

Office of the Mayor



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A warm welcome from Mayor Dave Cull

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Welcome to those of you from other parts of the world who have come to Dunedin to study or are thinking about doing so. Dunedin offers something special to international students, and you bring something special to Dunedin. You bring a diversity and a host of different cultural perspectives which is tremendously enriching for our citizens.

You help to create a global village and bring us closer together. We value your contribution to our place, and we hope you make it 'your place' too.

Dunedin's schools, university and polytechnic do a great job of welcoming and caring for students from other countries.

People choose to live, study and work here, because of Dunedin's outstanding educational reputation and because of its lifestyle – we have a caring, inclusive and supportive community and an abundance of cultural and recreational opportunities.

After the enormously sad events of 15 March, my thoughts are very much with our Muslim brothers and sisters in Christchurch, Dunedin and throughout New Zealand. We have all been shocked by this unprecedented horror, that is so very unlike what our peace-loving country represents.

New Zealand and Dunedin have been strengthened by these events, because we have become even more determined to warmly welcome and support students and residents who have come from other countries.

Overwhelmingly, Dunedin is a peaceful city with a close multi-cultural community. We have a long history of welcoming people of different nationalities, ethnicities and religions.

We will continue to embrace and celebrate our differences. We all belong here.

He aha te mea nui o te ao
What is the most important thing in the world?
He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata
It is the people, it is the people, it is the people

Dave Cull
Mayor of Dunedin