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On behalf of the team, I am delighted to welcome you to your new home at Te Puni Village!

TPV is a special place with a great deal of heart! We are interested in cultivating leadership, embracing diversity and giving things a ‘go’.

The name Te Puni is derived from two elements within Maori culture: ‘puni’, which means a company of people, and ‘whare puni’, a principal guesthouse of a kainga, or village. It also refers to the Te Ati Awa chief, Rangatira Honiana Te Puni who provided shelter and protection for the settlers; hence, the name Te Puni has come to mean providing shelter, hospitality and accommodation to students of all nations.

Entering university and Hall life at TPV is the first step on an incredible journey upon which you will learn a great deal about yourself, one another and the world at large. Living with 398 students you have never met before is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live, learn and grow! Our community practices civic responsibility and offers the opportunity for you to discover the kind of person you want to become. We hold a high standard of accountability to develop a trusting and respectful space that celebrates its members.

No matter what you’re interested in, there are heaps of ways to contribute at TPV. We offer a vibrant residential life programme full of academic, cultural, social, athletic, and philanthropic events! You may even choose to take advantage of leadership opportunities by participation in our Residents Association or by applying to be a Residential Assistant in the future. It’s really true that you get out what you put in, and we encourage you to get involved in life at TPV!

Our team is dedicated to ensuring that TPV is a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for you to pursue personal, academic and community excellence. We are committed to supporting you on your journey and challenging you to succeed. Above all we are incredibly proud to welcome you to Te Puni Village!

Esteban Funes, Village Manager

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Stay in touch with us using these village contact details
As at the date of this Handbook, the management team for the Hall includes the following staff. As a resident of the Hall, you are required to comply with all directions given by the Hall’s staff.

Village Manager
The Village Manager looks after the operations and general management of the village.

Community Manager
The Community Manager looks after pastoral care, behavioural concerns and assists with all aspects of village residential life. The Community Manager works closely with the Residential Assistants to deliver pastoral care to the residents.

Student Support Coordinator
The Student Support Coordinator is someone you can chat to about anything that may come up for you as you transition into uni. The Student Support Coordinator is a registered health professional who provides a confidential service for hall residents experiencing any health or wellbeing issues that may impact on their ability to manage the demands of their living and academic environments. The SSCs liaise with faculties, student support services, and community services to ensure that residents are able to access the support required to reach their potential and achieve academic success.

Residential Services Officer
Residential Services Officers look after accounts, marketing and assist with all aspects of Village life.

Residential Assistants
A trained team of 12 Residential Assistants live throughout the village providing support to residents.

Maintenance Supervisor
The Maintenance officer facilitates day-to-day maintenance requirements.

Night Manager
The Night Manager continues the provision of pastoral care and oversees the management of incidents after hours. They also work alongside the Residential Assistants to support them and create a safe and supportive environment for our community.

CLV Staff
In addition to our Village staff, we have an Asset Facilities Manager (based in Palmerston North) to support the Village team operations. CLV staff, based in the Head Office in Christchurch, regularly visit the site to support the Village team.
Deposit

When you returned the Hall Residence Agreement, you were required to make a one-off Deposit payment as set out in the Agreement. The Deposit comprises the Administration Fee, the Activities Fee and the Bond.

The Administration Fee helps to cover the cost of processing your application.

The Activities Fee is a contribution towards activities organised by Staff for the benefit and enjoyment of Residents.

The Bond will be refunded to you in accordance with the Agreement, less any amounts for which you are liable.

Accommodation Fee

The Accommodation Fee payable, and the Instalments and Instalment Dates, are determined based on the Room Type of your room, as set out in the table below. The table is subject to the following exceptions for non-resident guarantors and single trimester accommodation.

Non-resident guarantor

If the Guarantor under the Hall Residence Agreement is not resident in New Zealand:

- the first and second Instalments are payable on the first Instalment Date; and
- the third and fourth Instalments are payable on the third Instalment Date.

Single trimester accommodation

If the Term of your Hall Residence Agreement is for the first trimester only, the Accommodation Fee will be an additional 10%.

Payment method

Payment of the Deposit and the Instalments can be made via EFTPOS, direct debit or credit card. (Credit cards incur a 1.8% surcharge.

