



UNIVERSITY
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OTAGO

Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtāgo
NEW ZEALAND

WHĀNAU GUIDE



Ki kā kārakara maha o te motu, tēnā
koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.
Haere tonu kā mihi ki kā whānau, otirā ki a
koutou e poipoi ana i ō tamariki, mokopuna
kia takahia te ara whai mātauraka. Ka mutu,
ko te ara tērā i takahia kētia e ō tātou tīpuna.

Kai te mihi, kai te mihi.

To the many people of our land, welcome.
We extend our greetings to those families and those
who encourage our children and grandchildren to
pursue the pathway of knowledge.
Furthermore, that is the pathway of knowledge
already traversed by those gone before us.

We greet you all.



D79.6640 Kete
Otago Museum, Dunedin

Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai

Kia ora and a very warm welcome to all Māori students who are thinking about choosing the University of Otago. We hope that this booklet will provide some useful information you and your whānau will need to make a very important decision about your future.

Otago is New Zealand's oldest and finest university. It is highly committed to research-led teaching; our students are taught by experts who are internationally-recognised in their field. Otago is also especially renowned for the campus environment and student experience that it offers. Employers clearly value the all-encompassing education that this university provides, and many of our graduates say that they came to Otago, loved it and made friends and whānau connections for life.

For more than a century, Otago has valued its strong links with Māoridom. Our first Māori graduate, Te Rangi Hiroa (Sir Peter Buck), qualified as a doctor in 1904. Like Te Rangi Hiroa, many of our distinguished Māori graduates in the early years trained as health professionals, but today we attract students from throughout Aotearoa in all fields – including the humanities and law, sciences, and business.

While we have a special Treaty-based partnership with Ngāi Tahu as mana whenua of this takiwā (tribal area), we have also developed strong links with other iwi around the country and there are a number with whom we have a formal relationship.

Although our main campus is based in Ōtepoti, nearly half of all Māori students come from the North Island to study at Otago and we are proud to welcome young people from many iwi throughout Aotearoa.

Otago is a national university and we are delighted that Māori students make up a substantial and growing share of our student roll. We are doing everything we can to make this university a place where Māori students and their whānau feel very much at home. We hope that your whānau will entrust you to us, so that you can obtain the education that will help you attain your dreams and achieve your goals, as well as those held by your whānau, hapū and iwi.

Ko te pae tawhiti, whāia kia tata; ko te pae tata whakamaua kia tina.

Pursue the distant dreams so they become closer; pursue the close dreams so they can be embraced.

Ngā mihi.

PROFESSOR HARLENE HAYNE
ONZM, PhD, HonDSc, FRSNZ
Te Tumuaki (Vice-Chancellor)



Tēnei te ruu, te kōkōu mai nei, kihai māhitihi, kihai mārakaraka. Te upoko nui o te ruu, terekou! He pō, he pō, he ao, he ao, ka awatea.

Terekou!

E kā tai e whā me te puku o te whenua, nau mai, haere mai ki tō tātou Whare Wānaka o Ōtākou.

Haere mai ki te rohe o Ōtākou e karapotia nei e kā mauka whakahī, arā, ko Pakahiwitahi, ko tērā te pāhīhī o Āraiteuru, ko Hikaoraroa nō roto mai o Kāti Māmoē tae atu ki tērā pā whawhai i nohoia mai e Kāti Tahu i heke mai ko Pukekura e tū ake rā. Haere mai ki te tai o Āraiteuru kai te nohoia e kā iwi o te rohe nei. Haere mai ki te rohe e whaakaia nei e te awa o Ōtākou.

Haere mai ki te kāika o kā iwi o Kāti Tahu, Kāti Māmoē me Waitaha hoki.

Ki kā hua mokopuna a ō tātou tīpuna kai te taetae mai ki tō tātou whare wānaka, nau mai, haere mai!

Whāia te iti kahurangi kia eke atu ai ki tērā taumata e hiahiatia nei e koe, e tātou katoa!

To the many people of our land, welcome to the University of Otago. Welcome to the area of Ōtākou surrounded by the pivotal mountains from Pakahiwitahi, the passenger of the canoe Araiteuru, Hikaoraroa from within the Kāti Māmoē surrounds and finally the stronghold that stands there, Pukekura that was descended on by Kāti Tahu.

Welcome to the coast of Araiteuru inhabited by the people of the area. Welcome to the area fed by the Ōtākou tide. Welcome again to the home of the iwi of Kāti Tahu, Kāti Māmoē, and Waitaha.

To the descendants of our ancestors who continue to come to the University here, welcome!

Pursue that which you desire, that we desire!



As Director of Māori Development at the University of Otago, I want to thank you and your whānau for considering Otago.

The University's southern roots are anchored in a special relationship with the communities of Otago, Southland (College of Education, Murihiku Campus) and Canterbury (Christchurch School of Medicine), including a special Treaty of Waitangi partnership with Ngāi Tahu, as mana whenua within its takiwā (tribal area) of Te Wai Pounamu.

The University's commitment to Māori advancement is articulated in our Māori Strategic Framework, which serves as a blueprint for staff and students alike. The framework has had its third print run within two years, highlighting the importance and interest in Māori development.

Crucial to Māori student success at Otago are the Māori Centre, the Māori Students' Association (Te Roopū Māori), Kaiāwhina Māori within the academic divisions, the Māori Postgraduate Support Adviser and the Māori Career Adviser. In addition, Te Tumu, the School of Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies teaches and researches Māori language and culture and issues relating to Pacific and indigenous peoples.

These support mechanisms have created a surge in successful taurira Māori. The University now hosts over 2,000 Māori students comprising a record 12 per cent of domestic student enrolments. Over the past decade, the number of Māori students at Otago has increased by 50 per cent – more than three times greater than the overall domestic student rate. Māori academic staff have also flourished. Over the last three years, the winner of the Prime Minister's Supreme Award for teaching has been won by a Māori academic staff member at Otago.

Ka timu te tai, ka pao te tōrea.

Make the most of your opportunities, seize the day.

We look forward to supporting you and your whānau at Otago.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Nā Tuari Potiki

Kaiwhakahaere
(Director, Māori Development)

Ka kōrero au ki a wai?

Who can I talk to?

