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Tēnā koe e te Rangatira

Thank you for promoting the University of Otago's Locals' Programme to your Year 13 students last year. Your alumni (2016's Year 13s) have fully immersed themselves into university life and into the Locals' Programme, by getting involved in everything we have to offer. Locals' has, and will continue to provide, the local first-year students with the support they need to help them navigate university life.

### ***Student for a Day***

In the second semester we would like to offer Year 13 students the chance to get a first-hand experience of university life. Student for Day is a Locals' initiative where we invite Year 13 students on to campus to shadow a first-year student for a day; going to their lectures, tutorials, and laboratories. Student for a Day will run between Monday 17 July and Friday 21 July (during the school holidays). Interested students can register for this opportunity by filling out the registration form on the Locals' website: [locals.otago.ac.nz](http://locals.otago.ac.nz). If you or your students have any questions about this opportunity please email Maya Turner, the Locals Programme Coordinator at [locals@otago.ac.nz](mailto:locals@otago.ac.nz). Please find attached a digital copy of a poster about 'Student for a Day' and we would greatly appreciate it if you could distribute this around your school in places where the Year 13 students frequent.

### ***Schools' Ambassadors***

We would also like to provide the opportunity for your Year 13s to hear from first-year student/s about their experiences at the University. This will be a chance for your students to ask questions and hear from their peers about student life. Maya is available to arrange a time that will suit your school if you would like a first-year student and a staff member of the Locals' Programme to visit.

### ***Information Evening for parents and students***

We would like to extend an invitation to all senior students and their parents to an Information Evening on 27 June. There will be presentations that give a general overview about university study and about the Locals' Programme. Staff and students will be there to answer any questions about university in general as well as the Locals' Programme. This will be held in Castle Lecture Theatre 1 at 6.00pm. Year 13 students will be able to register for Student for a Day and the 2018 intake to the Locals' Programme on the night if they have not done so already.

If you have any events coming up in your schools that Locals' could assist with please get in touch. You can find more information about the Programme and what your alumni students have been up to by visiting our website – <http://locals.otago.ac.nz>

Nāku noa, na

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