- EFTPOS – can be paid at reception during office hours, M-F 9am–5pm NZST. Location 80 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn, Wellington.
- Credit Card – can be paid at reception during office hours, M-F 9am–5pm. (Credit Card incurs a 1.8% surcharge.) To pay over the phone, ring reception on +64 4 470 9220 during office hours, M-F 9am–5pm NZST, with the following details: Cardholders’ Name, Card number Expiry Date, Card Security Number
- Direct Credit – can be paid to Te Puni Village bank account; details are: SWIFT code: ANZBNZ22 Direct credit into: ANZ National Bank Limited. Branch: Wellington Commercial Branch, 1 Victoria Street Account Number: 06-0103-0067072-00 Account name: Te Puni Village Payment Reference: Residents’ name

Financial issues

In the event of unforeseen financial issues, we encourage you to discuss your situation with the Village Manager before the due date for payment.

- You will be required to pay an additional late payment fee of $50.00. If you have discussed your reasons for late payment with us before the due date, we may, at our discretion, waive the late payment fee.
- You will be required to pay our reasonable debt collection costs incurred in respect of the outstanding balance.
- A hold may be applied which will mean you will be unable to receive your grades or re-enroll.

Cancellation

The Hall Residence Agreement contains details on your ability to cancel the Agreement, and your liability if you do decide to cancel.

If you are considering cancelling the Agreement, we encourage you to discuss your situation with the Village Manager or one of the Staff.

If you do decide to cancel, you must provide written notice of cancellation to the Village Manager.

Room Type | Accommodation Fee | 1st Instalment 5 Feb 2020 | 2nd Instalment 8 Apr 2020 | 3rd Instalment 3 Jun 2020 | 4th Instalment 12 Aug 2020
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
Standard single | $17,839 | $4,821 | $4,339 | $4,339 | $4,339
Apartment Single | $18,409 | $4,975 | $4,478 | $4,478 | $4,478
Single Ensuite | $18,928 | $5,730 | $4,616 | $4,616 | $4,616
Restorative communities

Te Puni Village is a restorative community. A restorative community is one in which every member is valued and feels they belong, where all contribute to the common good, and where conflict is handled in ways that promote accountability and repair. A restorative community fosters positive relationships founded on mutual care, respect, equality, responsibility and honest communication.

Restorative circles in the Halls

Throughout the year, your RA will invite you to participate in dialogue circles to strengthen relationships and improve communication on your floor. Your RA or Residential Life Manager will facilitate the circle, using a ‘talking piece’ so that everyone has an equal opportunity to speak. Circles may be held for lots of reasons, including to:

- Make decisions about group activities.
- Process a difficult community event or shared experience.
- Respond to conflict or problematic behaviour.
- Build positive relationships.
- Establish shared norms and values for your floor.
- Participate in a difficult community event or shared experience.
- Make decisions about group activities.

Circles are a great opportunity to get to know your neighbours and to have a say in creating your floor culture.

Restorative ways of addressing conflict and rule-breaking

When conflicts occur a restorative justice process is available. This is where those involved in the episode meet together, with the help of a facilitator, to discuss:

- What happened?
- Who has been affected and in what ways?
- What can be done to make things right?
- How can we stop similar things happening in the future?

A restorative process requires the responsible student(s) to accept responsibility for their actions and to make amends, and provides the harmed parties with a clear voice in the process. The group works together to reach an agreement about what must be done to repair the harms and restore relationships.

Participation in a restorative meeting is entirely voluntary; all affected parties must agree before the meeting goes ahead. When determined appropriate by staff, this process may be used as an alternative to normal disciplinary procedures.

Residents may request a circle or a restorative meeting at any time to address interpersonal conflict within the Hall.

Student Conduct Statute

As a resident in the Te Puni Village the Student Conduct Statute applies to your conduct.

We encourage you to make sure you are familiar with the Student Conduct Statute.

If your conduct at any time amounts to, or may amount to, misconduct under the Student Conduct Statute, we may take disciplinary action against you in accordance with that Statute.

Being a good neighbour

While you have a responsibility to behave appropriately to other residents within your Hall, you also have neighbours in nearby buildings and houses. Being a good neighbour is a high priority for the University and something we take very seriously. Treat these neighbours respectfully—please be quiet when passing by, and dispose of rubbish in bins provided. The neighbours are good people, but understandably they get tired of noise and rubbish issues caused by a small number of students.

The University responds quickly to complaints of receiving complaints from neighbours.

Harassment

The University is committed to providing a living and working environment that is free from harassment. Harassment is unlawful.

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Okay. Let’s make sure everything is in order! Flick through the next few pages to see what’s included in your new room and how to look after it while you stay with us.

