

The original drawing



Image courtesy of the Hocken Library. By Maxwell Bury, University of Otago elevation, c.1877. MS-2939, Dalziel Architects Records, Archives Collection, s14-211b.

This sumptuous image is a very special drawing indeed of the University of Otago.

Maxwell Bury, the architect whose inspiration shapes our beautiful campus, drew this picture of the University of Otago, as he imagined it would be.

Originally, Otago's campus was to be in the Classical architectural style. However, Maxwell Bury changed his mind, and instead was inspired to design buildings in the Gothic style, which better suits the Dunedin cityscape.

Although some of the design was based on Glasgow University's buildings, some architectural historians have judged that the Otago buildings are superior in design.

Today, Otago's stunning campus is often included in lists of the world's most beautiful campuses, and we'd have to agree it deserves to be! Here are a few of those "World's Most Beautiful Campuses" lists:

Daily Telegraph - *Beautiful universities around the world*

Huffington Post - *15 Of the World's Most Beautiful Universities Revealed*

Buzzfeed - *25 of the Most Beautiful Campuses in the World*

If you are planning a visit to Dunedin, we hope you have time to wander around your campus, enjoy a cuppa at a campus cafe, relax by the Leith, and appreciate the stunning work of Maxwell Bury.

If you are travelling to Dunedin from afar, please contact the **Alumni Relations Office** prior to your visit. We can assist you with tours of campus, visiting old haunts, general information, and getting in contact with the department you studied in.

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