

# Tertiary education

**Digging deeper...**

The Dunedin College of Education became the University of Otago College of Education at the start of 2007 and is now part of the University of Otago Humanities Division.

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The Otago Polytechnic's School of Art offers courses in ceramics, digital and moving image, jewellery and metalsmithing, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and textiles.

**Roughly one fifth of Dunedin's total population are tertiary students – and many more are engaged with our tertiary institutions as academic and general staff. Per capita, there's a lot more education and learning going on in this city than most!**

Our city's dedication to education began even before the city was officially settled. New Zealand's first primary school, Arthur Street School, is said to have had its beginnings in the lessons provided on the *John Wickliffe*, one of the first two ships bringing settlers here from Scotland. Clearly, early movers and shakers in Dunedin believed in the value of education, as our city's first high school, founded in 1864, was also among the first in the country.

Tertiary education followed soon after, with the founding of the University of Otago in 1869. Our Art School opened the following year, and New Zealand's first teacher training college followed in 1876. The Dunedin Technical College, offering practical education for both secondary and tertiary students, was established in 1889.

All these educational institutions remain today, although the past 140 years have seen a lot of change! What was once the Technical College became the Otago Polytechnic, with its secondary education offerings forming the basis of what is now Logan Park High School. The College of Education has recently joined forces with the University of Otago, while the Art School is a part of the Otago Polytechnic. All told, this sees Dunedin's tertiary education offerings today as two strong institutions – the University of Otago and the Otago Polytechnic.



Many international students choose Otago



The Otago Polytechnic School of Art's distinctive entranceway