Allocation of rooms

We will notify you of your Room Type before you arrive at the Hall and, on arrival, allocate you your room.

Your room may be any one of the Room Types listed below. Although we will try and place you in your preferred Room Type, we may not be able to do so.

Standard Single, 334 beds
These rooms have natural light, a single bed, desk and a wardrobe. Residents share bathrooms with other residents on the floor.

Single Studio, 35 beds
These large rooms have double beds, a private en-suite bathroom and a mini kitchenette.

Apartment beds, 17 beds
The apartment rooms are for two/three people and have two/three separate bedrooms with double beds, living areas, a private en-suite bathroom and a kitchenette in each apartment.

Relocation – Your initiative

You must remain in the room allocated to you for the duration of the Term, unless we agree otherwise. If you are having issues with your room and would like a change of room:

1. We expect you to remain in your room for a minimum of /six weeks after arrival as everyone settles in.
2. We encourage you to discuss the situation with your RA. We will attempt to resolve any conflicts or points of difference before considering a change of room.
3. If, after remaining in your room for /six weeks, and after discussing the situation with your RA, you would still like a change of room, you may apply in writing to the Village Manager or Community Manager for a change of room.
4. Any change of room is at our discretion and will generally require another resident to change rooms.
5. If we are able to offer you another room, you will be required to pay a room change fee of $50 when you change room.

Relocation – Our initiative

The Hall Residence Agreement contains details on our rights to ask you to move to another room in the Hall, a different Room Type within the Hall, and/or to a different University Hall of Residence.
Here’s some insights into what is already in your room, and things you might like to bring with you when you arrive.

**Supplied items**
Although there is a variation in the size and layout of rooms at the Hall, each resident is provided with:
- Bed and mattress
- Mattress protector
- Study desk and chair
- Wardrobe
- Storage unit
- Bookshelf
- Mirror
- Noticeboard
- Rubbish bin

Please check with staff before bringing any furniture of your own. Refrigerators, loud speakers, and strobe lighting are not permitted. At the end of your stay, you are responsible for removing any furniture of your own. If you do not remove this furniture, you will be charged for its removal, and it may be disposed of at the Village Manager’s discretion.

You are permitted to shift the Hall furniture supplied in your room around the room, provided that no fixtures or fittings are unscrewed or taken down, and you return the furniture to its original position before you leave. However, you may not remove any furniture from within your room at any time. You may not place communal furniture in your room. You must also ensure that the hydraulic above your door is always connected to ensure safety in case of a fire.

**Recommended items**
You are required to bring your own bed linen or you can purchase linen from TPV for $150.00. You should also consider bringing:
- Blu-tack
- Cleaning products
- Coat hangers
- Computer
- Desk lamp
- Emergency kit (e.g., torch, batteries, water, foil blanket, canned food)
- First aid kit
- Headphones
- Laundry basket and washing powder
- Toiletries
- Torch
- Towels
- Your own cutlery, crockery and cups for use outside of kitchen

**Insurance**
You are advised to take out a personal contents insurance policy. This may be possible through your parents’ or caregivers’ policy. We take no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings.

**Prohibited items**
The following items are not permitted and may be confiscated:
- Bar heaters
- Candles
- Faulty electrical appliances
- Fridges
- Incense
- Oil burner
- Popcorn makers
- Toasted sandwich makers or toasters
- Firearms and weapons (including replicas)
- Food processors
- Large speakers
- Pets or animals are also prohibited.
Welcome to your new home! Here’s what to expect when you first show up to the village.

**Room inventory form**
You will be asked to complete and return a room inventory form within 48 hours of your arrival. Please ensure all defects and missing items are noted on it, as you will be held responsible for the cost of replacing items or repairing damage in your room.

**Keys, access cards and security**
You will be issued a room key and access card on arrival. You are not permitted to make copies of these. Your access card will allow 24-hour access to the Hall. If you lose your access card or room key, you will be required to pay for a replacement.

Please be responsible with your room key and access card. In order to reduce the risk of theft, please:

› Lock your room whenever you leave it.
› Do not lend your room key and/or access card to anyone.
› Keep your access card and room key with you at all times.
› Report any lost keys or access cards to reception immediately.

Charges apply as follows:
- $15 to replace your access card.
- $150 to replace your room key.