No matter where you are there will always be someone you can talk to about coming to Otago.

Our schools' liaison whānau, based in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin, may be your first contact with us.

They visit secondary schools throughout the country to provide information and advice about courses and life at Otago. They are also involved in careers evenings, expos and iwi hui-ā-tau.

For contact details see page 25.

The University has two Kaitakawaeka Māori (Māori Liaison Officers). Grace Latimer works from Auckland and Frank Edwards works from the Māori Centre on campus in Dunedin.

Both Grace and Frank attend national and regional hui, iwi forums, kapa haka and Ngā Manu Kōrero competitions. They are also involved in Māori student leadership programmes for secondary school students and can organise Māori-focused tours on campus.



Frank Edwards

Ngāti Kahungunu, Tūhoe, Kāi Tahu

Tel 03 479 8505

Email frank.edwards@otago.ac.nz



Grace Latimer

Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahu, Te Aupōuri

Tel 09 373 9731

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He aha e whiri ai i Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou?

Why choose the University of Otago?



20,000+ students including more than 2,000 taura Māori.



85% of our students come from outside Dunedin.



Otago scores the highest possible international quality rating for excellence and quality.



94% of our graduates go into work or on to further study.



381 Māori students graduated in 2017, including 125 with postgraduate qualifications.



We offer more than 195 academic programmes.

Ko ngā pou tautoko i tō haerenga mai ki Otākou

Supporting your journey to Otago

We run a number of outreach programmes and events to support your journey from secondary school to university, including opportunities to travel to Dunedin and experience life at Otago.

Talk to your careers adviser or our liaison team for more information.

Kei A Tātou Te Ihi (KATTI)

KATTI is a programme aimed at helping Māori secondary school students in the wider Auckland area think about their university options. It is delivered by Māori Liaison Officers from several tertiary institutions, including Otago.

Science Wānanga

Science Wānanga are three-day, hands-on experiences for Māori secondary students.

Staying on marae with university students, scientists and kaumatua, you will get to hang out and do real science in your local community.

YEAR **10**

KATTI
Science Wānanga

YEAR **11**

KATTI
Science Wānanga

YEAR **12**

KATTI
Hands-On

YEAR **13**

KATTI
Hands-On
OCE / REACH

Hands-On at Otago

Hands-On at Otago is a week-long summer camp held at Otago during the school holidays in January.

We offer scholarships for students of Māori descent, entering Year 12 or 13 to participate in the programme. They cover all costs for you to travel to Dunedin to experience a week of serious fun, while developing your knowledge, skills and passion for tertiary study.

otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago

On-Campus Experience (OCE)

The OCE – offered twice each year, in May and July – gives you the opportunity to spend five days staying at a residential college, meeting current students, attending lectures, visiting departments, trying out sports and cultural facilities and exploring Dunedin.

Māori students in Year 13 who are considering going to university are invited to apply for an OCE scholarship by writing an essay about their university, career and life aspirations.

oce.otago.ac.nz

REACH Otago (Realising Educational Aspirations for Careers in Health)

The REACH scholarship provides a fully-funded opportunity for Year 13 Māori students interested in a career in health to spend three days on the Dunedin campus learning about the amazing health sciences study options Otago offers.

Email reach@otago.ac.nz



Ngā karahipi Scholarships



A number of financial scholarships are available especially for Māori students, both through the University of Otago and from iwi, government, industry and private organisations. We strongly encourage you to explore these opportunities.

University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarships

Each year, the University offers many scholarships to students of Māori descent looking to begin their first year of tertiary study. These scholarships have a standard value of \$10,000; some applicants of exceptional calibre may be awarded this scholarship at a higher value and longer tenure. Other University of Otago undergraduate scholarships are available and there are also postgraduate scholarships specifically for Māori students.

Tū Kahika

Tū Kahika is a scholarship that supports young Māori students interested in a career in health through the University of Otago's Foundation Year Health Sciences course and beyond by providing wrap-around academic, cultural, pastoral and financial support over the year.

Tū Kahika is more than a scholarship, it is a whānau of Māori students and staff that support one another to achieve their goals. Tū Kahika is a very successful programme and provides an excellent platform for students to progress into further health sciences study.

Email tu.kahika@otago.ac.nz

Other scholarships

There are many scholarships available from a wide range of sources. To find out about them, visit givME, the GenNZ website that provides information on more than 4,000 scholarships and awards.

generosity.org.nz/giv-me

You can also talk about scholarship opportunities with careers advisers at your school and within your iwi. And, of course, you can contact us for further advice.

otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships



“When I received a scholarship it made me realise it was possible to do what I had dreamed of doing.”

Jade Mills

Aotea, Ngāti Porou, Te Ati Haunui-a-Pāpārangī
(Entrance scholarship recipient, studying Health Sciences First Year)



Paige Rangi, from Mahia in Hawkes Bay, is a second-year student with a very clear career pathway mapped out.

She was motivated to work as a healthcare professional, helping her community, after seeing her family deal with many significant health issues, including strokes, heart attacks and cancer.

She tailored her school studies towards that goal and even logged up a week's work experience on the wards at Hawkes Bay Hospital alongside trained pharmacists.

"I just loved it so I knew then I wanted to be a pharmacist," she says.

When she graduates she hopes to work in a pharmacy in a larger city hospital where she is more likely to develop a wide range of problem-solving skills quickly.

"I'm quite a people person and I like working with a team to try and figure out what's wrong with a patient."

Paige says one of the highlights of her time at Otago has been the voluntary work she does with the Red Cross helping Syrian high school students with their homework and language skills.

Paige Rangi

Ngāti Kahungunu ki te Wairoa
Studying for a Bachelor of Pharmacy

When Manuel Wehi finished high school at the Tolaga Bay Area School on the east coast of the North Island, he knew he didn't have the self discipline to go straight to university.

So he joined the army and did his basic training at Waiouru before moving to the Burnham base south of Christchurch.

Manuel says the army gave him life skills and the confidence to follow the encouragement of his Tolaga Bay teachers to enrol for tertiary study.

"I decided I wanted to go to university to study as a teacher," he says. "That way I knew I could eventually go home to Tolaga Bay and contribute to my community as a teacher."

