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Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau

## **INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**

To: Deans

From: Professor Raewyn Dalziel  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

Date: 6 June 2006

**Subject: Postgraduate Qualifications: Honours, Merit and Distinction**

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In 2005 a Working Party on Grading recommended through Education Committee to Senate that classes of honours should be 'aligned consistently with particular grades across the University'. Senate agreed that an expanded working party should develop a policy on the assignment of classes of Honours, Distinction and Merit.

A working party has subsequently met with representatives of all Faculties and has reported to Education Committee. This working party has proposed that classes of Honours, Distinction and Merit be awarded consistently across the University on the basis of the GPA gained by the student. It has proposed the GPAs required to attain each class of Honours, Distinction and Merit.

Education Committee has asked that this paper be referred to Faculties for their views. These views should be sent to the University Secretariat: [d.debbage@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:d.debbage@auckland.ac.nz) by 30 June 2006.

./ Meeting on Grading, 8 March 2006, Education Committee, 15 May 2006.  
Copy DVC(A)/Deans, 16 December 2005 (referred to by Meeting on Grading)