**Meal pins**
Meal pins will be issued on arrival, if applicable. When you go to eat a meal, you use your pin at the kitchen to grant you access to eat. Under no circumstances must your meal pin be issued out to guests. If a guest wishes to eat at Te Puni Village, they must buy meal vouchers from reception (M-F, 9am to 5pm) for $8.00.

**Photographs and student ID**
Residents are required to provide passport-style photographs for security records, and for display on residents’ photoboards in common areas unless you notify the Hall prior to arrival that you do not want your photo displayed.

Residents are required to provide their student ID number for confirmation of full-time enrolment at Victoria University, and any other purpose deemed appropriate by Hall management.
**Some helpful info for living in your new home.**

**Cooking**
If you live in an apartment, you may use the cooking facilities provided. All studios and apartments have fridges. You are advised to defrost your fridge throughout the year when ice builds up.

All catered residents may only use the kitchenette facilities provided on your floor for making snacks.

**Electricity and energy use**
Power charges are included in the Accommodation Fee. We encourage you to be mindful of your power consumption and do your bit to conserve energy.

Please turn off any lights and heaters in your room when you go out.

**Posters and decorations**
You should only use pins in the noticeboard in your room. You may put posters and decorations on your room walls, as long as you use blu-tack and make sure you remove all marks when you leave.

Do not use any other products, such as cellulose tape or other adhesive tape, hooks or nails to attach anything to the walls.

Any work required to repair damage caused by tacks, nails, adhesive tape, hooks, etc., will be charged to you.

**Internet access**
Free wireless internet access is available to all residents. For more information or help, contact Hall reception or IT Services.

**Study and semester breaks**
There is no need to vacate the Hall or remove your belongings during study and semester breaks. Refunds are not available for any period you are away from the Hall during these breaks. You cannot sublet your room during your absence.

**Right of entry**
We may enter your room including in your absence for the following purposes:

- Ensuring your personal safety and wellbeing
- Ensuring the wellbeing of other residents
- To attend to other health and safety concerns, including in any emergency
- To carry out repair or maintenance
- To conduct room checks
- To deal with any nuisance arising from your room, such as loud music.

If any person requires access to your room, staff will attempt to notify you in advance.

Residents are not permitted to obstruct any employee of the University, fire wardens, or authorised technicians in the performance of their duties.

Hall staff will not permit any other person, including friends and relatives, to access your room without your verbal or written permission.

**Use of Facilities**
You must use the Facilities for their intended use.

Sensible behaviour in Hall buildings is expected at all times and no activity that puts residents or the building in danger is permitted.

- No roller skates, bikes, roller blades, or skateboards may be used in the buildings.
- No cricket, ball or frisbee games are to be played in the buildings.
- Balls, skateboards and other recreational equipment must be carried when entering or leaving the buildings.
Here are some tips for our residents to help you stay healthy and tidy.

Cleaning
Residents are responsible for cleaning their own rooms and for keeping all common areas as tidy as possible. In studio rooms, residents are responsible for cleaning their own bathrooms, kitchenettes and living areas and for providing their own cleaning products and toilet paper.

Cleaners are contracted to clean the common areas of all buildings. Residents are responsible for keeping their own common room benches clean and clear. Residents are responsible for common room dishes.

Please let reception know if supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels and soap in common bathrooms run out.

It is your responsibility to keep your room in a clean and tidy condition, including emptying your own rubbish and recycling into the appropriate areas. Rubbish from your room may not be emptied into the common room bins. If you live in a shared room, studio or apartment, you will need to work out a roster for weekly cleaning. You may approach an RA for assistance with this.

Room checks will be conducted from time to time. It is preferable that you are present, but we reserve the right to check in your absence. If your room is found to be unsatisfactory and you will not/cannot rectify this in the time required, your room may be cleaned by our cleaners at your expense.

It is important to ensure you leave your room in a clean and tidy condition for health and safety reasons and so that you do not have cleaning costs deducted from your Bond.

Maintenance
If you notice anything in your room or any other part of the Hall that needs repairing, please log a maintenance request through the Online Portal.

If you have any problems with pests, such as ants, cockroaches, etc., let Hall reception know.

Please see the staff if your problem remains unattended.
damage and no-go-zones

Read this section to avoid some unfortunate consequences.

Damage

Individual liability
The Hall Residence Agreement requires you to:

> Keep the Facilities (this includes your room, the Hall, and all fixtures, fittings and chattels within the Hall) clean and tidy, and pay for any cleaning, damage, repair and maintenance for which you or your guests are responsible; and

> Keep your room in the condition it was in at the Start Date (fair wear and tear excepted).

