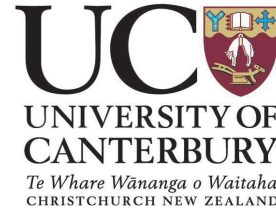


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25 July 2024

C. Neilson

By email: fyi-request-27404-64bd7dc0@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear C. Neilson

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 24.69

I refer to the Official Information Act (the Act) request dated 26 June 2024 for information relating to residential hall applicants and applications. You have specifically requested:

- **Could you please tell me which residential halls had the most applicants put them as their first preference when applying for a residential college in 2024. If you could please list the top 6 in order of number of first choice applications.**
 1. Tupuānuku
 2. University Hall
 3. Rochester and Rutherford Hall
 4. Ilam Student Accommodation
 5. Arcady Hall
 6. College House

Additionally, can you please tell me for the 2024 applications:

- **How many female applicants were put on the general waitlist after the first round of offers were sent out.**

646.
- **How many male applicants were put on the general waitlist after the first round of offers were sent out.**

574.

Please note: some context may be necessary to help interpret this information. It is common practice for many applicants to apply for accommodation at a number of New Zealand universities. The same applies to the gender statistics, as this is without the context of the gender statistics for all applicants. The lists of first preferences for halls and number of applicants on the general (first round) waitlist gives a misleading view of the chances of gaining a place within a hall, and does not indicate how many applicants subsequently received offers.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Orlando', written in a cursive style.

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