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By email: [fyi-request-26609-ebde9a08@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-26609-ebde9a08@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe Yuni,

I refer to your information request dated 2 May 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the grade distributions of all 200, 300, 400 and 500-level Dentistry papers offered in 2023 by the University of Otago.

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the information you have requested. Please note there are 4 pages in the attached spreadsheet (one for each year level).

- the data is correct as at 7 May 2024.
- in case it is helpful, we have also included the mark distribution for the papers requested.
- we have included papers that are only taken as part of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery with Honours. These papers are DENT561, DENT563, DENT580 and DENT581.
- on occasions where fewer than five students have failed a paper (i.e. received a grade of Fail D, Fail E, Failed Compulsory Assessment or Failed Terms), 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 and grades) could be disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- on occasions where fewer than ten students are enrolled in a paper, we determine that it is necessary to withhold the mark and grade distributions for these papers. As there were fewer than ten enrolments in the 2023 DENT364 paper, we have withheld the mark and grade distribution for this paper to protect students' 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 and grades) could be disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- we note that the data includes a paper where either a pass or fail result is given (students do not receive a percentage mark). This paper is DENT553.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Pearson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jo Pearson  
Official Information Act Administrator  
Office of the Registrar