Accommodation Guide
NAU MAI, HAERE MAI,
AND WELCOME TO TE HERENGA WAKA—
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

CAFÉS, BARS, RESTAURANTS, MUSEUMS,
FESTIVALS, THEATRES, SHOPS

14 HALLS OF RESIDENCE

FLATTING OPTIONS
SUPPORT FOR ALL RESIDENTS

INTER-HALL COMPETITIONS
SPORTS, QUIZ NIGHTS, DEBATES,
WEARABLE ARTS, TALENT QUESTS,
CHARITY EVENTS

BE SAFE AND SUPPORTED

APPLY FROM 1 AUGUST

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

2021 WELLINGTON
COMPACT, EASY TO GET AROUND: WALK EVERYWHERE
# Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington has been awarded five stars plus overall in the QS Stars university ratings system. In addition, the University received five stars in all eight categories on which it was evaluated.

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Situated around a spectacular harbour and surrounded by beautiful scenery, Wellington is compact, lively, and home to fantastic beaches, green spaces, creative culture, events, shops, and a thriving food scene. The city is ideal for student life—as New Zealand’s capital, it is also the country’s political and cultural heart. Many students consider their years at university to be some of the best in their lives. Whether it is in one of the University’s halls of residence or flatting, finding the right place to live will help you make the most of your time at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Halls are a great option for first-year students. They are safe and supportive communities of students from different backgrounds with varying interests and offer an academic-focused environment to transition to university life. Each hall organises activities for students so they can lead a balanced life of study and socialising. Our halls are committed to the care and welfare of residents, and each has a dedicated team of hall staff onsite to ensure that the hall is a safe, healthy, and positive community conducive to study.

Many students move out of halls after their first year. However, there are a number of self-catered facilities available and you have the option to continue living in university accommodation for the remainder of your studies. There are some financial advantages to living in a hall due to inclusive costs and shorter contracts that correspond to the academic year. See the University’s Financial Survival Guide for sample budgets for living in the halls and flatting.

Flatting with other people may suit you if you are organised and independent. You will be responsible for cooking some, or all, of your meals; managing electricity, food, internet, and phone bills; and doing housework. Costs vary according to the type of building, distance from the University, and whether you share food and other expenses.

University Accommodation Wellington can help you decide which option is best for you and guide you to find a suitable home. We process applications for the halls of residence and offer advice about a range of other accommodation options.
Online applications open on 1 August 2020 for 2021 hall accommodation. You do not have to gain admission to the University before applying. To access the online application, you must first register with your email address and password. We recommend you do not use your school email address to register.

Applying before 1 October 2020 increases your chances of getting a place in a hall for the 2021 academic year. Applying even earlier (by the end of August) means that any issues with your application, payment, or reference can be resolved before the closing date.

Choose your three hall preferences carefully. If you decline an offer of a place from one of the halls listed on your application, it is unlikely you will receive another offer. We advise against listing only our most popular halls (Capital Hall, Katharine Jermyn Hall, and Te Puni Village). These halls usually fill their spaces from those who have chosen them as their first preference and seldom pick students who have made them their second or third choice. The last day to change your hall preferences is 15 September 2020 as halls start to review applicants from this date.

You are welcome to visit the halls. Contact them in advance to make private arrangements or come to Open Day on Friday 21 August 2020 for scheduled tours. For private arrangements, allow 10–15 minutes per tour as well as travel time between halls.

Take care with your personal profile. It plays an important part in the selection process as it provides an insight into who you are and how you can add to the hall community. Aim for at least three sentences for each question, where possible.

If you are an applicant under the age of 20 attending university for the first time in 2021, you must arrange for a completed Common Confidential Reference form to be sent to University Accommodation Wellington. If you are a New Zealand domestic secondary school applicant, you should talk to your school to arrange this.

In addition, gap year applicants may want to arrange a more up-to-date reference in the form of a letter from an employer, tutor, minister, sports coach, or the like.

If you are an international student under the age of 18 years, we require you to stay in one of the following accommodation options: a catered hall; a homestay; with your parents; or with a designated caregiver.

If your application is incomplete after 1 October 2020, it will not go through to the initial selection process. We will process your application only if it is fully completed and we receive both the application fee and reference. If your application becomes complete after 1 October, we will ask you to join the application pool to be considered for late offers. For more information, see page 10.

Include any special requirements in your application (for allergy, diet, health, religious, financial, or other reasons). This helps us to ensure you have chosen the most appropriate halls to meet and support your needs.
International students should indicate any planned early arrival in your application if possible or contact University Accommodation Wellington ahead of time. The team will make temporary accommodation arrangements when necessary at local hostels or other halls of residence (depending on the availability) at your expense, in conjunction with Wellington University International.

Apply only once. Multiple applications from the same person will cause delays in processing. To make changes to your application, or if you forget your username, email us at accommodation@vuw.ac.nz

Applications for Trimester 1 only (February–July) are accepted from applicants who will finish their studies at the end of Trimester 1. Contracts for Trimester 1 only will attract an additional levy of 10 percent to cover the cost of finding a subsequent replacement for the room.

It is never too late to apply for a hall throughout the academic year. Applications for Trimester 2 open on 1 April, and students seeking accommodation for Trimester 3 can apply from 1 August.
We guarantee an offer of a place in one of our halls to all students who have NCEA Level 2 (or above) endorsed with Excellence (or equivalent in another qualification), when they apply before the accommodation deadlines. Students who are awarded a Wellington Tangiwai, Totoweka, or Kahotea scholarship (school-leaver scholarships) and international students are also guaranteed an offer of accommodation from the University.

