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Kia ora S

I refer to your information request dated 28 September 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

"I would like to request the grade distributions of the following papers by the number of students with each grade, by number and letter:

*2023 Semester 1
ANAT241*

*2019-2022
PHSL471
PHSL472
PHSL473
PHSL474
PHSL490*

I would also like to request the request the overall GPA grade distributions for just the Honours year for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science with Honours in Physiology, and for the students enrolled in the Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences with Honours in Functional Human Biology between 2019-2022."

Subject to the following comments, please find attached the information you have requested:

- On occasions where there are fewer than 10 enrolments in a paper, we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the mark and grade distributions for these papers to protect the privacy and wellbeing of students enrolled. Where class sizes are small, we consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred, and their personal information (i.e. their marks) being disclosed. We therefore withhold the following mark and grade distributions pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act:
 - PHSL471 – 2020 and 2021
 - PHSL473 – 2019 to 2022
 - PHSL474 – 2021
 - PHSL490 – 2021.

- On occasions where there are fewer than 10 enrolments in a paper, we have also determined that it is necessary to withhold the GPA data for these papers to protect the privacy and wellbeing of students enrolled. Where class sizes are small, we consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred, and their personal information (i.e. their GPA scores) being disclosed. We therefore withhold the following GPA data pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act:
 - BSc Hons Physiology – 2020 to 2022
 - BBiomedSci Hons Functional Human Biology – 2019 to 2022.
- On occasions where fewer than five students have failed a paper (i.e. received a grade of Fail D, Fail E), we have also determined that it is necessary to withhold the marks and specific grades for these students to protect their privacy and wellbeing. We consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred, and their personal information (i.e. their marks) could be disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- in the attached mark and grade distributions, we note that students who withdrew from the papers are excluded from the data.

I trust that this information will be helpful. In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Ngā mihi



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