Examples of costs for which you may be liable include costs to repair damage caused by your guests, the cost of cleaning, repairing and/or repainting your room, and the cost of repairing damage to walls caused by adhesive tape.

Joint liability
We encourage those at fault to take responsibility for their actions. However, sometimes damage or theft will occur that cannot be attributed to individual residents.

Under the Hall Residence Agreement, if, due to damage of any kind, any cleaning, repair or maintenance (including replacement) is required to the Facilities and responsibility cannot be attributed to individual residents, you will be liable for a pro-rata share of the cost of such cleaning, damage or maintenance, as determined by us.

Out of bounds areas
The following areas are out of bounds to you and your guests at all times, unless you have approval from the appropriate staff:

> Staff rooms
> The kitchen
> The basement
> Any plant or service areas
> The roof, ledges and balconies.
What to expect when it comes time to leave.

Under the Hall Residence Agreement, at the end of the Term or (if earlier) when you leave the Hall, you are required to leave your room in the condition it was in at the Start Date (fair wear and tear excepted), and return all room keys, access cards and chattels provided to you.

To ensure this occurs, we require you to follow the following process on departure:

1. Towards the end of the Term, you will receive a set of departure forms, consisting of:
   - Departure letter
   - Cleaning checklist
   - Departure bank details form.

If these forms are misplaced, please come to reception for replacements.

2. The forms above must be returned to reception by the date specified on the forms.

3. On leaving the Hall, you are required to hand in:
   - Your room key
   - Your access card
   - Your cleaning checklist, signed off by staff.

If you do not return all of these items, there may be a delay in processing your Bond refund.
**General Policies and Rules**

**Academic Assistance**
We endeavour to provide an environment conducive to academic success. If you require academic assistance, do not hesitate to discuss this with any member of the Hall team. A RA will touch base with you throughout the year to discuss your academic progress.

Residents must be full-time Victoria University of Wellington students, and are expected to attend the lectures, tutorials and laboratory sessions for which they are enrolled.

**Catering**
Te Puni Village provides catering for all Room Types. If you have any special dietary requirements, please advise us before you arrive to ensure that appropriate arrangements can be made. All meals are provided within the dining room. If you are unwell, please notify a staff member who will arrange for a meal to be delivered to your room.

Dining times may vary during study and exam periods, break periods, and other times. Packed lunches and late dinners can be arranged in advance. Meal times are an excellent opportunity to socialise within the community.

**Dining Room Rules**
- Treat all catering staff with respect.
- The kitchen is out of bounds.
- Dining is a privilege for residents only. Guests are not permitted to have meals without prior authorisation.
- A reasonable standard of dress, appropriate to eating in a public place, must be worn in the dining room.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Throwing food is strictly prohibited.
- When you have finished eating, return all crockery, cutlery, and any leftover food to the collection area.
- Food (except packed lunches) cutlery and crockery supplied by the Hall must not be taken from the dining room.

**Guests**
Guests are welcome at the Hall provided that they are sober and well behaved. As a resident, you must sign in your guest on arrival, be with your guest at all times while they are on Hall premises, and escort them out of the premises when they leave. This is necessary to maintain the security of our Hall, and to ascertain which people are in the building in the event of fire or earthquake procedures. All guests are subject to the same policies that are enforced for residents. It is the duty of the resident to ensure that the guest is aware of these policies.

Unaccompanied, intoxicated or disorderly guests will be required to leave the Hall immediately. Staff may ask a guest to leave the Hall at any time. Remember that you are fully responsible for your guests’ actions while they are at the Hall. If your guest causes any damage, you will liable for all costs of repair, cleaning or replacement.

Any guests who are minors (under 18 years of age) must receive specific permission from the Community Manager or Village Manager to stay at Te Puni Village. This will involve receiving a formal confirmation and acknowledgement from the parent/caregiver of the guest who wishes to stay at Te Puni Village, which must be communicated to the Village Manager or Community Manager.

As a resident, you must not let your guest use your key access card or meal card. A guest is welcome to stay for a night or two if a guest pass is signed by a staff member at least 24 hours in advance of the guest’s arrival. No guest may stay on a regular basis, and residents may only have one overnight guest at a time. The Village Manager has the right to enforce a no guest policy, which may occur during, but is not limited to, orientation periods, study periods or exam periods.

