



1.0 Introduction:

- 1.1** Rochester and Rutherford Hall (“the Hall”) is an independent residential hall based at the University of Canterbury.
- 1.2** The Hall retains a strong Christian heritage and provides holistic pastoral care through a range of academic, sporting, cultural and arts-based programmes.
- 1.3** Our Core Values are **Community, Respect, Balance, Opportunities and Support**.

2.0 Standards:

- 2.1** A high standard of ethical conduct and behaviour is expected of all residents. It is a privilege not a right to be offered a place of residence in the Hall.
- 2.2** On and off campus and online, each resident should conduct themselves in a manner exhibiting honour and respect for self and others.
- 2.3** It is expected that all residents will respect and observe the law, all academic regulations, as well as the rules and guidelines of both the Hall and surrounding campus within the University of Canterbury.

3.0 Reputation:

- 3.1** All residents should conduct themselves in a manner which respects and upholds the integrity of the Hall and its reputation.
- 3.2** Residents should reflect and create a positive image of the people, values and traditions associated with the Hall and the University of Canterbury.
- 3.3** Residents are expected to observe these standards both on and off-campus.
- 3.4** Any infraction may result in investigation and if serious and proven, may result in termination of the Resident’s Agreement.
- 3.5** This includes but is not limited to behaviours/actions while using social networks including, but not limited to: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, Snap Chat, blogs.
- 3.6** Further details are contained in the Rochester and Rutherford Resident Agreement.

4.0 Social Media:

- 4.1** Vigilance is required with respect to any behaviour which is potentially embarrassing to students, their families, peers, and/or others. This includes but is not limited to online activities.
- 4.2** The Hall supports healthy choices in all aspects of life and recognises the importance for an individual’s right to privacy and their reputation.
- 4.3** An additional caution is that potential employers, graduate programmes, scholarship committees (among others) now search online histories to screen candidates and applications.

5.0 Social Networking:

- 5.1** The following guidelines apply to the use of social networking web sites. Residents should:
 - 5.1.1** Understand that Cyber safety and privacy are imperative.
 - 5.1.2** Familiarise themselves with the Hall’s policies and procedures.
 - 5.1.3** Recognise that participating in an online community means *anything* posted is both *public and permanent*.

- 5.1.4 Be responsible to themselves and others to guard against any form of harassment by posting material that could adversely impact their personal reputation, or that of the Hall, or the University of Canterbury.
- 5.1.5 Report incidents by following the Hall's complaints procedures which can be found in the Hall Complaints and Grievance Policy.

6.0 Transportation:

- 6.1 Rochester and Rutherford Hall have generous options for parking and these allocated carparks are managed through our office administrator.
- 6.2 The hall only allocates carparks once a year and those with permission must be full licence holders.
- 6.3 The hall does not support any at risk behaviour around the use of vehicles including speeding, travelling with unlicensed, restricted or learner drivers, off road racing or any illegal or dangerous activity involving a motor vehicle.
- 6.4 Any person involved in at risk behaviour with transportation will risk their residence in the hall.

7.0 Leave from Hall:

- 7.1 Rochester and Rutherford Hall administer student management through an online and APP system called REACH. This is an intuitive and accessible system for both our residents and staff.
- 7.2 REACH enables the Hall to meet the needs of residents and be consistent in our approach to pastoral care, especially around matters of health, wellbeing and leave.
- 7.3 It is important that all residents have access to REACH through an available APP. This link will be sent to them prior to arrival.
- 7.4 The use of REACH will be part of the in-hall induction programme when residents arrive.
- 7.5 While the residents' movements are their responsibility, due to Health and Safety requirements indicators for location are available on the APP and residents are required to always keep Hall location up to date.

8.0 Consequences:

- 8.1 Ensuring that there are proportionate consequences for behaviours which breach the Resident Agreement and/or Code of Ethics is an important aspect of our Hall culture and procedures for justice.
- 8.2 Any consequences implemented will be in accordance with the Hall and the University's policies and procedures. This will include the resident being called to account for breach of this code and/or the Resident Agreement.
- 8.3 A fair and consistent response should be in accordance with the guidelines presented through policy, procedures and regular information shared throughout the year, either by written or verbal presentation.
- 8.4 Violations of the Resident Agreement or Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 8.4.1 Breaches of Alcohol & drug related policy;
 - 8.4.2 Shoplifting or theft;
 - 8.4.3 Assault/physical/sexual violence in any form;
 - 8.4.4 Sextortion, sexual exploitation or coercion or any sort;
 - 8.4.5 Violations of the University of Canterbury Student Code of Conduct including those involving academic dishonesty, hazing, (etc.)
 - 8.4.6 At risk or pathological gambling;
 - 8.4.7 Trafficking/disseminating/supplying any illegal substance;
 - 8.4.8 Use or storage of any firearm or weapon at the Hall or the University.

- 8.5 If a Resident Agreement or Code of Conduct violation is found to have been committed, a student may receive a penalty including, but not limited to, a written reprimand, community service, temporary stand down or indefinite suspension, or termination of place within the Hall.
- 8.6 It may be deemed necessary that a perpetrator receives ongoing and confidential professional support in order to stay as a resident at the Hall.
- 8.7 Any level of consequence may be appealed through the Hall complaint procedures.

Resident Agreement

Please read the Resident Agreement, Resident Handbook, and any other information pertaining to your selection as a resident in the Hall.

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