Where possible, we will place you according to your choices. However, we do not guarantee an offer of a place in your first choice hall unless you have specific health or disability needs that require appropriate facilities and support offered by that hall.

In some instances, we may offer you a place in a hall you have not chosen. For the best chance of getting a place, make sure you complete the online application form on time.

Applications open on 1 August 2020 and are due by 1 October 2020. To be eligible for an offer of accommodation, you must apply by the due date and have a satisfactory confidential reference from your school. Halls will begin to review applications from 15 September. The majority of accommodation offers are made approximately one to two weeks after the application due date. However, no student is guaranteed to receive an offer at this point in the offer process.

Additional offers will be made up until the first week of Trimester 1 as spaces become available.

Heads of halls choose applicants according to the University’s guaranteed offer and equity criteria, and work towards creating a diverse hall community by considering gender balance, cultural diversity, degree type, and geographical representation.
KEY DATES FOR APPLYING TO A HALL OF RESIDENCE

Online applications open for 2021 accommodation
1 AUGUST 2020

Open Day
21 AUGUST 2020

Halls begin to review applications; last day to change hall preference
15 SEPTEMBER 2020

If your application is not complete after this date, it will not go through to the initial selection process; first round of applications close
1 OCTOBER 2020

Offers made to late applicants and those in the application pool as places become available
OCTOBER 2020–FEBRUARY 2021

Move-in day
14 FEBRUARY 2021
OFFERS PROCESS

University Accommodation Wellington generally receives more hall applications than the number of beds available. It is simply not possible for us to offer everyone accommodation at once. As a result, some applicants will not receive an offer in the first few weeks after 1 October. These students will be sent an email request to join the waiting pool to select more halls and to be considered for offers made further on in the offer process. Applicants who satisfy the guaranteed offer or equity criteria and have completed their application by 1 October will be given priority within the waiting pool.

As applicants decline their offers between October and the beginning of Trimester 1, we make offers to applicants in the waiting pool to fill vacancies. To increase your chances of gaining a place, we recommend you expand your preferences to at least five halls at the time of joining the waiting pool. We also recommend that you do not decline an offer because you want to be offered a place in another hall. It is unlikely you will receive a second offer and students who have yet to receive an offer will be considered before you.

To ensure the waiting pool operates as efficiently as possible, we will email you occasionally to confirm whether you would like to remain in the pool. If we do not hear from you within an appropriate timeframe, your application will become inactive and will be removed from the pool. In addition, please let us know if you are no longer coming to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington to study, so we can make offers to students who are still committed to enrolling at the University.

Your application is important to us and we will endeavour to place you in one of our halls, if possible. However, if you do not receive an offer of a place in a hall by mid-February, we recommend that you start looking at alternative accommodation, such as private hostels, or a room in an established flat. If you have any questions about the waiting pool or alternative accommodation, contact University Accommodation Wellington.
DEPOSIT

Upon acceptance of an offer of accommodation, a deposit is required, which is typically around $600. The deposit has three components:

- activities fee
- administration fee
- bond.

If you withdraw from the contract before the withdrawal date specified in the contract, we will refund the activities fee and bond. If you withdraw after the withdrawal date, you will forfeit the deposit.

ACCOMMODATION FEES

The accommodation fees are payable in advance. Most halls charge monthly fees, with the first installment due in early February.

New Zealand students will not receive StudyLink assistance soon enough to pay the first hall instalment and it will not cover the full cost of subsequent instalments.

Contracts for Trimester 1 only will attract an additional levy of 10 percent to cover the cost of finding a subsequent replacement for the room.

FEES AND CHARGES

If you withdraw after taking up residence:

- you and your guarantor (if you have one) remain responsible for the $500 charge for breaking the contract
- you will be liable for the accommodation fees unless (and until) a suitable replacement takes up residence.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

In some halls, the costs for the following may be additional to the accommodation fees:

- electricity
- food
- internet
- laundry
- telephone.

NEED HELP?

Did you know there are a limited number of scholarships available to contribute to accommodation costs? Find out more about scholarships, bursaries, and awards on our website.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships

The Financial Support and Advice team can help you with budgeting for hall instalments, provide budgeting tools, and offer a comprehensive range of financial information and support.

To make an appointment with a student finance adviser, phone 0800 04 04 04 or visit Info Ihonui, Level 1, Hunter building, Kelburn campus.

student-hardship@vuw.ac.nz

www.wgtn.ac.nz/financial-advice
Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington prioritises the welfare of our resident student community, supporting residents with wellbeing and support services. We enable our students to thrive in our community, providing a residential environment that supports wellbeing, social connection, and academic success. With a strong team of hall staff, a hall whānau culture, and excellent support services in place, students in halls of residence in their first year have the opportunity to transition to university life with support. They enjoy full access to everything the University has to offer in this regard from health and wellbeing services and recreational facilities to academic assistance and help managing finances.

We see student wellbeing as underpinned by a strong partnership between the student, our halls of residence, university support services, and parents and whānau. Each party has an important role to play in ensuring students’ welfare and academic success.

Our resident student community can expect a high standard of care while they live in our accommodation at every stage of their academic career.

We are committed to continual improvement and work to incorporate evolving best practices in the student accommodation sector that align with New Zealand’s code of practice pastoral care standards for both domestic and international students.

It is important to ensure residents are safe and flourish in an academic environment, and staff need to know about any special health or wellbeing needs you may have. You can disclose these, or any concerns you may have, when you confirm your offer of accommodation. We can then tailor a pastoral care plan to your needs.

If you have any questions or concerns about coming into a hall environment, you are welcome to contact the student support coordinators or heads of halls directly.

