Internationalisation is one of Wintec’s priorities. Our Centre for Languages is at the heart of our international student experience.

It is where students who want to learn or improve their English receive quality teaching to help them succeed with their international education.

International students generate around $11 million in revenue for Wintec each year, $150 million for the regional economy and more than $2.8 billion for New Zealand’s economy, making international education the country’s fifth largest export.

While the revenue that international students generate is important to our bottom line and to our economy, it brings with it other important benefits. Having an increasingly multi-cultural student body enables our students, our staff, employers and the wider community to become more globally aware and connected.

Students with English as an additional language can enrol at the centre to gain the skills they need for their study, or work on improving their English while also undertaking other study. Our Centre for Languages staff are experts in teaching English as an additional language and in helping students to become part of their new communities. They come from culturally diverse backgrounds and many have extensive experience teaching overseas.

The centre also has a crucial role in building relationships with education providers overseas, as part of our growing involvement in offshore education delivery.

Flexibility is the key at the centre. We use online courses, part-time study options and supported learning to help students move into mainstream study. We also offer some courses in the community and have crèche facilities available, for those with families.

The Centre for Languages works closely with Wintec’s International Centre, which provides support and guidance to all our international students.