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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email, received on 25 May 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information around the training you completed while working at Lookout Boys Home in Dunedin in the 1980's. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

- 1. The exact course outline or programme description;*
- 2. The modules or subjects covered;*
- 3. The duration, hours, credits, or expected workload;*
- 4. The assessment requirements;*
- 5. Whether the training included supervised practice, placements, casework, report writing, residential care, child protection, youth justice, counselling, group work, family work, bicultural practice, or social work practice components;*
- 6. The organisation or department that delivered, approved, or recognised the training;*
- 7. Whether the training was recognised internally by the Department of Social Welfare, Child, Youth and Family, or Oranga Tamariki;*
- 8. What level this training would likely equate to under the current New Zealand Qualifications Framework, if that can be assessed or commented on;*
- 9. Whether there are archived course outlines, module lists, training manuals, staff training records, or policy documents from that period;*
- 10. Whether Oranga Tamariki can provide a letter confirming what is known about the programme, even if no full course outline can be located*

We have completed a thorough review of our records, and I can confirm we have been unable to identify any files in relation to the information you are requesting. As such, your request has been refused in full under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by Oranga Tamariki and we have no grounds to believe the information is held by any other department.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with your personal details removed.

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I trust you find this information useful. If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mmalyon'.

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