

LIDLAW COLLEGE GRADUATION

Saturday 23 May 2026
Church Unlimited, 3 Te Atatu Road, Glendene, Auckland



INFORMATION SHEET



PRE-GRADUATION EVENING – FRIDAY 22 MAY

7–9 pm Henderson Campus, 3 Smythe Road

We would love you to join us for canapés and drinks at a pre-graduation get-together the night before Graduation. As well as catching up with your fellow graduates and Laidlaw staff, you will be able to collect your hood that evening, or at the church the following day. On the pre-graduation evening, we'll give a demonstration on how to wear your regalia. Your spouse/partner is welcome. This is a free event. For catering purposes, please [click here to RSVP](#) and let us know how many are coming.

GRADUATION CEREMONY DETAILS

The ceremony will be on 23 May 2026 at Church Unlimited, 3 Te Atatu Road, Glendene, Auckland. Graduands attending the ceremony should meet at Church Unlimited in their Academic regalia appropriate to their programme no later than 12 noon on Saturday 23 May 2026. Doors will open at 10:30 am, and photos and hoods will be available starting at that time.

GRADUATION DAY

10:30 am	Graduands arrive for gowning Portraiture in academic regalia is available till 12:15 pm.
1:00 pm	Assemble for Procession
1:15 pm	Graduands line up
1:15 pm	Guests are seated
1:30 pm	Ceremony commences
3:30 pm	Ceremony concludes
3:45 pm	Afternoon Tea available
5:00 pm	Official programme concludes

CAR PARKING

On Saturday 23 May you are welcome to park in the main church car park. Please do not leave valuables in your car. Please do not park in the car parks designated for the shops and the Glendene Village area. Parking attendants will be available to guide you.

CERTIFICATES AND ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

The document sleeve you receive at graduation contains your Certificate and the official Academic Transcript. If you require additional copies of your Academic Transcript, a \$20 fee applies.

DIGITAL CERTIFICATES AND ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS ON My eQuals

My eQuals is a secure and trusted platform for viewing, sharing, and verifying tertiary credentials. Graduates can access their digital award certificates and transcripts from anywhere in the world in a secure online environment. They can also securely share their documents with third parties, e.g., potential employers, professionals, registration bodies, or for further study.

Your Digital Award Certificate and Academic Transcript will be available on My eQuals by 26 May 2026. An email will be sent to your personal email address that Laidlaw College has in its Student Management System, and this will include a link to your My eQuals account.

GRADUATION REGALIA

- You must wear graduation regalia over your attire to be presented with your award on stage during the ceremony.
- This is a formal occasion, and suitable attire should be worn underneath your regalia, with appropriate footwear.
- Please bear in mind that you will be accessing the stage via steps during the ceremony.
- Please hire and pay for your regalia online from The Graduation Place www.graduationplace.co.nz
- You will hire a Gown (Diploma/Degree/Masters) and Trencher/Hat (Degree/GradCertTh/GradDipTh/GradDipEd, PGCertTh, PGDipTh, Masters).
- When ordering regalia online, all graduands are given the option to donate \$2.00, where all proceeds fund education through Kate Edger Foundation.
- Laidlaw College will provide all ACADEMIC HOODS at the pre-graduation get-together on Friday 22 May or at Church Unlimited from 10:30 am on Saturday 23 May.
- If you choose to wear a hood for a previous qualification, you can hire it from The Graduation Place.

GRADUATION DAY

Diploma Graduands	Diploma Gown	\$43.00
Degree Graduands (Incl GradCertTh, GradDipTh, GradDipEd, PGCertTh, PGDipTh)	Bachelor's Gown and Trencher (hat)	\$64.00
Master's Degree Graduands	Master's Gown and Trencher (hat)	\$64.00

DELIVERY, PICK UP AND RETURNS

- Please see below and your order confirmation email for dates and times for pick up.
- Allow plenty of time for pick up due to potential queues and parking issues.
- Laidlaw graduates will not be required to pay a bond; however, any regalia returned after Tuesday 26 May will incur late fees.

DELIVERY BY COURIER

- Shipping is recommended to avoid queues and parking issues.
- Courier options close at midnight Tuesday 12 May 2026.
- Your regalia will arrive 1-3 weeks prior to your ceremony.

PICK UP

All pick up is from **The Graduation Place**, 17 George Street, Newmarket (next to Auckland Domain).

Dates and times for pick-up:

- Thursday 21 May 2026 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- Friday 22 May 2026 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- Closed Saturday & Sunday, 23 & 24 May 2026

RETURNS

All returns to The Graduation Place, 17 George Street, Newmarket (next to Auckland Domain).

- Return - within 2 business days of your ceremony

Dates and times for return in person:

- Monday 25 May 2026 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- Tuesday 26 May 2026 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- If you have a prepaid return ticket, drop off at your nearest NZ Post shop or use the link to book a pickup with NZ Post. <https://www.nzpost.co.nz/tools/bookapickup/address>

OFFICIAL PHOTOS

Various photographs can be taken of you during the day, including the moment of Graduation, after you are presented with your award.

PRE-CEREMONY PORTRAITS:

Make the most of the professional photography services available on your graduation day, from 10:30 am to 12:15 pm, by having a portrait taken in your academic regalia. Couples, families, and groups are all welcome. The photography studio will be located inside the Church auditorium.

Prints can be purchased as desired. We encourage you to pre-order and pay for your portraits before graduation day. This can be done online at [Dispersion](#)

Please note that payment may also be made by cash or online on the day. EFTPOS is not available at the venue. Please arrive as early as possible on the day if you hope to have professional photos taken.

DURING THE CEREMONY:

Our photographer will capture a photo of you receiving your newly conferred award. The first photo of you as a graduate, holding your qualification, will be available for purchase online at [Dispersion](#)

MEDIA

Please note that photography will take place on the day of graduation (not just during the ceremony), and some of this may be used for promotional purposes.

All mobile communication devices must be silent or turned off during the ceremony. Guests are permitted to take photographs during the ceremony, provided they are considerate of other guests. We ask that guests not leave their seats to take photographs.

A professional videographer will be recording the ceremony. This video will be available to all after the ceremony on the Laidlaw College website. We request that guests do not video the ceremony.

TICKETS AND GUESTS

Your family and friends are welcome to join you for the day, including photos, the procession, the ceremony, and the afternoon tea. Tickets will not be required, and invitations to forward to your guests can be downloaded from <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/student-info/graduation/>.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

Cafés and eateries are available in Glendene Village on Saturday 23 May. Please ensure you have eaten by 12:30 pm.