**Confidentiality**
Staff and residents are expected to treat each other with respect and confidentiality. The University Privacy Statement governs collection, use, storage and disclosure of your personal information, as it relates to your residency at the Hall.

In addition, guarantors can also be contacted if payments are outstanding, if a person is responsible for damage or setting off fire alarms, and if a person is being evicted.
Make sure you’re respectful of others and keep an eye on how much noise you’re making

Living in a large residential community requires consideration and respect. Residents living at the Hall are first and foremost students and an environment conducive to studying will always take priority. Noise must be kept to a reasonable level at all times:

Noise must not be heard outside your room, either in the public areas or in any neighbouring room. Any large speakers will be confiscated, so we advise that you bring a UE Boom or a similar speaker for music.

If you want to listen to loud music, you must wear headphones.

Loud conversation in the corridors is particularly disruptive to residents trying to sleep or study.

Be mindful and respectful of all neighbours including those in the wider community.

Staff may ask any noisy group in any part of the Hall (including bedrooms) to disperse.

Quiet hours

It is critical that you observe quiet hours.

> Quiet hours are from 10:00pm until 8:00am daily, 8:00pm until 8:00am during exam periods.

> During quiet hours, no noise should be heard at all from your room or apartment or common areas. This policy is strictly enforced.

> No excessive noise should be heard at any time from your room or apartment.

> During examination times, quiet hours will be extended and you will be notified.

> Quiet hours may change at any time of the year. This is usually in conjunction with study and examination periods but is not limited to these times. We will notify you of any changes.

> Staff may require that guests who do not respect quiet hours will be required to leave the Hall.

Noisy neighbours

If your neighbour is making so much noise that you are unable to study or sleep, politely ask them to reduce the noise. If this is unsuccessful, contact the RA on duty.

Keeping it down

150DB A jet engine. Don’t fire up your jet in the apartment after hours.

95DB The point where sustained exposure causes hearing loss. Not fun.

90DB A pneumatic drill. Don’t use a drill in your apartment. You want your security deposit back!

70DB Vacuum cleaner. That machine that cleans up the house. There’s one in your apartment. Check it out.

60DB Normal conversation. Inside voices people. No one needs to hear you yell.

44DB Bird call. Generally a pleasant noise, unless it’s 6am. Then the birds are not your friends.

30DB Whispering. This won’t bother anyone (unless they’re not in on the secret!)
drugs and alcohol

We’ve put together some information about how you can stay safe during your time with us.

**Alcohol**

Te Puni Village encourages and promotes a sensible and responsible attitude towards alcohol. The consumption of alcohol is one of the main factors that contributes to disorderly behaviour and noise. We expect you to be responsible for your behaviour surrounding alcohol, and as a resident you agree to abide by the following alcohol rules:

1. Persons under 18 will not be allowed to consume or be in possession of alcohol on the premises, and will be placed on an alcohol-free floor or space.
2. If you are 18 or over, reasonable consumption of alcohol in your room with another resident or two is allowed, provided that noise and/or damage is not a problem and no alcohol ban is in place.
3. If excessive noise can be heard at any time from outside your room, and alcohol is involved, then your gathering could be closed down.
4. Adhere to our alcohol guidelines:
   - six cans of beer, or
   - four RTD cans.
5. No glass alcohol bottles, except standard wine bottles are permitted, this includes glass beer bottles. Straight spirits are also not permitted at any time.
6. Actions of residents’ guests are the residents’ responsibility. Guests are not permitted to consume any alcohol while on site. Hall staff will require guests to leave if their behavior is unacceptable or they are intoxicated.
7. No alcohol can be consumed in public areas including common rooms, hallways, bathrooms, cinema lounges, the dining room, laundry, foyer, any outdoor areas on Hall premises, and any other common space. Open drinks in these areas will be confiscated and disposed of.
8. No alcohol can be stored in common space refrigerators or freezers, and may be removed and disposed of.
9. Total alcohol bans will be put in place during study and exam periods and may be put in place at any other time.
10. You may not have or use any equipment that encourages excessive or unhealthy drinking, including but not limited to kegs, funnels, home brewing equipment or paraphernalia associated with drinking games.
11. Drinking games are not permitted on Hall premises.
12. Material that promotes alcohol or alcohol-related events may not be displayed or distributed, and will be removed.

**Smoking**

Hall premises and grounds are smoke-free and vape-free environments. You cannot smoke or use vaporisers/e-cigarettes in any area of the buildings including foyers and entranceways. If you are found smoking in the building, smoking materials will be confiscated and disciplinary measures will follow.

