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## NorthTec joins TANZ



TANZ Convenor  
Phil Ker



NorthTec Chief Executive  
Terry Barnett

NorthTec is the newest member of the Tertiary Accord of New Zealand (TANZ), a formal consortium of polytechnics launched in 2000 to promote best practice in applied education.

The decision to join TANZ was confirmed at a special meeting of the NorthTec Council Executive Committee on Thursday 7 February.

NorthTec Chief Executive Terry Barnett said the benefits of TANZ membership would be substantial, and that the potential for collaboration between fellow Accord members could only auger well for the future of tertiary education in New Zealand.

NorthTec's decision to join brings membership of TANZ to six of New Zealand's leading tertiary education institutes. The other members are Otago Polytechnic, Universal College of Learning (UCOL), Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology (CPIT), Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT), and Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT).

"TANZ is the most effective collaborative entity in the sector and its influence in the tertiary education sector is not insignificant," said Mr Barnett.

"Since 2000 TANZ has evolved robust operating mechanisms which ensures that agreed projects are managed effectively and brought to completion."

Membership of the Accord allows access to the curricula of all the members, as well as the opportunity for shared collaborative academic, business, and international development activity.

NorthTec would also be able to access the full range of online programmes jointly developed by TANZ and share in future initiatives such as a combined flexible business degree.

“NorthTec’s reputation in online and flexible mode delivery is growing nationally and internationally so we are excited to have the opportunity to be involved with other initiatives.”

Phil Ker, TANZ convenor and Chief Executive of Otago Polytechnic, has welcomed NorthTec to the fold.

“We are really pleased to have Northtec join the TANZ Accord. We believe that Northtec brings a lot of different and successful experience to the table, and we are confident that the collective experience we have will also benefit NorthTec,” said Mr Ker.

“The TANZ Accord is put together around institutions that have similar philosophies and in that respect Northtec aligns very well with the other Accord members.”

Now entering its seventh year TANZ has a strong focus and commitment to a sectoral leadership ‘by doing’ role.

The vision of TANZ is to be the leader in collaborative applied vocational education and training. Its mission/purpose is to work collaboratively as an Accord to identify, design, develop, deliver and evaluate applied vocational quality products for tertiary learners.

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