

Extract on Campus Watch
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The full report is confidential to the participating Universities.

An additional section was added to the Otago component of the survey and it is the findings from this section that are published below by the University for Wider Readership

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Experience and perceptions of Campus Watch

An additional section about Campus Watch was added for responders from your institution. Results from this section are summarised in Tables 9, 10 and 11.

Table 9. Experience with Campus Watch

	Your institution	
	Women %	Men %
Live in the Campus Watch area	60	51
Frequency of seeing Campus Watch:		
Every day or nearly every day	24	29
3 – 5 times per week	26	27
Once a week	28	29
2 – 3 times per month	11	8
Monthly or less than monthly	12	8
Reason for last encounter with Campus Watch:		
Just said hello	40	46
I asked for assistance	3	3
They offered me a ride/walk home	11	<1
They offered other assistance	2	2
They were just checking I was all right	3	<1
They wanted to talk to me about an incident they thought I know about	3	2
I was doing something they didn't think I should be doing	1	2
I had a complaint about a neighbour, landlord or someone else	1	0
A neighbour, landlord or someone else had a complaint about me	<1	<1
Other reason	4	5
I've never spoken to Campus Watch	33	39
Impression of Campus Watch after last encounter:		
They were friendly	96	81
They took me seriously	82	79
They were genuinely interested in talking to me and hearing my opinion/side of the story	64	64
They did enough to help	86	68
They overreacted	10	20
They should not have gotten involved	9	23
Satisfaction with last encounter with Campus Watch:		
Very satisfied	76	47
Somewhat satisfied	11	23
Somewhat dissatisfied	3	7
Very dissatisfied	4	23
Not applicable	7	0

Table 10. Perceived effectiveness of Campus Watch

How effective, in general, is Campus Watch helping community members by...	Your institution %			I don't know
	Very effective	Moderately effective	Not effective at all	
Helping students who are new to flatting	9	18	9	63
Keeping parties under control	14	36	8	41
Keeping an eye out for suspicious looking people	29	36	2	32
Walking people home late at night	40	27	3	28
Referring problems to the proctor	20	18	2	59
Getting the police involved where needed	26	17	2	54
Preventing things from getting out of hand by stopping them sooner rather than later	18	28	5	48
Listening to people's complaints	18	22	4	55
Helping neighbours resolve problems among themselves	10	13	5	71
Helping students resolve problems with landlords (or vice versa)	8	8	9	74
Keeping the neighbourhood tidy	12	17	13	57
Making the neighbourhood feel safer	35	33	3	29

Table 11. Respondents' overall perceptions of Campus Watch

	Your institution			
	Agree/ strongly agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree/ strongly disagree	I don't know
Campus Watch seems to be making a positive difference in North Dunedin	68	12	1	19
It is good that the university initiated Campus Watch to do something about anti-social behaviour among some students	72	10	2	17
On the whole, Campus Watch has been a help to students who live in the area	69	8	2	22
Campus Watch should only operate on campus	20	23	42	15
On the whole, Campus Watch is making things worse for students	4	6	78	13
Campus Watch is making things worse for the whole community	2	5	80	13
It is too soon to know whether Campus Watch has made a difference one way or the other	7	30	37	27

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Papers in the planning stage:

- Experiences of non-drinking students
- Smoking prevalence rates and correlates
- Associations between alcohol consumption and various health outcomes
- Drinking situations and the occurrence of adverse events
- Findings of the randomised controlled trial of the use of incentives to increase survey participation
- The impact of varying contact and recruitment methods on survey response rates

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