SUPPORTING OUR RESIDENTS

HEADS OF HALLS/RESIDENTIAL LIFE MANAGERS

Heads of halls and residential life managers (in independent living precincts) oversee the welfare of residents. They manage all staff and operations at their hall or precinct. The head of hall works with the deputy head of hall, residential advisers (RAs), night managers, and student support coordinators to ensure students are living in a safe environment that supports their wellbeing and academic performance. Heads of halls and residential life managers work closely with their colleagues to provide a very high and consistent standard of care, and to build communities that live the University’s core ethical values of respect, responsibility, fairness, integrity, and empathy.

DEPUTY HEADS OF HALLS

Deputy heads of halls work with the heads of halls to provide leadership and management within the hall environment. Their role includes assisting the coordination of the RA team and managing responses to residents’ behaviour. Their role is essential in building each hall’s sense of community and individual culture. The deputy heads of halls also contribute to disciplinary processes and function as a conduit to the University’s support services.

RESIDENTIAL ADVISERS

Residential advisers are high-achieving senior students employed and trained by the University to support residents’ transition into tertiary study, develop and maintain the hall’s sense of community, and provide leadership through the provision of social and academic learning opportunities. The RAs live on site and a group of residents is assigned to them. The RAs are often the first point of contact for residents needing assistance or support as they negotiate the challenges of living in a communal environment away from home.
NIGHT MANAGERS

Night managers work on site outside regular office hours, supporting the management team in the running of the hall. Their focus is on the health, welfare, and safety of residents, as well as ensuring the security of hall buildings. The night manager works in conjunction with the RAs, assisting with duty rounds and addressing any incidents that may occur.

STUDENT SUPPORT COORDINATORS

Student support coordinators (SSCs) are qualified health professionals who draw on their expertise as social workers, counsellors, and occupational therapists to support residents and offer professional supervision for RAs. The SSCs are assigned to each hall to help manage responses to residents with complex needs. They work closely with other health professionals at the University, notably Student Counselling and Student Health, as well as Disability Services, Student Finance, and the University’s student advisers. The SSCs also work closely with the heads and deputy heads of halls to ensure health and wellbeing goals are realised in each hall community.

SENIOR RESIDENTS

Senior residents are senior students trained in helping international students transition into a New Zealand flatting environment. Sharing a house with new people comes with its own set of challenges, and senior residents will help resolve day-to-day flatting issues and keep you informed about events and student services.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Starting university and being away from home for the first time is a milestone many people look back on for the rest of their lives. With it comes the freedom to make your own choices and the excitement of meeting new people.

Living with others can also bring challenges, and the staff in our halls of residence work hard to ensure a safe and positive environment for residents. As Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington is a restorative justice university, the halls utilise restorative justice processes to address conflict and rule breaking—an approach that aims to repair any harm caused.

This process requires everyone affected to work together to reach an agreement about what must be done to restore relationships. A restorative community is one in which all members are valued and feel they belong, and where all contribute to the common good. These communities are founded on mutual care and respect.
Each year, the University’s halls participate in a varied inter-hall sports and cultural events calendar. These events provide an opportunity for all students to participate and develop their strengths in many ways throughout the year. In conjunction with the large range of inter-hall events, each hall carries out inter-floor activities to develop and strengthen the community within the hall. To maintain students’ focus, events are not scheduled during the periods around study week and exams. An example of a halls event calendar is below.

**MARCH**
- Orientation events: Inter-floor
- Swimming: Inter-hall

**APRIL**
- Quiz night: Inter-hall
- Touch rugby: Inter-hall

**MAY**
- Gaming: Inter-hall
- Triple-threat performances: Inter-hall

**JUNE**
- Study week: Inter-floor
- Exams
CHARITY EVENTS

Students in Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington’s halls of residence organise a series of charitable events each year as they vie for the Lesley O’Cain Charity Cup—awarded after an inter-hall competition—by raising money for Wellington Free Ambulance and Wellington Rape Crisis, plus a third charity of their choice. Events include dinners, quizzes, and sports events. Many of the University’s halls also take part in additional charitable events throughout the year including street appeals, clean-ups, and voluntary work.
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* All fees quoted are based on a full academic year (37 weeks) contract for 2020. Fees may vary for 2021. Contracts for Trimester 1 only (19 weeks) will attract a 10 percent surcharge. Electricity and wireless internet are included in fees for all catered halls.
CATERING

Moving away from home means you may be eating food that is different from your family’s cooking and what you normally eat.

We really appreciate that food matters, and we invest in expert catering to make sure you get the nutritional support you need while you stay in our halls. We are also dedicated to looking after those of you with dietary requirements that may be stressful to manage in an unfamiliar environment. When you apply for accommodation, make sure you tell us what your dietary needs are so we can plan in advance how to support you.

Here is how we’ll provide you with the best food experience possible:

- Menus are designed by a dedicated education dietitian and chef managers.
- Menus change to meet the seasons and fresh, seasonal produce is our inspiration.
- A dietitian ensures that all the menus meet the national guidelines regarding well-balanced choices for young adults.
- We ensure there is a full allergen menu for all the significant likely allergens (nut, fish, shellfish, and gluten) and each hall is audited on a regular basis to ensure allergen management practices are being strictly adhered to.
- We cater for religious and dietary preferences, including halal, vegetarian, and vegan.
- All halls are nut-free in the first weeks of Trimester 1 until it is clearly established that no student will be at risk.
- We encourage students to get to know their catering team at the start of the year—they welcome feedback.
- Our kitchens are production spaces—we are gluten friendly, not gluten free; however, we are able to cater for coeliacs and students with gluten sensitivities. The University is the first tertiary institution to achieve gluten-free accreditation in the country, thanks to a partnership with Coeliac New Zealand.
BOULCOTT HALL

47 Boulcott Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011
✉ boulcott-hall@vuw.ac.nz
📞 04 463 4740

Boulcott Hall is a high-rise building housing 180 residents in single bedrooms. The hall offers a few ensuite bedrooms for those with special requirements.

