

# Otago's Unique Orientation



Critic's headlines were "Orientation Happened... forced to write a fluff piece" and "Critic's journalistic integrity lost to excitement". The often cynical Critic staff admitted having nothing negative to say about Ori 2014, describing the event as "impressive".

Vice-Chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne agreed, "The week has gone incredibly well. Three years ago we joined forces with OUSA to provide additional orientation events that highlight the first-class educational and pastoral support that we offer our students."

Pictures are worth a thousand words, so here is a selection from Orientation 2014:



Local Dunedin students on the Union Lawn, enjoying popular Dunedin Scarfie band "Summer Thieves".





Two hundred first year Māori students & their whanau / families relax & mingle with the whanau from Moeraki Marae following their Powhiri to this area. "Ka Mau Te wehi".



Japanese drumming group O-Taiko perform for students. Most members of O-Taiko are University staff and students.



St Margaret's students volunteering at North East Valley Primary School.





St Margaret's students volunteering for the Dunedin Hospice



OUSA Clubs and Societies Day at the University Union Hall





Vice-Chancellor Harlene Hayne at the Orientation Sports Day, with Studholme College students and Warden Ziggy Lesa (wearing the jester's hat).



Vice-Chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne, OUSA President Ruby Sycamore-Smith and Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull welcome students to Dunedin.

And the last word goes to our Vice-Chancellor - "It's been my pleasure to meet thousands of bright young people who have chosen to come to Otago this year. The excitement and ambition of almost 20,000 young people is an infectious reminder that absolutely anything is possible. Their passion, their energy and their commitment never cease to amaze me. I look forward to what lies ahead for 2014".