His army bosses were very supportive of his decision and offered him a job with the Territorial Force Reserve in Dunedin so he could make the transition from life as a soldier to a full-time student.

He is now in his second year at Otago and, while he misses the camaraderie of his army mates, he has settled into student life.

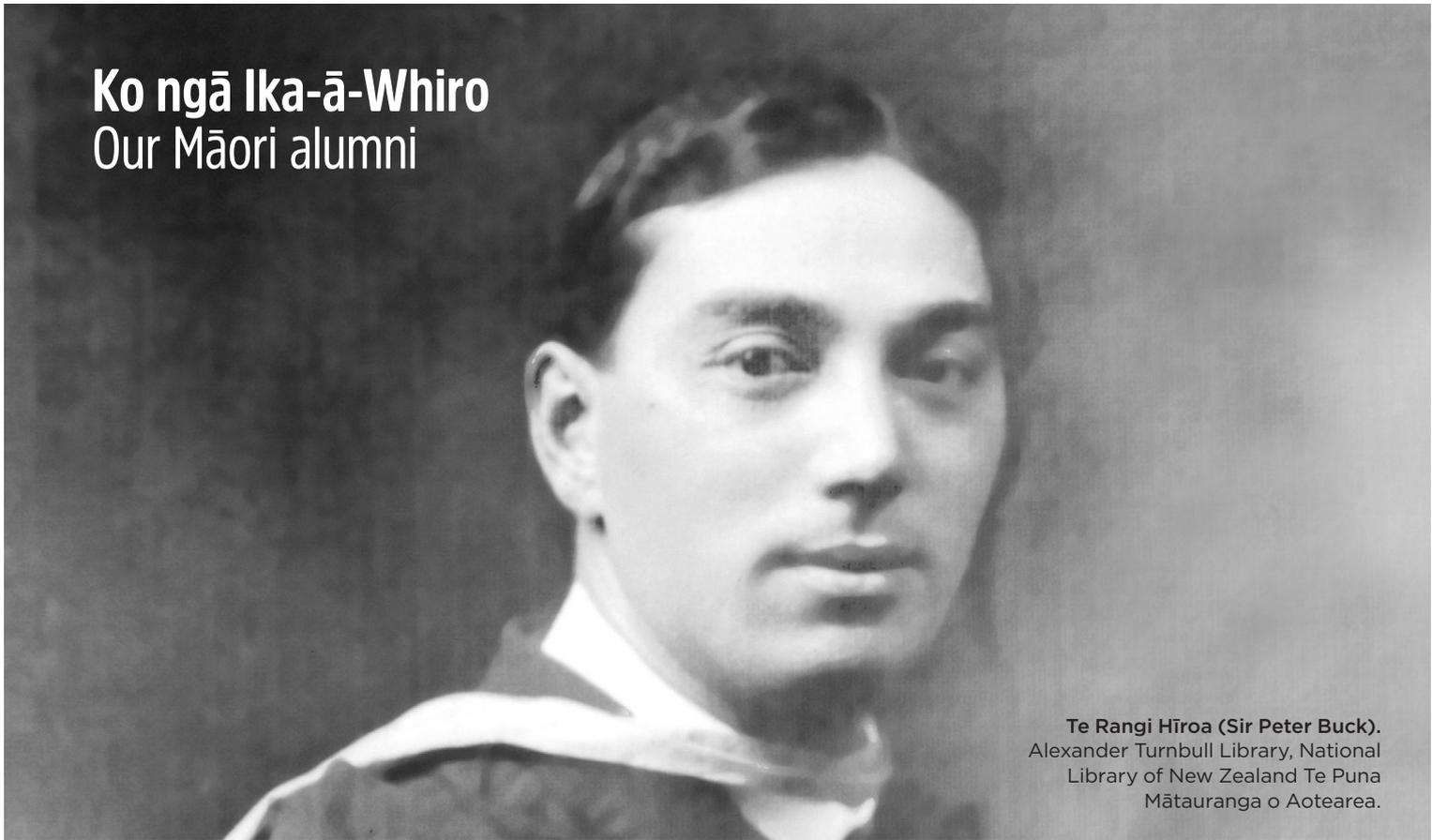
"Coming here feels so easy after the army," he says. "You only need to ask if you are struggling or need help."



Manuel Wehi

Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti, Tūhoe
Studying towards a Bachelor of Teaching in Primary Education

Ko ngā Ika-ā-Whiro Our Māori alumni



Te Rangi Hīroa (Sir Peter Buck).
Alexander Turnbull Library, National
Library of New Zealand Te Puna
Mātauranga o Aotearoa.

Te Rangi Hīroa

Ngāti Mutunga

MB ChB 1904, MD 1910, HDSc 1937

Otago's first recorded Māori graduate trained as a doctor between 1900 and 1904. Te Rangi Hīroa (Ngāti Mutunga), also known as Sir Peter Buck, went on to make significant contributions to his people and his country in public health and Māori history.

His graduation marked the dawn of a proud tradition of Māori achievement at Otago. Since then, countless Māori graduates of the University have used their education to build successful careers and enrich their communities through their knowledge and leadership.

Dr Tutere Wi Repa

Te Whānau-a-Apanui, Ngāti Porou

MB ChB 1908

Dr Edward Pohou Ellison

Ngāi Tahu, Te Ātiawa

MB ChB 1919

Hoani Parata

Ngāi Tahu

BCom 1944

Dr Henry Bennett

Te Ārāwa

MB ChB 1944

Dr Rina Moore (nee Ropiha)

Rangitāne (Te Matau a Māui/Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa),

Te Whānau-a-Apanui

MB ChB 1947

Professor Eru Pomare

Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti

Kahungunu, Rongowhakaata

MB ChB 1966

Sir Peter Tapsell

Ngāti Whakaue, Te Ārāwa

MB ChB 1952, Hon LLD 1997

Dr Paratene Ngata

Ngāti Porou

MB ChB 1970, HonLLD 2004

Professor Sir Mason Durie

Rangitāne, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Kauwhata

MB ChB 1963, Hon LLD 2008

Professor Piri Sciascia

Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tahu

BSc 1968, BA 1972

Dr Pamela Bennett

Te Ārāwa

BSc 1971

Bentham Ohia

Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Pukenga, Ngāti Ranginui, Te Āti

Awa, Ngāti Rārua

BA 1995

Dr Farah Rangikoepa Palmer (ONZM)

Ngāti Mahuta, Ngāti Waiora

BPhEd Hons 1995, PhD 2000

Professor John Broughton (CNZM)

Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tahu

PhD 2006

Jamie Joseph

Ngāti Maniapoto, Rangitāne

BPhEd 1993

Judge Sarah Reeves

Te Ātiawa

LLB 1984

Ian Taylor (CNZM)

Ngāti Kahungunu

LLB 1975

Marilynn Webb (ONZM)

Ngā Puhi

Hon LLD 2010

Burns Fellows

Hone Tuwhare (1974)

Witi Ihimaera (1975)

Keri Hulme (1977)

Rawiri Paratene (1983)



Chelsea Cunningham-McLean credits a high school teacher from Hastings for encouraging her to apply to study physical education at Otago.

