



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

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To: Principals of Dunedin High Schools

Dear Principal

As you will recall, I wrote to you in February this year asking that you discourage high school students from attempting to attend, or congregate in the vicinity of, flat parties held by University students in the campus area.

We are now approaching the annual Hyde Street Party, which this year will be held on Saturday 13 April, and I seek your assistance once more in discouraging students from assembling in the area.

For several years now the OUSA has put initiatives in place to try to reduce some of the problems that have happened in the past, in order to provide a safe environment for the party. Again, entry to the event is by ticket only, and only tertiary students may attend. The event is R18 and no one without a ticket will be admitted. As previously, there will be a heavy police presence at the party on the day.

I ask that you share this information with your students, if appropriate, as in past years large numbers of secondary school students have attempted to join the party or have congregated in the Hyde Street vicinity. It is important for your students to know that they will not be allowed to attend the party and the Police will be fining people who are found to be drinking under age. They should be aware of the consequences of under age drinking or other inappropriate behaviour and that, in addition to Hyde Street itself, the Police will be monitoring the surrounding area.

I urge you to share this information with your students - in previous years this does appear to have helped, and I would be grateful if you could do this again this year.

Yours sincerely,

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