

Information for career advisers

2026/2027

Key dates and contacts

2026

FEBRUARY Liaison officers begin introductory school visits. General information sessions are completed in June.

3–4 MAY Otago Open Days. Observe the tertiary environment first-hand (including Otago Polytechnic).

4 MAY Career advisers' update session.

MAY *Undergraduate Prospectus* delivered to schools.

JULY Hands-On At Otago enrolment information sent to schools.

1 JULY Entrance scholarship applications open.

31 JULY Applications for Teacher Education programmes encouraged. Applications accepted until 30 November.

AUGUST Liaison officers begin course planning visits to schools, assisting students with applications and course advice.

AUGUST *Guide to Enrolment* sent or taken to schools.

AUGUST Closing date for Hands-On At Otago applications.

1 AUGUST Residential college applications open.

14 AUGUST Application closing date for Bachelor of Dental Technology, Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Radiation Therapy. Online application only. Late applications may be considered.

15 AUGUST Closing date for most entrance scholarships. Refer to the website for all scholarship closing dates.

1 SEPTEMBER Closing date for Performance Music audition applications. Late applications may be considered.

30 SEPTEMBER Recommended date for submission of online residential college applications, before 5pm. Confidential school references due by 15 September.

31 OCTOBER Closing date for international students (who are overseas) applications. Late applications may be considered if received by 1 December.

10 DECEMBER Closing date for 2027 first-year applications. Late applications will be considered.

10 DECEMBER Closing date for Otago Summer School applications. For current Year 13 entry – initially based on NCEA Level 2 grades and supporting letter from principal (Discretionary Entrance).

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JANUARY Hands-On At Otago.

***4 JANUARY** Otago Summer School starts.

FEBRUARY JumpStart Physics and CHEM 150.

Most students travel to Dunedin 13–14 February.

***15 FEBRUARY** Orientation week begins.

***19 FEBRUARY** Preliminary lectures held.

***22 FEBRUARY** First formal lectures begin.

*Some dates are provisional and subject to change.

otago.ac.nz/future-students/connect/school-career-advisers

For information, course advice, school visits, attendance at school-based careers events, career advisers' update seminars, general enquiries, appointments and resource materials, please contact the relevant liaison team for your school:

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