



Cultural Safety Statement

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In 2023, work was done to develop a framework for cultural safety within Otago Medical School, part of which includes a statement on cultural safety. This statement came about through consultation with staff and students and was endorsed by the MBChB Curriculum Committee and the Deans of the Otago Medical School.

We think that it is important for Otago Medical School to have clear intentions and values at Otago Medical School of what is being championed.

Cultural Safety statement for Otago Medical School

Otago Medical School recognises that our students and staff bring with them their own identities, values, cultures and experiences. Our teaching and learning environments will be culturally safe spaces for all students, staff, patients and their whānau. We are committed to transformative change where acts or systems that perpetuate racism and discrimination will not be tolerated.

Having a statement on cultural safety provides a platform for our ongoing action to ensure culturally safe teaching and learning environments for all.

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Note:

The workplace is one of our major areas of learning. Te Mauri o Rongo is a statement of “values, principles, and behaviours that health entities and health workers are expected to demonstrate at a collective, organisational, and individual level.” One of its principles is that “Workplaces are free of bullying, harassment and discrimination in all its forms.”

https://www.tewhaturora.govt.nz/assets/For-the-health-sector/Te-Mauri-o-Rongo-NZ-Health-Charter/Te-Mauri-o-Rongo-NZ-Health-Charter_final-22-Aug.pdf