All bedrooms are fully furnished and heated, with communal facilities at the centre of each floor. All floors have a common room with a kitchenette, study area, television, and couches.

Boulcott Hall is operated by Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Single rooms are priced at $16,509 per year (2020 fee, may vary for 2021).

The fee includes electricity, heating, and internet.

The communal dining room serves three meals a day from Monday to Saturday, and brunch and dinner on Sunday. Vegetarian options, late dinners, and packed lunches are also offered. Kitchenettes with hot water, a microwave, and a fridge are available in every common room.

A telephone with free local calling is available in every common room.

Wireless internet is available hall-wide, and students can log in using their university account.

Boulcott Hall is a 10-minute walk from the Kelburn and Pipitea campuses, and a 15-minute walk from Te Aro campus.

There is 24/7 camera surveillance around the perimeter and swipe card access is required to enter the building.

A dedicated team of hall staff are on site to help students navigate the challenges of university study and communal living. Study groups can be arranged, and a full programme of fun events is available to encourage a balanced lifestyle.

A Sky lounge, music room with piano, workspace for architecture and design students, table tennis, pool table, and gaming consoles are available.

Communal laundries with tubs, coin-operated washing machines, and dryers are available.

There are no car parking facilities at Boulcott Hall but bike storage is available.

Some facilities are suitable for residents with disabilities.

To find out more, go to
✉️ www.wgtn.ac.nz/boulcott-hall
Capital Hall is a high-rise building housing 320 residents in single bedrooms. There are a few ensuite bedrooms for those with special requirements. All bedrooms are fully furnished and heated, with communal facilities at the centre of each floor. All floors have a common room with a kitchenette, study area, television, and couches.

Capital Hall is operated by Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Single rooms are priced at $17,079 per year (2020 fee, may vary for 2021).

The fee includes electricity, heating, and internet.

The communal dining room serves three meals a day from Monday to Saturday, and brunch and dinner on Sunday. Vegetarian options, late dinners, and packed lunches are also offered. Kitchenettes are in every common room and have hot water, a microwave, and a fridge.

A telephone with free local calling is available in every common room.

Wireless internet is available hall-wide, and students can log in using their university account.

Capital Hall is a 10-minute walk from the Kelburn and Te Aro campuses, and a 15-minute walk from the Pipitea campus.

There is 24/7 camera surveillance and swipe card access is required to enter the building.

A dedicated team of hall staff are on site to help students navigate the challenges of university study and communal living. Study groups can be arranged, and a full programme of fun events is available to encourage a balanced lifestyle.

A lounge, a music room, and study rooms are on each floor and a games area is on site.

There are communal laundries with tubs and coin-operated washing machines and dryers.

There are no car parking facilities at Capital Hall, but bike storage is available.

Some facilities are suitable for residents with disabilities.

To find out more, go to www.wgtn.ac.nz/capital-hall
HELEN LOWRY HALL

19 Blakey Avenue, Karori, Wellington 6012
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📞 04 463 4793

Helen Lowry Hall houses 118 residents and consists of purpose-built buildings and domestic houses set in extensive grounds and gardens. Each area has its own laundry, kitchenette, and bathroom facilities.

First-year students are placed in rooms in dormitory accommodation. Bedrooms in the houses are available for returning second-year, third-year, and postgraduate residents who wish to self-cater. All bedrooms are fully furnished.

Helen Lowry Hall is operated by an independent not-for-profit trust.

Rooms are priced at $8,880–$12,395 (2020 fees, may vary for 2021).

The fee includes electricity, heating, and internet.

The communal dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Lunch from Monday to Friday is buffet-style and has a balanced selection of salads, meats, condiments, and more, which can be eaten at the hall or packed early to take away for the day; cooked lunch is offered on weekends. Vegetarian and special diet options are available. The dining room is open 24 hours a day, and hot drinks and bread are available at any time.

A telephone with free local calling is located in the hall foyer.

Wireless internet is available hall-wide, and students can log in using their university account.

Situated 4 kilometres from the Kelburn campus, the hall runs a free shuttle service throughout the day to transport residents between the Kelburn campus and the hall.

The hall endeavours to help residents achieve academic success. Academic support is provided, including study groups, individual tutorials, and general study skills seminars. A dynamic activity programme includes trips (skiing, tramping, and to places such as the South Island), socials, quiz evenings, sports, formal dinners, and themed nights. The shuttle is also used so residents can explore the Wellington region and attend a range of cultural events. Residents are encouraged to live sustainably and to volunteer around the hall and within the local community.

There is a fully equipped gym, music room, computer suite, free photocopier (for course-related copying), and a games room with table tennis, darts, and pool table facilities. All lounges have a TV. Helen Lowry Hall is an athlete-friendly hall for mountain bikers. There is a secure, alarmed, bike lockup and workshop.

Each area has its own laundry with washing machines, dryers, and outdoor clothes lines.

There are 15 free off-street car parks.

Contact Helen Lowry Hall or University Accommodation Wellington to discuss any special needs.

To find out more, go to www.wgtn.ac.nz/helen-lowry-hall
Joan Stevens Hall is a high-rise building housing 242 residents in single bedrooms. Some ensuite bedrooms are available for those with special requirements.

