

**UniLodge**

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2025

**ARATOHU  
KAINOHO**

**CAMPUS HOUSES  
RESIDENT HANDBOOK**

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## DISCLAIMER

The content of this Resident Handbook is for the **2025 calendar year**, and was updated in September 2024. UniLodge reserves the right to amend information in this booklet and inform 2025 contracted residents of any change. If there are questions regarding the content of this handbook, they should be directed to the General Manager Portfolio – Canterbury via email to: [canterbury@unilodge.co.nz](mailto:canterbury@unilodge.co.nz).

# KUPU WHAKATAKI | WELCOME

Nau mai, tauti mai, ki UniLodge Waitaha | Welcome to UniLodge Canterbury



Kai ngā ihoiho o ngā maunga whakahī e tū kāwekaweka mai nā i ō koutou rohe hokura, nau mai, tauti mai! Tēnā koutou katoa.

On behalf of the entire UniLodge Waitaha | Canterbury whānau, I would like to welcome you to your home for 2025! Living in Campus Houses means you are part of a community that looks after each other. Moving away from whānau and the familiar can be quite daunting. Rest assured alongside all other ākonga | students and your Residential Life Assistant, we are here to facilitate a smooth transition and manage the rhythms of the academic year in a safe and supportive residential setting.

Our team is aware that you are here not only to enjoy yourself but also to study, and we understand that at times you will be under pressure to complete assignments, we will work with our residents to help teach you all how to prepare for success here at the University of Canterbury. The Aratohu Kainoho | Resident Handbook (this document) is designed to ensure that everybody understands and observes the requirements and rules so that all ākonga can enjoy their stay.

As a cohort, you may not only be from Aotearoa but from all around the world. You study a variety of subjects, have a wide range of interests and talents, and have diverse cultural backgrounds. We will embrace diversity and similarities to produce a tight-knit and vibrant community, one in which we have confidence you will be able to make lifelong friendships and memories.

Most of the information in this handbook is based on common sense and has already been explained during your initial sign-up process. Our requirements and rules ensure the COMFORT, SAFETY, HEALTH, and SECURITY of all students.

We hope that this handbook will also prove useful in answering any questions and in assisting you with the most common issues that may occur. We have team members on duty 24 hours a day, should you not find the answer you are looking for here, please give us a call.

The whānau of UniLodge commit to create an atmosphere that provides ākonga with the greatest opportunity to maximise their success, enjoyment and experience from their time studying in Ōtautahi Christchurch at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

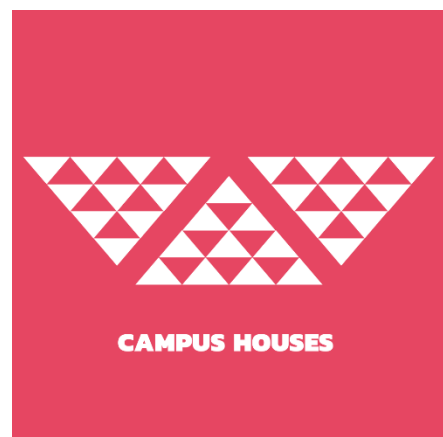
Please read through this guide thoroughly to help you settle in. It is a useful reference tool to come back to throughout the year if you have any uncertainties.

We wish you an exciting year of self-discovery, success, and memory-making.

Mauri Ora,



**Jacob Waitere** | General Manager Portfolio  
**UniLodge Waitaha**



# MŌ MĀTOU | ABOUT UNILODGE

## Our Whakataukī

### Ka ora kāinga rua

This whakataukī acknowledges that this where, your Campus House will be your home away from home.

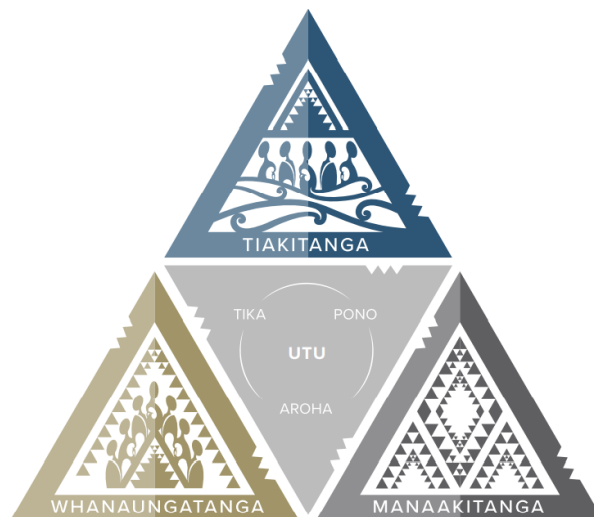
## Our Vision

UniLodge's vision: To build inclusive communities for inspired living.

## Our Mission

UniLodge's mission: To be the operator of choice for our stakeholders by leading the market in accommodation and community management.

## Ngā Uara | Our values



At UC we value manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and tiakitanga. These values guide what we do and how we do things. They challenge and inspire us to empower others and to be the best we can in our work, our studies and our interactions with each other.

Underpinning our values are the attributes of:

- Tika - doing what is right, being professional and maintaining high standards,
- Pono - being honest, truthful and acting with integrity,
- Aroha - being respectful, responsive and empathetic.

Kia tika, kia pono, kia aroha - doing what is right with integrity and empathy - This is how we check in on how well we are living the values.