“It was probably the best decision I’ve ever made,” she says.

Chelsea is in her ninth year of study, having already completed a bachelor’s degree, a postgraduate diploma and a master’s degree.

“It has been a great journey,” Chelsea says. “Sport has always been a big part of my life. Doing something I love is really rewarding.”

Research for her doctorate is focused on helping her Ngāti Kahungunu whānau reconnect with their ancestral landscapes, to enhance their cultural identity and encourage their social, physical and mental well-being. One aspect of her research uses drone technology and virtual reality to store traditional knowledge and help whānau unable to physically visit their ancestral sites to do so through modern technology.

Outside of her studies, Chelsea is actively involved in many events through the Māori Centre, including attending the kapa haka nationals, visiting high schools to discuss study options with prospective students and voluntary work as a youth mentor with Te Hou Ora Whānau Services.

“I love working with kids through Te Hou Ora – it is often the highlight of my week,” she says.

Chelsea Cunningham-McLean

Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngā Rauru, Ngāi Tahu
Studying for a PhD in Physical Education

Dr Phillip Wilcox loves his job as an educator and research scientist because it combines his passion for statistical methods in quantitative genetics and an opportunity to make a difference in Te Ao Māori.

New Zealand is a world leader in genomics and DNA technologies, particularly in the agricultural sector, he says, and the statistical methodology developed in livestock breeding programmes here has exciting applications in human health and in predicting disease.

“My role as an educator and researcher is to bring Māori kaupapa through by educating postgraduate students so we have Māori data scientists and geneticists working in the genetics field, just as we have Māori lawyers and doctors,” he says.

Dr Wilcox says his work is guided by Māori values of whanaungatanga and manaakitanga, and the environment at Otago is as good as it has ever been for Māori taura to study and feel safe here.

He says genetics has historically been a tapu subject that Māori tended to shy away from. Today students learn the ethics of how and where to safely apply new technology.

“In the old days when Māori students came to university, they had to leave their tikanga at the door,” Dr Wilcox says. “The message to students today is when they come to university we want them to bring their tikanga, values and principles with them.”



Dr Phillip Wilcox

Ngāti Rakaipaaka, Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Kahungunu ki te Wairoa
Department of Mathematics and Statistics



Ngā huarahi hei āwhina i te tauira

Support for students

One of the benefits of studying away from home is learning to take responsibility for yourself. This can be challenging when coming from a whānau-based community-oriented environment so we take our responsibility of manaakitanga seriously, with a system of student support to ensure you study hard, enjoy life and succeed at Otago.

Te Huka Mātauraka

The Māori Centre



Ka mate kāinga tahi, ka ora kāinga rua. Ko te Huka Mātauraka ka noho hei kāinga rua mō ngā taurua Māori katoa ka tau mai ki Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou. Mai i te purapura o te hiahia kia haere mai koe, tae noa ki te hui whakapūmau me ngā mahi ka whai ake, ko Te Huka Mātauraka tērā ka poipoi, ka ārahi, ka āwhina i ngā taurua Māori katoa.

All year, every year, Te Huka Mātauraka offers a home away from home for our Māori students, from pre-enrolment and Tūraka Hou (Māori orientation), through to pre-graduation celebrations, graduation and beyond.

The Māori Centre is the heart of Māori student life on campus, providing all kinds of encouragement and support for students of Māori descent. The Centre is a hub for Māori students to gather, seek support and advice and gain access to a rich community of iwi networks and whakawhanaukataka.

This welcome is not limited to students. Whenever whānau are in town, they are always welcome to come by and see us. Parents can call or email if they have any concerns or wish to understand more about the University.

Pearl Matahiki, the Manager of the Māori Centre, leads the amazing team and oversees all programmes.

Academic programme

The main purpose of the Māori Centre is to support Māori students to succeed in their studies – and there is no better way to do this than to help them study.

You are invited to join the Centre's academic programme, which provides extra tutorials with experts in all subjects from across the University for the duration of your study.



“The Māori Centre is totally welcoming. If you need help with anything, they are always happy to chat and point you in the right direction.”

Nerys Udy

Ngāi Tahu

(Studying for a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a Bachelor of Arts)

Almost all Māori students take up this opportunity and the results have been truly impressive. Many of our students aspire to postgraduate study, and professional and leadership roles throughout New Zealand and around the world. We are very proud of them all.

The Māori Centre also provides programmes to help with study skills, exam skills, essay writing and other learning situations that may be unfamiliar to those coming to university for the first time.

Tūraka Hou

As one of the most significant programmes on campus, Tūraka Hou (Māori orientation) assists with the transition from whānau to university, providing a strong foundation for Māori students to settle into their first and second years of study.

The programme begins with a pōwhiri where you will have the opportunity to meet other Māori students. Poua and taua from local rūnaka and the local community are invited to the campus to meet you, offer support and help develop your relationships with the local Māori communities.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne addresses new students at the 2018 Tūraka Hou, Puketeraki Marae.



Most importantly, Tūraka Hou focuses on making sure you know about the support and resources that are available.

Above all, you will meet other Māori students and develop a sense of whakawhanaukataka – you belong to a community, and you are not alone.

Lots of good kōrero

The Māori Centre is the place you can go for a listening ear and sensible advice. As well as providing enrolment and academic guidance, kaimahi will help with health and welfare, and with those all-important financial discussions, including grants and scholarships.

