



# LEILAH VA

## BOTANY STUDENT SERVICES ADVISOR

I first discovered my passion for travel and tourism when I took one of ITC's Short Courses at Edgewater College in 2024. The course was engaging, hands-on, and supportive. It gave me confidence and practical skills that sparked my interest in the industry.

From there, I went on to study the New Zealand Certificate in Tourism with a strand in Aviation Level 3, followed by the New Zealand Certificate in Travel Level 4. I loved learning alongside other students and working in a collaborative, hands-on environment.

The tutors were approachable and supportive, which made the experience enjoyable and motivating. I still remember how excited I felt when I realised this could really be my future career.

Now, I'm one of ITC's newest Student Services Advisors. My role is varied — supporting students and staff, staying organised, and learning something new every day. I enjoy being part of a busy environment where no two days are the same, and it's been great reconnecting with tutors and seeing how everything works behind the scenes.

In the future, I hope to continue growing within ITC, building my skills and confidence while gaining valuable work experience. I'm excited to learn more about the education and aviation industries, develop personally and professionally, and explore opportunities like the Disney program. Being part of ITC is an opportunity I'm really grateful for, and I can't wait to see what's ahead.

