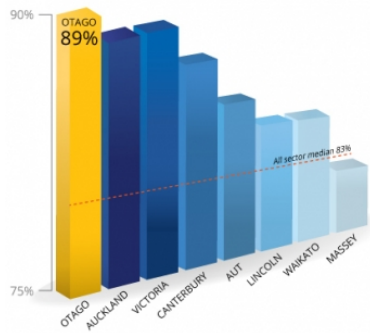
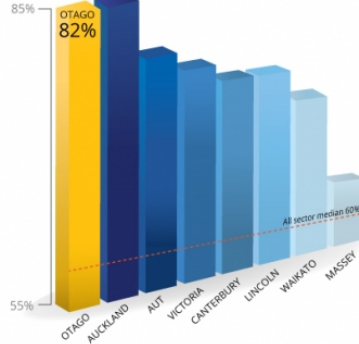


# New Zealand's top university: Latest performance measures show Otago is leading the way...

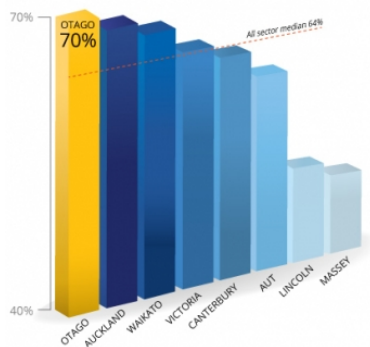
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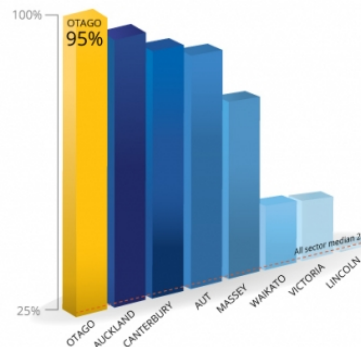
First year retention



Cohort-based qualification



Student progression



The University of Otago topped all but one of the key indicators released in the Tertiary Education Commission's Educational Performance Indicators (EPIs) for 2015.

Otago placed first in the 'Students retained in study' (90%) and a very close second in the 'First year retention rate' (82%) indicators, and first in 'Completion of qualifications' (85%) and 'Cohort-based qualification completion' (70%).

Otago also topped 'EFTS-weighted course completion' (89%).

The University also led the way in 'Progression to higher levels of study' (95%).



*Above: Otago Faculty of Law Professor Jacinta Ruru was presented with the Prime Minister's Supreme Award for tertiary teaching excellence by Rt Hon John Key.*

Vice-Chancellor Professor Hayne noted that Otago's continuing superb performance in national tertiary teaching awards mirrored the University's showing in the indicators.

In August Otago Faculty of Law Professor Jacinta Ruru received the Prime Minister's Supreme Award for tertiary teaching excellence.

Professor Ruru received the accolade from Prime Minister John Key at a function at Parliament. She received NZ\$10,000 through the Supreme Award, and a further \$20,000 as one of 12 tertiary teachers to be recognised through this year's Sustained Excellence Awards.

An Otago academic has received the top award for the past five years.

"Taken together, such achievements confirm our continuing status as a leading teaching and learning institution that offers our students world-class opportunities for academic success and personal growth," Professor Hayne says.