

STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Winter 2025 Orientation

North Island College kicked off the Winter 2025 term with a vibrant orientation program designed to foster community, provide essential resources, and support student success. Student Life hosted events across all campuses to welcome new and returning students. Additionally, we collaborated closely with the Office of Global Engagement and the Indigenous Education Department, supporting their events to ensure a welcoming and inclusive start to the term for everyone.



Student Housing Operations Update

The student housing project at North Island College is making significant progress. Housing applications opened on January 13, 2025, and Marketing & Future Students have shared this update with students on the NIC Student Housing interest list. Additionally, 210 students who indicated interest in housing through their Education Planner BC applications have been emailed further information.

As promised, room assignments will be prioritized for Indigenous students and former youth in care. Recruitment for housing staff is also underway to support this exciting new chapter for NIC. For more information, visit www.nic.bc.ca/housing.



Healthy Trades Initiative

NIC has launched the Healthy Trades Initiative to promote wellness within trades programs. By integrating mental health support, physical wellness resources, and community-building activities, this initiative addresses the unique challenges trades students face, such as balancing academic and practical demands. It reflects the college's commitment to holistic student support.

As part of this initiative, LED light therapy lamps have been installed in the Comox Valley Trades Building, the Port Alberni Tebo Trades Building, and the Indigenous Student Lounge at the Campbell River campus. Placed in high-traffic study areas, these lamps are designed to help students combat the effects of winter blues. Instructions on their use and information about their benefits are posted nearby. Funded through an Island Health grant, these lamps highlight NIC's dedication to mental health and wellness. Questions about the lamps can be directed to healthytrades@nic.bc.ca.