Celebrations

At the Māori Centre, we find many opportunities to celebrate – it's all part of helping you feel welcome, encouraged and valued during your studies. There is nothing like the pride whānau feel when their tamariki make it through their years of study and achieve their degrees, and we make sure this milestone is celebrated.

The Māori Centre co-ordinates the Māori pre-graduation ceremony before the formal events at the Town Hall. All whānau are invited, and there is time for kōrero, waiata, photographs and plenty of laughter (and a few tears!).

The event is a highlight on our calendar and is remembered by many students as one of the best days of their lives.

otago.ac.nz/maoricentre

Kā Rikarika ā Tāne

Sometimes the best support you can get is from others who have been through similar experiences. That's why our Māori students are supported through a mentoring programme – Kā Rikarika ā Tāne – where teina (first-year students) can be paired with tuakana (experienced students).

As well as students contacting each other in their own time, the Māori Centre helps keep these mentoring relationships alive with social events throughout the year – including a quiz night, wharewhare i te reo Māori and a wearable arts competition. It is wonderful to watch teina become tuakana themselves later in their studies, continuing this cycle of support.



Marc MacKereth
Ngāpuhi
(Studying for a Bachelor of Surveying)

“Having a mentor to help guide you through your first year – through all the hiccups and bumps in the road – is invaluable.”

Kaitohutohu Māori Counsellors

Our taura have access to two experienced counsellors and a Māori Chaplain who provide free confidential advice and guidance.

Vicky Totoro (Ngāti Porou) studied Education, Māori Studies and Psychology for her Bachelor of Arts. While doing postgraduate work she established tutorials aimed at providing a place for students to discuss issues from their experiences as Māori. This programme was incorporated into the Māori Centre when it opened.

Vicky also co-ordinated the Centre's student tutorials and, after subsequent roles at the Ministry of Education, she returned to do counselling and pastoral care.

Vicky advises whānau to prepare children for university by developing their confidence and capability to live independently, normalising help-seeking behaviour and talking honestly about difficult subjects, potential problems and possible solutions.

“Not all young people cope well with change and independence so it is important that whānau prepare them before they get here.

“We all need support. Have that conversation so that students know their limits ... and so that they know to get help early if they need it.”



Kiritapu Murray's (Kāi Tahu) background includes working with young people and helping them deal with trauma. She has raised her own family, who are now all adults, and feels much aroha for students as she is on her own postgraduate study journey.

“I encourage all taura to come in for a quick hui with Vicky, Wayne or myself when you start at Otago, or if you haven't engaged before – nau mai!

“Building a relationship with you means we can support you better when you need it in the future, with whatever is getting in the way of you living your best life at Otago – this can be anything from homesickness or struggling with study, to making new connections.”

Kiritapu is often accompanied by a co-therapist – her French bulldog Digby Jones.

Vicky Totoro

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Kiritapu Murray (MNZAP)

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Ko Putauaki te maunga
Ko takanga i o Apa te wai
Ko Hahuru te marae
Ko Tuwharetoa te iwi

Tena ra tatou katoa. I timata ahau
i te turanga 'Amorangi o Te Whare
Wananga' i tenei tau. He minita ahau kei
roto i te Haahi Perehipeitiriana.

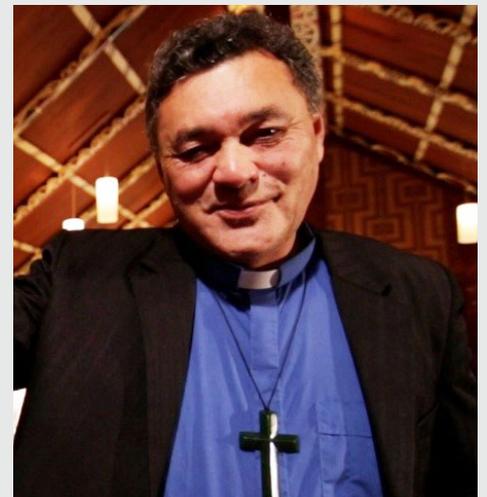
I nga Ramere kei te Huka Matauraka
ahau e mahi ana. Ko aku mahi hei
manaaki ki te taha wairua o te tangata.

Reverend Wayne Te Kaawa is the
University's Māori Ecumenical Chaplain
– the position is the first of its kind at any
of the country's major universities.

“My role is to offer pastoral support and
care to Māori students and staff.

As a current student I understand well the
needs of taura Māori.”

Email maori.chaplain@otago.ac.nz



Reverend Wayne Te Kaawa

Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau, Ngāi Tuhoe, Ngāti Awa



Photo: Trevor Cokley

Te Roopū Māori Māori Students' Association



Te Roopū Māori represents all Māori students alongside the Otago University Students' Association.

They are the Māori students' political and advocacy body on campus, and also provide for the cultural and social needs of Māori students, organising social and sporting events throughout the year.

Te Roopū aims to:

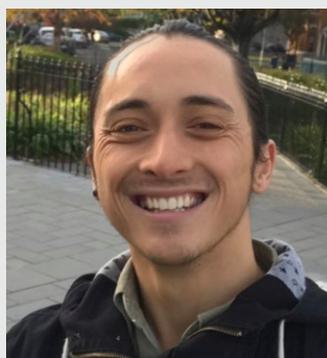
- support and encourage education for Māori students enrolled at the University of Otago
- encourage tertiary education amongst Māori students
- liaise with the broader Māori community at local, regional and national levels.

Roopū on campus

There are several specialist groups for students on particular courses:

- Te Oranga ki Ōtākou / Māori Medical Students' Association
- Te Roopū Whai Pūtake / Māori Law Students' Association
- Te Roopū Pūtaiao / Māori Science Students' Association
- Te Tai Tuarā / Māori Commerce Students' Association
- Physical Education Māori Students' Association
- Ngā Raukura o Tāne Whakapiripiri / Māori Physiotherapy Students' Association
- Ngā Mōkai o Ngā Whetū / Māori Dental Students' Association
- Te Puna Kaitaka / Māori Pharmacy Students' Association
- Humanities Māori Students' Association

“I got involved with Te Roopū Māori through kapa haka – it was a really cool way to meet everyone and get amongst the tuakana.”



