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Tēnā koe Y

I refer to your information request dated 30 March 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the following information in relation to the University of Otago's Bachelor of Dentistry (BDS) programme:

"The maximum number of students allowed to attend the Auckland institution in their 5th year. Could you please provide information on the selection process and the number of students recruited for admission to Auckland so far?"

Subject to the following general comment, please see below our response to your request.

- Facilities for the teaching of the final year of the BDS programme are provided at the Faculty of Dentistry in Dunedin and in the Auckland Dental Facility. After completion of the fourth year, the class is divided and students are allocated to either Dunedin or Auckland for the final year.

1. Maximum Available Places at the Auckland School of Dentistry

The maximum number of places for fifth year BDS or BDS(Hons) students to complete their studies at the University of Otago Auckland Dental Facility is 40.

2. Selection Process

In dividing the class between Auckland and Dunedin, account is taken of each student's personal preference as far as possible. If the numbers of applicants for entry to either teaching centre exceeds the number of places available, a ballot is held to determine which students will be required to take a place in each centre. The division includes international students who are also allocated between the two centres. Once class division has been finalised, exchanges between centres will be permitted only if there is a vacant place and with the approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry.

Please note that as fifth year BDS or BDS(Hons) students are already enrolled at the University Otago, there is no "recruitment for admission" involved in the allocation process.

3. Number of Students by Campus

Subject to the following comment, please see the following table which shows the number of fifth year BDS and BDS(Hons) students by facility for the years 2019-2023:

- We note that the Auckland Dental Facility opened in 2021. Prior to 2021, all fifth year BDS and BDS(Hons) students completed the fifth and final year of their studies in Dunedin.

Facility	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Auckland	-	-	28	28	40
Dunedin	92	97	74	49	52
Total	92	97	102	77	92

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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