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<b>Name</b>	<b>Claire French</b>	
<b>Born</b>	Born February 26 <sup>th</sup> 1981	
<b>Nationality</b>	New Zealander	
<b>Current Employment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PhD student in Anatomy and Forensic Science at the University of Auckland</li><li>ESR (Environmental Science and Research)</li></ul>	
<b>Research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>French has found a method of identifying whether cells samples collected for DNA testing come from the skin, the mouth or the vagina, something that hasn't previously been possible and has the potential to provide additional evidence in sex crimes.</li><li>Has a patent filed with the NZ patent office.</li></ul>	
<b>Awards</b>	Gold MacDiarmid medal - MacDiarmid Young Scientist of the Year Awards 2006	
<b>Family</b>	Her Mother, Pauline, is the Parish Nurse at St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin Her Father, Jonathan, is studying at Otago Polytechnic She has 2 brothers and 1 sister.	
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St Hilda's Collegiate and Columba College, Dunedin (1994 – 1998)</li><li>Otago University, BSc majoring in Biochemistry (2000 – 2002)</li><li>Auckland University, PGDipSci in Forensic Science (2003) and currently studying towards my PhD.</li></ul>	
<b>Hobbies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Surf Lifesaver at Piha, swimming and travelling</li></ul>	
<b>Quirky facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>She has wanted to be a forensic scientist since her school days</li><li>She took a year off after completing high school to backpack around Europe and "get my OE out of my system" so she could then settle down to the lengthy years of tertiary study required to become a forensic scientist.</li></ul>	