

TEACHING COUNCIL

NEW ZEALAND | Matatū Aotearoa

27 February 2019

Tēnā Koe Mr

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) about the psychological state of teachers investigated at Macleans College.

You have asked specifically about:

the psychological state of teachers investigated at Macleans College, specifically the number of teachers investigated between 2012 and 2019 where psychological state was a factor. This includes psychological, mental health or neurological/genetic disorders, including depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, substance abuse or addiction, post-traumatic stress disorder, ADHD and Asperger's syndrome.

In any request of this type, we are obliged to ensure that the privacy of people is at all times fully respected. The number of teachers that fall within the scope of your request is small and so it is entirely possible that providing the information requested may lead to privacy breaches. I have considered the public interest in making this response and I do not believe that it outweighs the need to withhold this information. I am therefore refusing your request under s9(2)(a) of the Act.

I am sorry that I am unable to provide the information requested, however, if you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman who can be contacted by writing to: The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143, or emailing: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz. A complaint to the Ombudsman can also be made online at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-a-complaint/make-a-complaint-now>

Nāku noa, nā



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