**Drugs: marijuana and other illegal substances**

It is forbidden to possess, use, and/or distribute marijuana and other illegal substances. Residents discovered using, in possession of, or selling such substances will face disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Conduct Statute. In addition, we may notify the Police.

You are responsible for what happens in your room. If there are signs of drugs having been used in your room, you will face disciplinary action. Do not allow anybody to use drugs in your room.

Please inform an RA or office staff immediately if you suspect drugs are being used in the Hall. Paraphernalia associated with drugs is not permitted in the Hall and may be confiscated. Further investigation will occur and any confiscated items will not be returned.

**Party pills and herbal highs**

Although deemed legal, party pills and herbal highs may not be possessed, used and/or distributed on Hall premises. The Hall chooses not to have them on site.
We encourage self-reliance and personal growth of our residents. As a resident, your son or daughter is responsible for their own academic and personal choices. Any concerns or suggestions will be dealt with directly between them and Hall staff.

Arrival and payment information is only sent to the resident. The Hall will protect the privacy of its residents and will not provide any personal information to caregivers without consent. If a parent or caregiver is the financial guarantor for a resident, it is up to the resident to discuss any financial problems with them. Residents have access to the University’s Financial Support and Advice Service for help with budgeting and becoming financially independent.

Caregivers are welcome to share any feedback, but the Hall will always contact the resident directly should the need arise. A parent/caregiver will be contacted in case of any significant health emergency, or otherwise urgent situation.

Support for residents

We acknowledge that students and parents/caregivers alike can struggle a bit with the transition and adjustment of leaving home, moving to another city, starting an academic course and moving into a community living environment.

Students are well supported, especially in their first few weeks as residents in their chosen Hall, with access to Residential Assistants or Advisors, a Community Manager and Student Support Coordinators.

Student Support Coordinators are registered health professionals who provide a confidential service for any Hall residents experiencing health or wellbeing issues. They liaise with faculties, student support services and community services to ensure that residents get the support they need to reach their potential and achieve academic success.

Support for parents and caregivers

The main advice we can give parents and caregivers is to keep lines of communication open with your daughter or son. Continue to have frank and open conversations about all areas of their lives, especially as they head into this next stage, and support their choices.

While your first instinct may be to want to find out more about your son or daughter’s situation, especially if they mention something that they are not happy about, most things get resolved as part of everyday Hall life.

Rather, you can encourage them to get involved in Hall and University activities and suggest they talk through any concerns with Hall or University staff. Make sure you are aware of the services available so that you can direct your son or daughter if they indicate they need some help.

Planning for breaks during the year, keeping in touch through phone and Skype and sending surprise care packages are also important.

Depending on your situation, you may want to limit contact in the first week or two to check-in texts so that everyone has a chance to settle in to their new routine.
Use of social media is encouraged as a great way to connect with residents and staff, and to keep up to date with events and community news.

Each Hall has its own Facebook page for residents to read and post relevant items.

Please be respectful of other users of your Hall’s social media accounts. Residents must not post anything that may be considered as discriminatory or harmful against, or bullying or harassment of, any individual on any social media platforms. For example:

- Making offensive or derogatory comments relating to sex, gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion, belief or age;
- Using social media to bully another individual; and
- Posting images that are discriminatory or offensive, or linking to such content.

Hall management reserves the right to delete any post that may cause offence and could be detrimental to the Hall community.

Permission of others

You should also be mindful of having sought and gained the consent of involved parties, whether posting to your Hall’s Facebook page or any personal pages. This is particularly relevant for photos. You must always gain permission from someone whose photo you intend to post. If they don’t want their photo posted, respect that decision.

If you post something without the express permission of the person involved, it may be a breach of their privacy. Depending on the nature of the material, there may be more serious repercussions, such as legal action or a police investigation.

If in doubt, always ask the person concerned. You can’t assume they will agree. And if you can’t contact them or have any doubts about what you’re doing, don’t post.
As a resident of the Village, you agree to comply with the University Health and Safety Policy.

In particular, you will take reasonable care of yourself and others and cooperate with hall staff and ensure that your acts do not adversely affect others. You will also report, as soon as possible, to halls staff any matter that may be, or may create, a health and safety issue.

**Health**

If you are sick, or know another resident who is sick, tell your RA and/or Hall reception so that the appropriate care can be arranged.