All bedrooms are fully furnished and heated, with communal facilities at the centre of each floor. All floors have a common room with a kitchenette, study area, television, DVD player, and couches.

Joan Stevens Hall is operated by Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Single rooms are priced at $16,509 per year (2020 fee, may vary for 2021).

The fee includes electricity, heating, and internet.

The communal dining room serves three meals a day from Monday to Saturday, and brunch and dinner on Sunday. Vegetarian options, late dinners, and packed lunches are also offered. Kitchenettes are in every common room and have hot water, a microwave, and a fridge.

Wireless internet is available hall-wide, and students can log in using their university account.

Joan Stevens Hall is a 10-minute walk from the Kelburn and Pipitea campuses, and a 15-minute walk from Te Aro campus.

There is 24/7 camera surveillance and swipe card access is required to enter the building.

A dedicated team of hall staff are on site to help students navigate the challenges of university study and communal living. Study groups can be arranged, and a full programme of fun events is available to encourage a balanced lifestyle.

A Sky TV lounge, music room with piano, table tennis, and gaming consoles are available.

Communal laundries with tubs, coin-operated washing machines, and dryers are available.

There are no car parking facilities at Joan Stevens Hall, but there is bike storage.

Some facilities are suitable for residents with disabilities.

To find out more, go to www.wgtn.ac.nz/joan-stevens-hall
KATHARINE JERMYN HALL

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📞 04 463 9080

Katharine Jermyn Hall is a modern high-rise building in the heart of the city and offers 389 single rooms.

All bedrooms are fully furnished and heated and have internet access. Each floor has 30 residents and facilities include a large communal lounge, kitchenette, and study room. There are several unisex bathrooms per floor.

Katharine Jermyn Hall is operated by Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Single rooms are priced at $17,269 per year (2020 fee, may vary for 2021).

The fee includes food, electricity, heating, and internet.

The communal dining room serves three meals a day from Monday to Saturday, and brunch and dinner on Sunday. Dietary options, late dinners, and packed lunches are also offered. Kitchenettes are in every common room and have hot water, a microwave, and a fridge.

Wireless internet is available hall-wide, and students can log in using their university account.

Katharine Jermyn Hall is a 10-minute walk from the Kelburn and Pipitea campuses, and a 15-minute walk from Te Aro campus.

There is 24/7 camera surveillance and swipe card access is required to enter the building.

A dedicated team of hall staff are on site around the clock to help students navigate the challenges of university study and communal living. A full programme of fun events run by staff is available to encourage a balanced lifestyle and community participation.

There are dedicated study rooms on every floor and additional study rooms on the first floor, one of which has a printer/photocopier. Study groups can be arranged, and group study sessions are run by the residential advisers. There are two whole floors reserved for relaxation and entertainment, with a cinema and a Sky TV lounge, a pool table, arcade machines, music rooms (one with a piano and drum kit), and a gym. There is also an outdoor courtyard with a basketball hoop.

A communal laundry with tubs, coin-operated washing machines, and dryers is on site.

There are no car parking facilities at Katharine Jermyn Hall, but bike storage and parking for motorcycles is available.

Some facilities are suitable for residents with disabilities.

To find out more, go to
📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/katharine-jermyn-hall
Located on the Kelburn campus, Te Puni Village is a multilevel complex consisting of three buildings separated by glass walkways. All rooms are fully catered and there are stunning views of Wellington Harbour from most of the communal areas.

Te Puni Village is home to 334 single bedrooms, 47 single studios, and 17 apartments. All rooms are fully furnished and heated and have shared facilities.

Te Puni Village is operated by Campus Living Villages.

Rooms are priced at $17,839–$18,978 (2020 fees, may vary for 2021).

The fees include electricity, heating, and internet.

The communal dining room serves three meals a day from Monday to Friday, with brunch and dinner on weekends. Kitchenettes are in the common rooms, studios, and apartments and include a microwave, electric jug, and small fridge.

Wireless internet is available hall-wide, and students can log in using their university account.

Te Puni Village is a 2-minute walk from the Kelburn campus, a 15-minute walk from Te Aro campus, and a 25-minute walk from the Pipitea campus.

A dedicated team of hall staff are on site to help students navigate the challenges of university study and communal living. Study groups can be arranged, and a full programme of fun events is available to encourage a balanced lifestyle.

There is a deck and e-lounge with a pool table and table tennis table and a music room with a piano and drum kit, as well as dedicated tutorial rooms for study.

There are three communal laundries with coin-operated washing machines and dryers.

There are no car parking facilities at Te Puni Village, but there is bike storage.

Some facilities are suitable for residents with disabilities.

To find out more, go to

www.wgtn.ac.nz/te-puni-village
282 The Terrace, Te Aro, Wellington 6011
✉️ admin@vichouse.co.nz
📞 04 463 9040

Victoria House is made up of multistorey buildings housing 183 residents and has an outdoor grassed courtyard with surrounding gardens. All bedrooms are fully furnished (excluding linen). There are 141 single rooms and 42 places in twin-share rooms.

Victoria House is operated by a not-for-profit trust.

Rooms are priced at $12,173–$16,650 per year (2020 fees, may vary for 2021).

The fees include electricity and heating.

The communal dining room serves three meals a day, with hot vegetarian and meat options available at lunch and dinner. Packed lunches and late dinners can be arranged.

Telephones are provided throughout the hall for local, toll-free, and incoming calls.

Wireless internet is available hall-wide, and students can log in using their university account.

Victoria House is a 5-minute walk from the Kelburn campus and from the city. It is a 15-minute walk from Te Aro campus, and a 20-minute walk from the Pipitea campus.

