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Sarah L

By email to fyi.org.nz

Dear Sarah

I write in response to your Official Information Act request of 16 May 2020. Your request seeks admission pathway information; primary ethnicity information; and grade information for the 2019 and 2020 intakes to the University of Otago MB ChB.

Insofar as your request around primary ethnicity seeks what a person considers to be their main ethnicity, the University does not hold this information in any comprehensive or meaningful way. Having carefully assessed the remaining parts of your request, we are satisfied that the information you require should be provided in summary form, pursuant to section 16 of the Official Information Act. While it is my understanding that you sought information on a student-by-student basis, information has been aggregated, and in some cases – where numbers of students in a group are small – withheld, so as to protect student privacy interests, pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, and taking into account any countervailing public interest in the release of individual student data.

The information you seek is appended in summarised and aggregate form. I advise of your right to seek review of the decisions communicated in this response via complaint to an Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Chris Stoddart
Registrar and Secretary to the Council

2019 MB ChB Cohort

Category (1)	Sub-Category	n	Mean Grade Score (2)
Alternative	General	17	-
	Pacific	2	-
	Rural	2	-
Graduate	General	31	8.5
	Māori (3)	14	5.5
	Pacific	7	5.9
	Rural	12	7.9
Health Sciences First Year	General	97	94.4
	Māori (3)	42	81.0
	Pacific	19	75.0
	Rural	39	91.8
	International (4)	8	85.6

2020 MB ChB Cohort

Category (1)	Sub-Category	n	Mean Grade Score (2)
Alternative	General	13	-
	Māori	4	-
	Pacific	2	-
	Rural	2	-
Graduate	General	43	8.5
	Māori	7	6.5
	Pacific	4	N/A
	Rural	8	8.1
	Refugee	1	N/A
Health Sciences First Year	General	82	95.0
	Māori	55	81.0
	Pacific	19	77.6
	Rural	31	92.4
	Refugee	1	N/A
	Socioeconomic	11	78.7
	International (4)	11	87.1

Notes

1. Alternative category selection is not based on a calculated academic score due to diversity of background in applicants and so a Mean Grade Score is not reported.
2. Mean Grade Score for the Graduate category is a weighted GPA out of 9; Mean Grade Score for Health Sciences First Year is an average mark across a student's best seven papers out of 100. Mean Grade Score is not reported for groups with fewer than five members for privacy reasons.
3. Māori sub-categories (2019 only) contain one graduate and two HSFY students categorised as Māori and Pacific.
4. International students are not technically a sub-category for admission, but are recorded here in this manner for simplicity.
5. Students are recorded under the sub-category they are admitted under. However, students admitted under one sub-category may also be eligible in other sub-categories.