Kaharau Keogh
*Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Maniapoto,
Ngāti Tara Tokanui*
(Bachelor of Arts graduate)

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Student services and facilities

Campus Watch

The Campus Watch teams are out and about 24 hours a day, 7 days a week offering assistance and advice around campus and North Dunedin whenever it is required. Team members are easily recognised by their distinctive blue and gold uniforms.

otago.ac.nz/campus-watch

Career Development Centre

The Career Development Centre helps you sort out your career goals and build the future that you want: whether it's checking out papers, considering an international exchange, finding career-related summer jobs or looking for graduate opportunities.

otago.ac.nz/careers

Code of Student Conduct

The University has a Code of Student Conduct, a set of common-sense rules that prohibit behaviour that is likely to endanger safety. The University relies on Campus Watch to help maintain a safe and healthy campus and to ensure that the provisions of the Code are observed.

otago.ac.nz/code-of-conduct

Disability Information and Support

Disability Information and Support provides free and confidential learning support, advice, advocacy and information to students with disabilities, impairments, medical conditions or injuries that may impact their study.

otago.ac.nz/disabilities

Otago University Students' Association

The OUSA is run by students for students and is central to the Otago experience. Its services include welfare and advocacy, student representation, sport and recreation and, of course, social activities which begin with Orientation at the start of the first semester and continue throughout the year.

ousa.org.nz

Pacific Islands Centre

Talofa Lava. The Pacific Islands Centre offers a warm welcome to all Pacific students, both those who are New Zealand born and raised or have come directly from the Pacific Islands to Otago to study. The centre is staffed by a full-time manager and provides academic and pastoral support as well as advice and assistance on everything from extra tutorials, mentoring and scholarships to legal matters or finding accommodation and places to worship.

otago.ac.nz/pacific

Recreation

The Unipol Recreation Centre and OUSA Clubs and Societies Centre provide a comprehensive programme to ensure you maintain a healthy, balanced and fun lifestyle while studying at Otago. There are many recreational opportunities on and off campus including courses, trips, group fitness classes, social sport, sports clubs and societies.

otago.ac.nz/recreation
ousa.org.nz

Student Health Services

Student Health is situated on campus and provides medical, nursing, counselling and psychiatric advice and treatment for all students enrolled at the University of Otago.

otago.ac.nz/studenthealth

Student Learning Development

Student Learning Development offers a free service to help you improve your learning and study skills, with individual help and practical guidance, a student mentoring scheme and online assistance.

sld.otago.ac.nz

Māori Library Resources and Information Services

Te Aka a Tāwhaki

The University's Central Library has a special study area to house the Māori Resources Collection (Te Aka a Tāwhaki).

Te Aka a Tāwhaki provides core Māori resources including books, journals, reports, maps and atlases, computers with internet access, and a relaxed friendly place to get some work done.

Uare Taoka o Hōkena / Hocken Collections

This specialist collection of Māori, New Zealand and Pacific material includes art works, photographs, music, books, journals, maps, newspapers, archives and manuscripts.

There is a specialist Māori research and consultation service and classes and tours available to help you with your research.



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Te Tumu School of Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies

Te Tumu is a voice for an indigenous understanding of the world and the place of all peoples within it. It's a progressive School at the University, offering a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Māori Studies, Pacific Islands Studies or Indigenous Development. Te Tumu also offers various options after the BA.

The School has a strong focus on teaching the Māori language and other topics relating to the Māori worldview as part of the BA in Māori Studies. The language is taught using monolingual, bilingual and immersion-teaching methods throughout the entire BA degree, and is supported by a mixture of other subjects such as tikanga (culture), and a selection of topics including history, performing arts, education, politics, Treaty of Waitangi and Ngāi Tahu studies.

The BA in Pacific Islands Studies is taught across several departments such as anthropology, archaeology, history, geography and media studies. The selection of papers makes up a unique programme with a multidisciplinary orientation that examines contemporary issues of importance to Pacific peoples, including New Zealanders, within their broad cultural context.

A BA in Indigenous Development currently focuses on cultures and indigenous development. Its aim is to provide a critical, cross-disciplinary, Māori/Pacific perspective.

Beyond the BA, Te Tumu offers various postgraduate programmes at honours, master's and PhD levels in Māori Studies, Pacific Islands Studies and Indigenous Development. A Master of Indigenous Studies is also offered to distance students.

Staff at Te Tumu come from a variety of academic and cultural backgrounds, and include members who identify as Māori, Pacific and Pākehā. The School aims to put into practice the language and inclusive cultural values that it teaches and researches.

Te Tumu has a strong commitment to Pacific communities and a unique association with the Ngāi Tahu people of the Otago region; Ngā Rūnanga o Te Tai o Arai-te-uru. This acknowledges the location of Te Tumu within Te Wai Pounamu and the relationship the school has with Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Māmoe and Waitaha as the tangata whenua (people of this land).

otago.ac.nz/tetumu



Te koiora i Otākou

Otago life

Your tamariki will not be alone when they come to Otago. There are already more than 2,000 tauira Māori enrolled here, representing almost every iwi, and making their contribution to the safe whānau environment we provide on campus.



Te hūnuku ki Ōtepoti Moving to Dunedin

Ka nōhia tēnei rohe whakahirahira o Ōtepoti e ngā Papatipu Rūnaka o Ōtākou, o Kāti Huirapa ki Puketeraki, o Moeraki. He pou whenua, he pou kōrero, he pou herenga tangata.

The greater Dunedin area has been the home of, and important to, local Māori for centuries. Its rich cultural heritage lives on in the stories, landmarks and historical knowledge of the three local Papatipu Rūnaka: Ōtākou, Kāti Huirapa ki Puketeraki and Moeraki.

What's Dunedin like?

Dunedin is New Zealand's student capital. During semesters our 20,000 students make up almost a fifth of the population, creating an energy and atmosphere that you will only find at Otago.



“As soon as you arrive in Dunedin you can tell that you're going to be looked after and taken care of. But at the same time you're independent.”

Kaahu White
Ngāi Tahu, Te Rarawa
(Studying for a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws)

Although surrounded by hills, Dunedin is mostly flat and easily accessible. Unlike larger cities, you don't need a car to get around – it's a 10-minute walk from the campus, residential colleges and student flats to the town centre, and a good public transport system covers the main suburbs.

