Using Technology to Assist Transition to University

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Survey Exploring Welcome Week

- Survey delivered to first year students on a variety of computing based course at NTU.

- Experience was insufficient in supporting them in meeting people and finding places. Some felt that current activities undertaken where of little relevance.

- First point of contact was technology based (website, NOW etc.)

- Participants agreed that an app would be useful during the welcome week events.

Mobile app to aid transition through engagement

- An app making use of NFC tag technology to produce dynamic and interactive maps

- Replacement for some activities, producing a collaborative exercise (e.g. scavenger hunt)

- Become familiar with the campus and peers

- Plan – trial the app during welcome week through measures of engagement and comparison to older activities

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