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Kia ora Ella

In response to your OIA of 9<sup>th</sup> of August requesting the following:

1. *Reported Acts of Sexual Violence: We are hoping to understand the number of reported acts of sexual violence that have been brought to the university's attention within the last five years and the number of these that occurred in university premises (including halls of residence) and the number that occurred outside of university premises.*

2018	1
2019	1
2021	3 (including 1 off campus)
2022	2
2023	1

2. *University Definition of Sexual Violence: We would also appreciate clarification on whether the university has an established definition for operationalizing sexual violence. If so, could this definition please be provided.*

AUT has not published its own definition of sexual violence. We accept the New Zealand Police description of sexual assault. [Understanding Sexual assault and consent | New Zealand Police](#)

3. *University Responses to Sexual Violence: In addition, we seek information on the existing responses that the university has implemented to address and combat sexual violence.*

A range of services and programmes have been implemented, including:

- I. an online complaints system that gives people the choices on how they wish AUT to respond <https://www.aut.ac.nz/student-life/sexual-harm-and-harassment-reporting>
- II. Online learning module for students: Communicating Consent.
- III. Information, support and assistance for our student body: <https://www.aut.ac.nz/student-life/student-health-and-wellbeing/my-wellbeing/my-community/sex-and-healthy-relationships> including the Don't Guess the Yes programme <https://www.dontguesstheyes.co.nz/about>
- IV. Auckland HELP service on campus weekly for specialist support
- V. A full-time AUT staff member dedicated to Sexual Harm, Gender, and Domestic Violence Support available to students.
- VI. Dedicated, full-time staff to manage student conduct matters.
- VII. Staff training programmes including Bystander, Rainbow, and Disturbing Disclosures.
- VIII. Relationship with Community Constable and AUT.

Ngā mihi  
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