Dunedin is a small city between the mountains, the harbour and the sea – that means there's heaps to do and it's easy to access. Many natural wonders are located a short distance of the centre. The wild coast of the Otago Peninsula is home to an array of wildlife, and is also where the original Māori settlement of Ōtākou still overlooks the harbour entrance.

What's the weather like?

It's much better than you might expect! Yes, the winters are cold, but the days are often sunny, with beautiful blue skies. And yes, a cold southerly wind may blow, but it's not damp so students just need to dress warmly and ensure they have a snug, windproof jacket and good footwear. Layering is the key, so you can dress up or down as the weather changes. Summers are a mix of hot sunny days – which means great beach weather – and cooler days.

The university year

- Summer School starts early in January. It is generally attended by returning students rather than first-years. If you need help with Summer School papers you can contact the Māori Centre.

Workload

Being a student is a full-time job. Expect to study three or four papers each semester. Including your lectures, tutorials, labs, working on assignments and independent study, that will work out to about 36-48 hours a week.

- Mid-semester break. Most students stay around Dunedin during the one-week break, although some first-year students like to head home and catch up with whānau and friends.

- Second semester starts.
- Winter Orientation for Māori students, hosted by the Māori Centre.

- The Māori Centre holds scholarships expos for students to find out what kind of financial help is available for the following year's study.

- Summer break begins!

January

February

- The first semester starts. This is when you finalise what you are going to study, pay your fees and get your student ID card. Māori students get the Te Roopū Māori logo on their ID, which entitles them to certain things that go hand-in-hand with automatic membership to the Māori Students' Association.
- Tūraka Hou (Māori Orientation) helps you find your feet and tells you about all the support that is available.
- Orientation week is packed with music gigs, sports days, a market day and other activities.
- Soon after orientation there's a hui for Māori students to meet support groups on campus, followed by hui for tuakana/mentors and teina/mentees involved with Kā Rikarika ā Tāne (see page 11).
- A Māori Academic Orientation Programme is also available to prepare you for the academic journey ahead.

April

June

- The first semester ends with exams in the first half of June. Once exams are over, there is a two-week break.

July

August

- Mid-semester break.

September

October

- End of year exams, which finish mid-November.

November

December

- Second semester exam results come out at the beginning of December.

How can whānau be involved?

Many whānau, especially those in the North Island, come to Dunedin at the start of the year to help their sons and daughters settle in. It can be a long way to travel but if you can make it to Dunedin, try to attend the pōwhiri for first-year students at one of our local papatipu marae.

The one time that whānau really need to plan to be here is for graduation, which is preceded by the Māori pre-graduation ceremony – a wonderful time to celebrate and share stories with friends and whānau.



Courtney Sullivan dreamed about becoming a doctor when she was 14 and has never lost sight of that goal.

Now a mature student, she has an impressive three degrees in two different disciplines – a Bachelor of Arts with Honours and a master’s degree in Māori Studies, and a Bachelor of Science in Anatomy.

After graduating she worked for six years in the education sector, teaching Te Reo Māori and working with her own whānau back home in Whakatāne, a rewarding experience that revived her determination to complete her training as a doctor.

Courtney returned to Otago and is now studying for a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.

“Once you make a connection to Otago, that connection is always there,” she says. “I feel very comfortable here.”

She is a residential assistant at Te Rangi Hiroa College, and a mentor of first-year students through the Māori Centre’s Kā Rikarika ā Tāne student support programme.

“E pupū ana te hiahia kia toro ōku ringa awhi ki ngā tēina, pērā i ōku tuākana i taku tau tuatahi”



Courtney Sullivan

Ngāti Awa, Taranaki, Ngāti Maru

Studying for a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery





A degree in medicine from Otago is a qualification that opens doors and offers students opportunities to pursue careers in many different directions, says third-year student Jermayne Maika.

“I think getting into medicine was probably the highlight of my time at Otago.”

“I was definitely very lucky to get that chance. It was a privilege to have come through an alternative pathway system that encourages young Māori, Pacific and rural students into medicine.”

Jermayne, who was born in Rotorua and raised in Hamilton, was the first person in his family to attend university. He did a bridging course as a stepping stone into his foundation year at Otago, passed all his exams and decided to continue his studies in health sciences.

When he completes his degree, he would like to gain a few years’ experience in the hospital in emergency medicine before potentially working towards a career in surgery.

“That’s the great thing about medicine,” he says. “Because it’s so broad there are plenty of options.”

Jermayne Maika

Tainui, Tūhourangi, Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Rangiwewehi
Studying for a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Second-year student Georgia Purdue plans to spice up her third year of study with student exchange visits to the University of Cologne in Germany and the University of Strathclyde in Scotland.

Having visited a friend in Germany for a couple of months after leaving high school and spending a month teaching English to a hill tribe in Thailand as part of a Southland Outreach programme, Georgia discovered that she loves to travel and really enjoys meeting people from different cultures.

She will return to Otago to complete her fourth year before venturing out into the work force as a chartered accountant.

Georgia says she loves the lively atmosphere of the Otago campus and made a lot of friends in her first year at Arana, a residential college with 400 students.

She says her family lost some connections to her Ngāi Tahu iwi so she has welcomed the chance to reconnect with her heritage at Otago through events run by the Māori Centre and study nights organised by Te Tai Tuarā, the Māori Commerce Students’ Association.



Georgia Purdue

Ngāi Tahu
Studying for a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Accounting and Finance

Ka noho au ki hea? Where will I live?



Our residential colleges accommodate around 3,500 students



98% of students provide a positive assessment of their colleges

Residential colleges

As more than 85 per cent of our new students come from outside Dunedin, we place great importance on providing high quality accommodation through our 14 undergraduate residential colleges.

New students are generally encouraged to spend their first year at a college. The college communities are led by professional staff who specialise in supporting and caring for young people away from home for the first time. They offer quality accommodation, tutorials, a full meal plan, cleaning, study facilities, academic development, active social and community volunteering opportunities, new friends and, most of all, peace of mind.