A dedicated team of hall staff are on site to help students navigate the challenges of university study and communal living. Study groups can be arranged, and a full programme of fun events is available to encourage a balanced lifestyle.

There are two pianos (one in the music room and the other in the dining room), a workshop and projects room, two TV lounges, and two large study lounges.

Washing machines and dryers are available at no extra charge. Residents supply their own laundry powder.

There are limited car parking facilities at Victoria House and there is a cost for these.

Some facilities are suitable for residents with disabilities.

To find out more, go to
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/victoria-house
WEIR HOUSE

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The historic Weir House, opened in 1933, is made up of three buildings, divided into four wings—William Weir, James Hutchinson, Andrea Brander, and Te Whānau. Each wing contains a mixture of residential and common areas.

Weir House accommodates 309 residents in 211 single rooms, 50 set rooms (adjoining single rooms with a shared door to the hallway), and 48 places in twin-share rooms. All bedrooms are fully furnished.

Weir House is operated by Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Rooms are priced at $12,512–$17,269 (2020 fees, may vary for 2021).

The fee includes electricity, heating, and internet.

The communal dining room serves three meals a day. Packed lunches and late dinners can be arranged, and vegetarian options and other dietary needs are catered for. There are kitchenettes on each floor.

There are no telephones in the bedrooms, although there are communal telephones in each building.

Wireless or ethernet access to the internet is available in all bedrooms and students can log in using their university account. A computer room with printer is also on site. Printing is pre-paid via the University Library.

Weir House is a 5-minute walk from the Kelburn campus and a 10-minute walk from the city. It is a 15-minute walk from Te Aro campus, and a 20-minute walk from the Pipitea campus.

A dedicated team of hall staff are on site to help students navigate the challenges of university study and communal living. Study groups can be arranged, and a full programme of fun events is available to encourage a balanced lifestyle.

There are TV lounges, two purpose-built music practice rooms, a dedicated design and architecture space (including light boxes and tools), two study rooms, a tutorial room, and other communal areas and lounges. Table tennis and foosball equipment and a snooker table are provided.

Laundry facilities are coin operated.

There are no car parking facilities at Weir House for students, but bike storage is available.

Amenities for students with disabilities include wide doors, two lifts, and showering areas.

To find out more, go to 🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/weirhouse
Cumberland House is a 5-minute walk from Te Aro campus, a 15-minute walk from the Kelburn campus, and a 20-minute walk from the Pipitea campus.

A dedicated team of hall staff are on site to help students navigate the challenges of university study and communal living. Study groups can be arranged, and a full programme of fun events is available to encourage a balanced lifestyle.

Cumberland House offers a spacious communal lounge equipped with couches, wireless internet access, and vending machines. There is also a games area, a Sky TV room, study rooms, an exercise area, a music room, and a messy projects room. These facilities are available to all residents of Cumberland House.

A communal laundry is available with coin-operated washing machines and dryers.

There are no car parking facilities at Cumberland House, but bike storage is available.

Some facilities are suitable for residents with disabilities.

To find out more, go to

www.wgtn.ac.nz/cumberland
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**Apartment/flat** Purpose-built unit with varying number of bedrooms in a high-rise building

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* All fees quoted are based on a full academic year (37 weeks) contract for 2020. Fees may vary for 2021. Contracts for Trimester 1 only (19 weeks) will attract a 10 percent surcharge.

^ Usage above allocation may attract an additional charge.
Set beside the Wellington Cable Car in pleasant hillside grounds and only a short distance from the Kelburn campus, Everton Hall accommodates 194 second-year and above students.

Everton Hall consists of five-bedroom flats in apartment-style buildings, plus 10 flats of varying sizes in houses. Across flats and houses there are 186 fully furnished single bedrooms, six double rooms, and one single-bedroom flat suitable for a couple. Televisions and microwaves are not provided, and residents supply their own bedding.

Everton Hall is operated by Campus Living Villages.

Rooms are priced at $8,140–$11,100 per year (2020 fees, may vary for 2021).

Residents pay their own electricity.

Residents self-cater.

Wireless access to the internet is available and students can log in using their university account.

Everton Hall is a 5-minute walk from the Kelburn campus and a 20-minute walk from the Pipitea and Te Aro campuses.

The hall offers a supportive community that encourages residents to meet each other through the Live, Learn, Grow programme. Study groups are arranged as required.

Indoor facilities include table tennis and pool tables and a large hall for events and gatherings, two music practice rooms (one with a piano), a games room, and vending machines for snacks and drinks. There is an outdoor garden with vegetables and herbs for resident use in a setting with a barbecue area and outdoor tables.

A communal laundry is available with eftpos facilities at $2 per wash and $2 per dry. Residents provide their own washing powder and pegs.

Uncovered parking is available at a weekly charge of $2 and storage is available for bikes and other similar items.

Contact Everton Hall or University Accommodation Wellington to discuss any special requirements.

To find out more, go to www.wgtn.ac.nz/everton-hall
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staffhouse@unilodge.com.au

04 463 2200

Stafford House is a 2-minute walk from Lambton Quay, a 5-minute walk from the Pipitea campus, and a 15-minute walk from the Kelburn and Te Aro campuses.

A dedicated team of hall staff are on site to help provide support.

There is a common room with Sky TV, a music practice room with a piano, a games room with table tennis and pool tables, a study room, a bike storage room, a gym, and an outside courtyard.

Each apartment has a kitchen with a two-element cooktop, fridge–freezer, microwave, dishwasher, and washing machine. Limited quantities of crockery, cutlery, and pots and pans are supplied.

There are no car parking facilities at Stafford House, but bike storage is available.

