to Christianity course and Bible studies in Luke in semester one.

– *Jeff and Annette Lane*

WAIKATO AND BAY OF PLENTY

Thank God for an encouraging 2019 planning retreat held recently with student leaders. Pray that God uses the plans made to reach students for Christ next year.

Please pray for students on our camp committee as they plan the Waikato/Bay of Plenty camp for students in March 2019. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our preparation so that the camp will be a life-impacting event.

Pray for the new Waikato University CBD campus in Tauranga, which opens in February. Ask God to draw together Christian students with a heart to reach students with the Gospel.

– *Dave Hodgkinson*

LINCOLN

Praise God that the purchase of land on Springs Road has been completed, and for the people whose donations and loans have made this possible.

Please pray for those who love the Lord, love student mission and love Lincoln to now enable



architects and builders to be employed. And pray for Tim Hodge, the Lincoln Team Leader, as he manages this faith-stretching project. Our desire is to have student accommodation that builds Christian community and outreach on the doorstep of Lincoln University.

CANTERBURY

Praise God for the small group Bible studies that ran in 2018, looking at the gospel of Mark. Several students came to faith through these studies and one-to-one Bible reading. Please pray for others who are still learning about Jesus but have not yet put their faith in him, and for those who have to grow in love and knowledge.

INTERNATIONAL

Praise God for the opportunities that SPARC presented for students to build friendships and grow in their love for those across the South Pacific. Please pray that God would continue to raise up people who will disciple students in the many remote and poorly resourced areas of our region, providing them with a deep knowledge of his truth and an immense love for his people.

Pray for the connections that Kiwis who are attending Urbana, the North American student conference, make at the beginning of the year, and for all attendees to develop a greater love for reaching the lost at home and abroad.