Flatting

Flatting is an important part of university life. It offers independence and also greater responsibility. Dunedin has a wide range of rental accommodation – from studio rooms and character houses to multi-unit purpose-built complexes. When looking at a flat ensure you consider what it will be like in the middle of winter – a cold and damp flat may lead to health issues that can affect your studies.

The Student Accommodation Centre can help you find accommodation and provide helpful hints for flatting life.



Living costs

The table below provides an estimate of living costs based on 2018 figures.

	Residential college	Flatting
Annual accommodation fee	\$14,478	-
Average rent (52 weeks @ \$150)	-	\$7,800
Food (40 weeks @ \$80)	-	\$3,200
Electricity, internet (52 weeks)	-	\$1,225
Personal costs (40 weeks @ \$60)	\$2,400	\$2,400
Entertainment (40 weeks @ \$50)	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL	\$18,878	\$16,625

Notes:

1. Residential college contracts are normally for 38 weeks. Some colleges may charge a higher fee than the fee listed in the table.
2. In addition to the accommodation fee, the residential colleges charge a small amenity fee.
3. Personal costs vary considerably depending on lifestyle.
4. This estimated budget does not include travel costs or any significant personal expenditure items.

otago.ac.nz/accommodation



“I just love the student culture – it’s really great. Everyone’s so welcoming, everyone’s in the same boat and everyone’s super easy to relate to.”

Evelyn Wihongi
Ngāpuhi
(Studying for a Bachelor of Physiotherapy)



E pehea au e uru atu ai? How do I get in?

To enrol at Otago, you'll need to be at least 16 years old by the start of classes and hold one of the following university entrance (UE) qualifications.

Admission with UE based on NCEA	<p>NCEA Level 3</p> <p>At least 14 credits in each of three approved subjects</p> <p>Numeracy – 10 credits at Level one or higher</p> <p>Literacy – 10 credits at Level two or above (five in reading and five in writing)</p>
Admission with UE based on International Baccalaureate (IB) qualifications	<p>IB diploma with 24 points minimum</p> <p>Meet literacy and numeracy requirements</p>
Admission with UE based on Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)	<p>At least 120 points on the UCAS Tariff, with a grade of D or better at AS or A level in syllabuses from at least three different syllabus groups, broadly equivalent to the NCEA approved subject list</p> <p>Meet literacy and numeracy requirements</p>

Preferential Entry

Preferential Entry guarantees you admission to Otago to study a general bachelor's degree so long as you also gain UE and meet the minimum age and language requirements.

As a Māori applicant you may qualify for Preferential Entry if you apply by the due date and:

- have not previously studied at a tertiary institution
- hold or are studying towards a New Zealand university entrance qualification
- are applying for a programme subject to the Entry Pathway system.

Note:

You may be required to verify your ancestry. We will contact you if this is the case.

Check the Guide to Enrolment or our website for more information.

Our schools' liaison team can also help with more information about admission and enrolment.

otago.ac.nz/entrance



He aha te utu? What will it cost?

Fees-free study

Most domestic students who are new to tertiary education will be eligible for one year of fees-free study.

For more information, and to find out how to check your eligibility, please visit:

otago.ac.nz/fees-free

Study

After your first year, programme fees range from approximately \$6,000 to \$12,000 depending on what degree and papers you study. You will also want to allow for textbooks and fieldtrips, and all the social, sporting, community and cultural events that Otago has to offer.

Student loans and allowances

If you cannot pay all of your costs yourself, StudyLink can help you arrange a Government Student Loan. The service can also help you apply for a student allowance (conditions apply), and assist with budgeting and other financial advice.

studylink.govt.nz

Is university worth it?

Yes. Statistics tell us graduates generally earn the best salaries. They also find a range of jobs available, as a degree is evidence of being hard-working and adaptable. And the university experience helps people grow, influencing every aspect of their lives and affecting the way they bring up and educate their own whānau.

Going to university is not a guaranteed door to success – but it's a path that leads in the right direction.

Key dates

1 August

Residential college applications open online.

15 August

Applications due for main University of Otago Entrance Scholarships.

31 August

Applications due for Teacher Education programmes (late applications considered).

1 September

Applications due for Music Performance papers.

15 September

Applications due for Bachelor of Radiation Therapy, Bachelor of Oral Health and Bachelor of Dental Technology programmes.

30 September

Applications for a place in a residential college should be submitted.

10 December

Closing date for application for all new and recommencing students taking Summer School, first semester or full-year papers or courses.



Earning even one scholarship is an accomplishment anyone can be proud of. For Yvonne Mitchell, earning three prestigious University of Otago entrance scholarships was an unexpected reward for years of hard work.

As an independent student, head girl and dux of the Cheviot Area School, she also received support from the Cheviot community through the Cheviot Lions Club and Hurunui Secondary Schools Achievers fund.

“I was pretty lucky really,” she says. “I don’t know if I would have been able to go to a residential college if I hadn’t received those scholarships. I was able to focus on my studies without having to find a job and work the whole time.”

“My first year was really good,” she says. “I definitely learnt a lot about myself. You know you’re doing the right papers when you study because you want to, not because you have to.”

Yvonne values the support of the Māori Centre, which made it comfortable for her to embrace her Māori culture on campus, learn te reo and participate in its Kā Rikirika ā Tāne mentor programme.

“Being involved in Māori culture was an opportunity at Otago that I wanted to embrace.”

Yvonne Mitchell

Ngāti Awa

Studying towards a Bachelor of Science majoring in Psychology

Alessandro Pezzuto was able to maintain his friendships and sporting interests from high school by attending university in the same city with the help of a scholarship.

He grew up in Queenstown but his family moved to the Otago peninsula during his first year at high school to be closer to a major centre for work and tertiary education.

He says the support networks for students at Otago are very special. He is a leader for the Locals programme, which organises social events, academic support and volunteering opportunities for Dunedin-based students.

He had very little knowledge of his Māori heritage before he came to Otago. The Māori Centre encouraged him to explore his family’s connection to the Rangitāne iwi and he took papers in Te Reo Māori and Māori history.

Alessandro is hoping to do a student exchange to Montreal in his third year and may continue his studies or travel from there. Everything is open, he says, but at this stage he is considering a career in teaching.



Alessandro Pezzuto

Rangitāne

Studying for a Bachelor of Arts majoring in History and Philosophy

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