Four apartments are designed for residents with disabilities or who require wheelchair access.

Stafford House consists of furnished two- and three-bedroom apartments for 301 residents at the Parliament end of The Terrace in Wellington’s lively central business district.

Apartments, including bedrooms, are fully furnished and centrally heated. Residents provide their own towels and bedding.

UniLodge—Stafford House is operated by UniLodge.

Single rooms are priced at $10,545 per year (2020 fee, may vary for 2021).

The fee includes heating, electricity, and internet. There is an additional one-off connection fee to the wireless network.

Residents self-cater.

Telephones are provided in each apartment. Local calls are free of charge.

All bedrooms are equipped with broadband capabilities, with 20 GB of data per week included in fees. Printing is available through the office at a cost.

To find out more, go to

www.wgtn.ac.nz/stafford-house
University Hall consists of furnished self-contained houses close to the Kelburn campus, suitable for non-first-year international students.

Houses range in size to accommodate from three to 10 residents and consist of 220 single bedrooms and 13 twin-share bedrooms. When residents arrive, there will be an equipment hire pack in the house. The one-off cost ranges from $50 for one trimester to $75 for a year. The bedrooms are fully furnished, and bedding is supplied. Residents are responsible for cleaning their own rooms and share responsibility for communal areas.

University Hall is operated by Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Rooms are priced at $8,905–$11,182 per year (2020 fees, may vary for 2021).

The fee includes electricity, with an additional charge for excessive use. Wireless broadband internet connection is provided. Heavy internet use may attract an extra charge.

Residents self-cater.

University Hall is a 5- to 15-minute walk from the Kelburn campus, and a 10- to 25-minute walk from the city and the Pipitea and Te Aro campuses.

A dedicated team of staff, residential advisers, and senior residents provide support and care.

Activities and events for residents are held throughout the year.

Most flats provide laundry facilities. The remainder have access to communal laundry facilities.

Residents can apply for street parking through the Wellington City Council.

To find out more, go to www.wgtn.ac.nz/te-kotahinga
UNIVERSITY HALL—PASIFIKA HOUSING

Various locations
✉ universityhall@vuw.ac.nz
📞 04 463 4713

Pasifika Housing accommodates 13 residents and is suitable for students who want a home environment with an emphasis on Pasifika culture. Priority is given to international students of Pacific Island descent over 18 years old. Applications from other students can be considered and interviews will be conducted if necessary.

There are two flats comprising five single rooms and four twin-share rooms. Kitchen utensils and furniture are provided.

Pasifika Housing is operated by Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Rooms are priced at $6,586—$8,103 (2020 fees, may vary in 2021).

The fee includes electricity, with an additional charge for excessive use. Wireless broadband internet connection is provided. Heavy internet use may attract an extra charge.

Residents self-cater and are rostered to coordinate grocery purchases and meal preparation.

Pasifika Housing is a 10-minute walk from both the Kelburn campus and the city, and a 10- to 25-minute walk from the Pipitea and Te Aro campuses.

Residents are encouraged to participate in hall and Pasifika events. Support and care are provided by the Office of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika) and day-to-day operations are managed by University Hall. Pasifika Housing provides a range of activities and events for residents throughout the year.

Each flat has a communal laundry, with washing machines and dryers. Residents can apply for street parking through the Wellington City Council. Off-street parking is available at cost.

Contact University Hall or University Accommodation Wellington to discuss any special requirements.

To find out more, go to www.wgtn.ac.nz/te-kotahinga
UNIVERSITY HALL—WHĀNAU HOUSING

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Whānau Housing accommodates 18 residents and is suitable for those who want to live in a home environment that supports Māori language and culture. Priority is given to students with knowledge of tikanga Māori and te reo Māori.

There are four flats comprising 14 single rooms and two twin-share rooms. Kitchen utensils and furniture are provided.

Whānau Housing is operated by Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Rooms are priced at $6,586–$8,103 per year (2020 fees, may vary in 2021).

The fee includes electricity, with an additional charge for excessive use. Wireless broadband internet connection is provided. Heavy internet use may attract an extra charge.

Residents self-cater.

Whānau Housing is a 10-minute walk from both the Kelburn campus and the city, and a 10- to 25-minute walk from the Pipitea and Te Aro campuses.

Residents are encouraged to participate in marae activities. Support for residents is provided by Āwhina, the on-campus whānau for Māori students, to work together to share knowledge, achieve academic success, and build strong communities and leaders, together with accommodation staff.

Whānau Housing provides a range of activities and events for residents throughout the year.

A communal laundry is on site, with washing machines and dryers.

Residents can apply for street parking through the Wellington City Council. Off-street parking is available at cost.

Contact University Hall or University Accommodation Wellington to discuss any special requirements.

To find out more, go to ✪ www.wgtn.ac.nz/whanau-housing
WILLIS STREET HALLS—EDUCATION HOUSE

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Centrally located, Education House offers studio accommodation and is best suited to those who wish to have comfort and privacy. The hall is particularly popular with international and senior students. Education House is part of Willis Street Halls.

There are 108 furnished single studio rooms available, each with a private bathroom and basic cooking facilities.

Education House is operated by Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

Single studios are priced at $10,915 per year (2020 fee, may vary for 2021).

The fee includes electricity, heating, and internet.

Residents self-cater.

Wireless or ethernet access to the internet is available in all bedrooms and students can log in using their university account.

A telephone is provided in the common room. Local calls are free of charge.

Education House is a 5-minute walk from Te Aro campus, a 15-minute walk from the Kelburn campus, and a 20-minute walk from the Pipitea campus.

