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By email: fyi-request-28962-ba8bf173@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe T

I refer to your request for information dated 29 October 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

"I am making an OIA request for the mark and grade distributions of all 200-level and 300-level FINC papers offered by the University of Otago in Summer School and Semester 1 2024."

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

- The data is correct as at 30 October 2024.
- FINC204 was the only 200- or 300-level FINC paper offered by the University of Otago during Summer School in 2024.
- On occasions where fewer than five students have failed a paper (i.e., received a grade of Fail D, Fail E, Failed Terms or Failed Compulsory Assessment), we have 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, to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- Students who withdrew from the papers or received an Aegrotat Pass (where no mark is awarded) 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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