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Tēnā koe Gabe

I refer to your information request dated 26 July 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) and Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programmes at the University of Otago, as well as the number of international students enrolled in Health Sciences First Year (HSFY).

Please see below our response to your request.

1. Lowest international students HSFY grade that received an offer for MB ChB and BDS in the last 5 years.

Subject to the following comments, please see the below table which shows the minimum average academic score to receive an offer to the MB ChB and BDS programmes from 2019 – 2023 via the HSFY category for International Students:

- the below data includes students who may have received a pre-conditional offer to enter the MB ChB or BDS programmes via the HSFY category for International Students.
- it is important to note that an applicant's average academic score is not the only factor in determining whether an applicant is successful in receiving an offer to enter the MB ChB or BDS programmes. Further information on the entry requirements for the MB ChB and BDS programmes are available on the University website:
 - [MB ChB](#)
 - [BDS](#)

	Minimum average academic score to receive an offer via the HSFY category for International Students	
	MB ChB	BDS
2019	67.58	77.29
2020	74.14	67.43
2021	78.29	69.71
2022	72.71	67.14
2023	80.43	72.14

2. Number of international students who are studying HSFY in 2023.

Subject to the following comment, please see the below table which shows the number of students enrolled in HSFY in 2023, broken down by International and Domestic Students:

- the data we have provided is correct as at 10 August 2023.
- please note that the number of students enrolled in HSFY is subject to change as students may withdraw from the programme, or change their course of study.

	Number of students enrolled in HSFY	Number of students enrolled in HSFY (%)
Domestic	814	89%
International	105	11%
Total	919	100%

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Yours sincerely



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