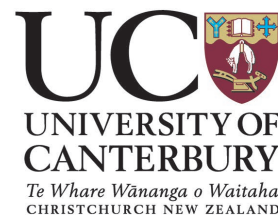


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17 June 2026

C. Neilson

By email: fyi-request-34758-4d25aad7@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear C. Neilson

OIA 26.599 First Preference in Hall Applications

I refer to the Official Information Act (the Act) request dated 21 May 2026 regarding First Preference in Hall Applications at the University of Canterbury. 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 halls in 2025 for the 2026 year. If you could please list the top 8 in order of number of first choice applications.*
- *Additionally, can you please tell me how many people were on the waitlist for residential halls in December 2025 for the 2026 year.*

The list of top 8 in order of first choice applications is as follows:

Tupūānuku

Ilam Student Accommodation

University Hall

Rochester and Rutherford Hall

Tupūārangi

College House

Arcady Hall

Hayashi

Please note that this list is based on all completed applications to the Halls of Residence (new and returning students.)

The list of first preferences for halls and number of applicants on the waitlist does not provide an accurate reflection of the chances of gaining a place within a hall and does not indicate how many applicants subsequently received offers.

As at 16 December 2025 there were 645 people on the waitlist. Please note that UC has no way of knowing whether those on the waitlist were all intending to come to UC or had applied to other Universities.

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

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