



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

15 February 2019

To: Principals of Dunedin High Schools

Dear Principal

In the past few years, in the interest of safety, I have written to you to seek your cooperation in discouraging high school students from attempting to attend, or congregate in the vicinity of the annual Hyde Street Party. I will again request your assistance prior to this year's party, however I now ask that you pass a similar message on to your students regarding flat parties in the University campus area.

As you will know, our Campus Watch staff patrol the campus area, and do their best to ensure the safety of all. In recent times they have reported an alarming rise in numbers of uninvited school students who are attempting to join flat parties held by university students. This is particularly problematic in streets immediately adjacent to the University area.

The University is very concerned about under-age drinking and the safety of these young people, and others, on our campus. Such events usually involve no planning or interventions to mitigate the significant risk of large gatherings and so far it has been fortunate that no major harm has occurred.

It is important for your students to know that Campus Watch will call the Police if it is found that under-age drinking is occurring. Students should be aware of the consequences of under-age drinking or other inappropriate behaviour.

I urge you to share this information with your students and appreciate your assistance in promoting this message.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Harlene Hayne'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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