All acute illnesses must be reported to Hall staff immediately.

Contact Victoria Student Health to enrol or make an appointment on 04 463 5308.

The Hall contains smoke alarms, sprinkler systems and evacuation procedures, and has regulations in place to keep residents safe.

**Fire safety**

Your room is a ‘fire cell’, which means that if there is a fire in your room, the closed door will prevent the fire from spreading rapidly. This is an important safety mechanism in a building where several hundred people live.

> Visitors and overnight guests in any building must sign the overnight guest register at reception/RA Corner.
> You are not permitted to burn anything in your room or apartment - incense, candles, cigarettes, E-cigarettes, vapours, tobacco, matches, or lighters. These items will be confiscated if found in use.
> You are not permitted to hang anything from sprinkler pipes or fittings, and must keep the area around sprinklers and smoke detectors clear.
> All electrical appliances e.g. straighteners, hair dryers, electric blankets must have a safety check and be in good working condition & order.
> Cooking is only permitted in kitchenettes spaces. Cooking equipment such as hot plates, rice cookers, electric woks, toasters, panini machines and frypans are not permitted in rooms or in communal spaces.
> Barbeque grills and charcoal fluid may be a fire hazard and are not permitted inside buildings in the Hall or outside on balconies, patios or decks.
> If a false alarm is triggered the responsible resident will bear the cost of any fees that are as a result of the event.

Abiding by fire safety rules and policies and the fire evacuation procedures ensures the health and safety of all our residents. If items that are not permitted are found to be on the premises, they will be confiscated.

Disciplinary action will follow if fire safety rules and policies and fire evacuation procedures are not followed.

**Fire alarms**

If you or your guests deliberately tamper with fire equipment such as the smoke alarms, sprinklers, heat detectors, fire signs, fire exits or fire switches, disciplinary action will follow. If you are responsible for setting off a fire alarm you will also be liable for a charge of $1200 or more to cover the cost of the Fire Service call out charge. The Fire Service may also be involved in further action.

Deliberately tampering with any fire equipment, regardless of an alarm being activated or not, will result in disciplinary action. Any associated charges to fix or reset systems will be charged.

**Fire evacuation procedures**

When the fire alarms sound, you and everyone else in your room must:

1. Leave your room immediately.
2. Leave the building immediately using the nearest fire escape. You must not use the lifts in an evacuation.
3. Proceed to the designated assembly area.
4. Stay out of the building until you are told you may return.
5. If the smoke detector in your room activates, find out the cause as quickly as possible and activate the fire alarm if necessary.

**Fire wardens**

Fire wardens in each building are appointed at the beginning of the year. There will be at least one fire warden representative for each floor who will be instructed on fire safety and evacuation procedures. If you would like to be a fire warden, please contact your RA in the first week of your arrival.
Earthquake
In the first instance, 'Drop, cover and hold'. Then, when instructed by Hall staff, follow evacuation procedures quickly and efficiently.

Hazardous materials, firearms and weapons

Substances
You are not permitted to use hazardous substances such as resin, chemicals, spray paints, spray glue, or flammable solvents within the Hall premises. If you need to use substances of this type for your studies, please discuss with the Village Manager before using them.

Check if your Hall has a Messy Projects room, or use the appropriate facility provided on campus.

Firearms and weapons
Firearms and weapons of any sort (including replicas) are not permitted on Hall premises. If found, they will be removed. You may face disciplinary measures and, if necessary, the police may be involved.

General safety
For safety and security reasons, it is not permitted to:
> Throw anything out of, or hang anything from, any window.
> Tamper with, or remove latches from, any window.
> Climb on, or over, any external railing.
> Climb out of any window.
> Use an emergency exit only door outside of an emergency or fire alarm activation.

Hall Residence Agreement
If you are a Resident at Te Puni Village, you will have entered into a Hall Residence Agreement prior to taking up accommodation at the Hall.

The Hall Residence Agreement binds you for the Term set out in the Agreement, and requires you to read and comply with this Handbook.

Terms
Throughout this Handbook, capitalised terms have the meaning attributed to them in the Agreement. When we refer to we/our/us, we mean Victoria University of Wellington, and when we refer to you/your, we mean the Resident.

Notices
Written notices under the Hall Residence Agreement can be sent to:

Email: tepunivillage@vuw.ac.nz
Address: 80 Fairlie Terrace,
          Kelburn,
          Wellington 6021

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