



POLICY

Restricted and Prohibited Activities Policy

1.0 Rationale:

1.1 Rochester and Rutherford Hall ("the Hall") is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment which is conducive for the learning of its residents. To maintain this commitment, and to comply with its duty of care under the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 ("the code"), the Hall has established the following Restricted and Prohibited Activities Policy.

2.0 Definitions:

2.1 Restricted and prohibited substances: Refers to (without limitation) alcohol, illegal drugs, mind altering substances, psychoactive substances (such as party pills, synthetic cannabis, etc.) solvents, cigarettes and vapes, and other harmful substances.

3.0 Purpose:

- 3.1** To uphold the law and ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents;
- 3.2** To ensure all Residents agree and will comply with the Hall's requirements on restricted and prohibited substances in accordance with the Resident Agreement;
- 3.3** To support drug education for all residents;
- 3.4** To ensure the Hall remains a place where illegal drugs are not used, sold or possessed.

4.0 Alcohol Consumption:

- 4.1** It is recognised that the majority of residents are above the legal age to consume alcohol and the sensible consumption of alcohol is acceptable at the Hall.
- 4.2** Residents under the age of 18 years are not permitted to carry, store or consume alcohol within the Hall without the express permission of their parent or guardian. All residents under the age of 18 years will be required to provide a permission form signed by their parent or guardian allowing the consumption of alcohol at events such as formal dinners, where alcohol will be served.
- 4.3** All residents who wish to consume alcohol are expected to do so safely and sensibly at all times. The following are not permitted within the Hall as they are inconsistent with the expectations of sensible and safe drinking:
 - 4.3.1** Kegs and pre-made shots.
 - 4.3.2** Glass bottles of alcohol of any kind.
 - 4.3.3** Drinking games or apparatus and paraphernalia associated with drinking games/and or binge drinking.
 - 4.3.4** Consuming alcohol in the computer suite, study centre, dining room, music room and TV room.
 - 4.3.5** Parties within any of the buildings where Residents reside.
 - 4.3.6** Parties within the Rec Room without the prior permission of the Principal.
- 4.4** Additional alcohol restrictions will be put in place prior to and during the exam period and at other times of the year as deemed necessary by the Principal.
- 4.5** Exemptions are in place for such events as formal dinners and other Hall functions where alcohol may be served.
- 4.6** Staff will be provided with ongoing training regarding identifying and timely reporting of alcohol related incidents and behaviours.
- 4.7** The Hall will provide residents with information on wellbeing and alcohol awareness as well as promoting a healthy lifestyle for residents.

5.0 Smoking and Vaping:

The use of any illegal drugs and the storage of equipment to consume illegal drugs are expressly banned at the Hall and the University of Canterbury.

5.1 The University of Canterbury, including all buildings and grounds are deemed as completely smoke-free and vape-free. In accordance with the University of Canterbury's smoke-free policy smoking/vaping is not permitted:

5.1.1 inside any building including the foyers and entrance ways on the steps or approaches to buildings

5.1.2 near windows or near air conditioning units/air intakes

5.1.3 anywhere in the University grounds (other than exceptions approved from time to time).

5.1.4 For the avoidance of doubt this includes all smokable products, including vapes and e-cigarettes;

6.0 Medication and Drugs:

6.1 Prescription and non-prescription medication are excluded from this policy. Residents over 18 years of age are expected to manage their own prescription and non-prescription medication.

6.2 Any resident under the age of 18 years must declare any medication and provide evidence of approval from their GP and/or their parent or guardian to self-administer any medication, including non-prescription medication.

6.3 The use of any illegal drugs and the storage of equipment to consume illegal drugs are expressly banned at the Hall and the University of Canterbury.

7.0 Weapons and Fireworks:

7.1 Residents are forbidden from using or storing any weapons or fireworks in the Hall or on the grounds.

7.2 For the purpose of this section, weapons or fireworks include but are not limited to:

7.2.1 Ammunition, Air rifles, slug guns, BB guns, or any firearm of any type including imitation firearms

7.2.2 Knives of any kind

7.2.3 Roman candles, single- and multi-shot shooters, ground and wall spinners, fountains, cones and sparklers or any other type of fireworks.

8.0 Enforcement:

8.1 Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious or illegal activities related to the use or suspected use of alcohol, drugs, smoking or vaping, weapons and fireworks to the staff on duty or campus security.

8.2 Violations of this policy will be subject to disciplinary actions, which may include warning, probation, eviction, or reporting to law enforcement agencies, depending on the severity of the offense.

8.3 The Hall reserves the right to charge the resident any costs associated with commercial cleaning of all furnishings such as beds, bedding, linen, curtains, carpet and any furniture fabric contaminated or damaged by alcohol, drug use, smoking or vaping.

9.0 Education and Support:

9.1 The Hall will provide educational programs and resources related to responsible alcohol use, substance abuse prevention, and the dangers of smoking and vaping.

9.2 Residents struggling with substance abuse, smoking, or vaping-related issues are encouraged to seek help.

9.3 Confidential counselling and support services are available on campus to assist individuals in need.

10.0 Outcomes:

9.4 The Hall promotes the wellbeing of residents by providing an environment that encourages healthy choices and responsibility for self and others.

9.5 The Hall possesses responsive wellbeing and safety systems for all residents to accurately identify emerging concerns about wellbeing, safety and behaviour.

9.6 Hall staff will take all reasonable steps to connect residents with appropriate social, medical and health services if required.

13.0 External Resources:

[Alcohol Advisory Council \(Health Promotion Agency website\):](#)

[Ministry of Health | Mental Health and Addiction:](#)

[Students Against Drunk Driving \(SADD\):](#)

[Students Against Dangerous Driving:](#)

[University of Canterbury Student's Association \(UCSA\):](#)

[The Education \(Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners\) Code of Practice 2021](#)

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