A dedicated team of hall staff are on site to help students navigate the challenges of university study and to provide support as needed.

At Education House, a television lounge and meeting space is available on the ground floor. Nearby, Cumberland House offers a spacious communal lounge equipped with couches, wireless internet access, and vending machines. There is also a games area, Sky TV room, study rooms, an exercise area, a music room, and a messy projects room. These facilities are available to all residents of Education House.

A communal laundry is available, with coin-operated washing machines and dryers.

There are no car parking facilities at Education House, but bike storage is available.

Some facilities are suitable for residents with disabilities.

To find out more, go to

www.wgtn.ac.nz/education-house
ATHLETE-FRIENDLY LIVING

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington will be offering athlete-friendly living options in Te Puni Village and Helen Lowry Hall in 2021.

TE PUNI VILLAGE—HOME FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

Athlete-friendly living at Te Puni Village offers student athletes and committed sportspeople the opportunity to live alongside one another on a dedicated floor, sharing similar experiences balancing sport and study. Co-locating student athletes means they are able to create a living environment and community that supports them in achieving their potential in both arenas.

Student athletes experience:

- being part of a community of students committed to juggling competitive sport and tertiary study
- ready access to the wider support available to the University’s student athletes
- hall management and residential advisers who are committed to athlete-friendly living
- fitness recovery tools in the communal living space on their floor
- athlete-friendly living floors that are alcohol free.

HELEN LOWRY HALL—THE HALL FOR MOUNTAIN BIKERS

A dedicated house at Helen Lowry Hall allows mountain bikers to live alongside one another, creating a rewarding hall experience. This environment aims to support recreational and performance riders alike as they explore Wellington, hit the trails, and complete their tertiary study.

Mountain bikers can expect:

- a premier housing location close to Makara Peak Mountain Biking Park
- safe, secure, and functional bike storage and maintenance space
- self-contained and catered living options
- catering options that are appropriate for student athletes
- hall management and residential advisers who are committed to athlete-friendly living
- access to a fitness facility in the hall
- access to the wider support available to the University’s student athletes
- an alcohol-free living space.

✉️ athletesupport@vuw.ac.nz
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/sports
PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Wellington provides a variety of housing options, including family homes, apartments, townhouses, and houses that have been converted to flats. Bedsits, studios, private board, and furnished rooms are also available.

Peak demand is in January and February. Finding a flat can be highly competitive and challenging, and it often takes weeks, rather than days, to find a place. University Accommodation Wellington can provide some advice regarding flat hunting, tenancy agreements, and disputes as well as assistance with temporary accommodation. Students experiencing housing hardship should contact the Accommodation team directly to discuss their situation.

Private listings are posted online using the Accommodation Finder and are also placed on the noticeboard at the University Accommodation Wellington office.

In New Zealand, TradeMe is the most popular public listing service and features sections for both flatmates wanted and available rental properties. Facebook groups, Vic Deals, and other flatmates- and flats-wanted groups are also a good place to look.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation
www.trademe.co.nz/property

Homestay accommodation can be arranged through Host Families New Zealand. It is an option for international students who want to practise their English in a family environment. Based in Auckland and Wellington, Host Families New Zealand provides homestay placement services for students seeking short-term or long-term stays in New Zealand. Its programme meets strict industry standards “to provide a courteous, caring, and rewarding cultural experience” for students.

www.hostfamilies.co.nz
TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Do not sign up to a flat without seeing it first. We recommend booking temporary accommodation for when you first arrive so that you can visit flats in person. If you have a family, we advise you to come alone and have your family join you once you have arranged permanent accommodation. For a list of providers, contact University Accommodation Wellington.

If you are not able to move directly into your hall of residence when you arrive in the city, University Accommodation Wellington can provide assistance with arranging temporary accommodation.
There are two ways to move into a flat. You can move into a vacant flat (by yourself or in a group) or into a vacant bedroom in an already established flat (with existing flatmates). Leases are normally fixed for 12 months, but it is possible to find shorter sub-leases.

Like everywhere, rent is variable as it depends on the flat's condition, number of rooms, and distance from the city. For unfurnished properties within walking distance of the Kelburn campus, you should expect to pay around $320–$430 per week for a one-bedroom flat, $450–$560 for a two-bedroom flat, or $560–$720 for a three-bedroom flat. For furnished properties, you should expect an additional charge of $50–$100 per week.

The average cost for a bedroom in a student flat is $220–$250 per week. There are some cheaper places, but they are likely to be a long way from campus, small, or cold. Wellington can be chilly in winter and few flats have central heating or double glazing.

Keep in mind the set-up costs of flatting. These include a bond (usually two weeks' rent but can be up to four weeks' rent), connection charges (for electricity, gas, internet, and telephone), and furniture. Furnished accommodation can be difficult to find and relatively expensive. You can hire furniture and appliances or purchase them second-hand. In some cases, landlords or departing tenants provide furniture at a cost.

For more information on the costs of living in a flat, see the Financial Survival Guide.

Some useful resources for flatting, including tenancy forms, financial and legal information, and general advice for flatting, are available online.

- www.tenancy.govt.nz
- www.sorted.org.nz/guides/going-flatting
- www.vuwsa.org.nz/flatting-guide

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington’s halls of residence are available for casual bookings during Trimester 3, and are suitable for students, conference groups, corporate events, interns and summer workers, school groups, and the public. The University’s self-catered halls also offer long-term accommodation for students during Trimester 3.

Rooms start from approximately $59 per night (2020 fees, may vary for 2021) across a variety of central city and campus locations, with special rates available for group bookings.

- www.wgtn.ac.nz/summer-accommodation