At the centre of our attributes is utu - reciprocation and balance. Utu is linked to retaining mana and recognises the link between actions and reactions and that all actions require an appropriate response, whether positive or negative.

You can read more about our values on the UC website: <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about/values/>

## Our Houses

Campus Houses is made up of 24 housing units in the Ilam suburb, surrounding the University of Canterbury campus. Our houses are located on 6 different roads and are all close to our nearby UniLodge offices. The houses are comfortably furnished with well-maintained grounds.

## Code of Practice for pastoral care

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 will ensure that domestic and international tertiary students can succeed academically in a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment in line with the International Student Code. UC and UniLodge are committed to supporting halls of residence to ensure they are following the Code.

### Our contact details

Phone: 0508 864 425  
Email: [campushouses@unilodge.co.nz](mailto:campushouses@unilodge.co.nz)

**OUR TEAM ARE  
AVAILABLE 24/7**



# NGĀ KAIMAHI | STAFF

## How our staff work with you

UniLodge employs a range of staff to support your time living on campus. Your support and experience are the number one priorities of our team. The General Manager Portfolio leads the Waitaha team for UniLodge. Your accommodation experience is led by your Customer Service Manager. UniLodge also employs contractors at times to support the business during busy times.

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# I MUA I TŌ TAENGA MAI | PRE-ARRIVAL

## Preparing for your arrival

We get it, preparing to move away from home to your accommodation can be scary and exciting at the same time. To make your arrival to the accommodation as smooth as possible read this section carefully. Below are some helpful tips to prepare for your arrival:

### 1. Familiarise yourself with our material

Read your Residential agreement, the House Rules, this handbook, and our website to familiarise yourself with your new home. This will allow you to be prepared as possible. Don't worry we will also send you handy emails leading up to your arrival as well, signposting you to the most pertinent information. Before you arrive, we will send you details on how to complete the following:

- Online induction
- Medical history information

### 2. Make your necessary payments

It is important you make all the financial arrangements necessary to move in. You need to make your first payment and sign up for a direct debit before you move in unless you have made alternative arrangements. If this is not done, then you won't be able to move in. If you do not plan on having a New Zealand bank account for direct debits, you will need to pay your accommodation a semester in advance.

### 3. Connect with us

Connect with us on social media and be part of the community before you arrive! Also let us know when you are planning to arrive. This will assist us in being super prepared for your arrival.

### 4. Prepare your belongings!

Packing! It is one of the most exciting things you do before moving. The next sections will let you know what you bring with you. We encourage you to bring all those things that will make your room feel like home and display your personality.

## What should you bring with you?

We recommend that you bring all your medications, personal health products and items that make you feel at home.

You will also need:

- Sheets, duvet, and duvet cover
- University essentials
- Stationery
- Coursebooks, etc
- Pillow and pillow case
- Towels
- Personal clothes
- Computer and other electronic equipment
- Blu-Tac for posters and pins for pinboard
- Legal ID documents
- Coat hangers
- Personal first aid kits
- Your favourite mug
- A positive attitude

**Please note:** If you are bringing electrical items, these MUST be tested and tagged before you arrive onsite, if more than 1 year old

### Your UniLodge shop!

If you have better things to do than shuffle around Kmart or The Warehouse, you will love Your Shop. You can order all the quality home essentials you need at the click of a button – and delivered straight to your House. Check out



Your shop here! <https://www.vendella.co.nz/unilodge-form> - Make sure you read the terms and conditions before purchase!

## What you should not bring with you

There are some things that you do not need to bring with you, or you should not bring. These are:

- Fridge, heater, electric iron, electric blanket, or extra furniture
- Fireworks
- Bed
- Candles or incense
- Anything that can be considered offensive or pose undue risk
- Any kind of pet
- Weapons of any kind, or anything that can be used in weapons

## Arrival to our Accommodation

The date you are allowed to move in is in your Residential Agreement. If you must arrive earlier, please let us know and we will arrange this for an additional cost. If you are arriving later, that is OK, but you will still be liable for the entire period of your stay. You can communicate with us about your arrival by emailing [campushouses@unilodge.co.nz](mailto:campushouses@unilodge.co.nz).

We have staff available 24/7 to assist you to move in. When you arrive, make your way to **UC Security, 114 Ilam Road**, or the designated check in area we have emailed you. Our UC Security team will then contact our team, and we will meet you there, and then take you to your allocated house.

Moving in is easy and can be done in four simple steps!

### Step 1: Arrive at UC Security – 114 Ilam Road

UC Security will call our UniLodge team and we will meet you and take you to your allocated house!

### Step 2: Unpack your belongings | Nau mai ki tō kāinga rua! – Welcome to your second home!

Unpack your belongings and make your room feel like home!

### Step 3: Introduce yourself to your new housemates

It is important to meet your new housemates and make sure you start to establish a rapport with them.

### Step 4: Get familiar with the area

Go for a walk around the area, check in with the team at the office building and start finding your way around! Welcome to Ōtautahi | Christchurch!!

**MAKE YOUR NEW  
ROOM FEEL LIKE  
HOME WITH  
YOUR PERSONAL  
TOUCHES!**

## Immunisation

Living on campus means being full integrated with a large community of other students and staff. Immunisations help protect our community and UniLodge encourages all residents to be immunised (unless for a medical reason you cannot receive a vaccination).

It is recommended that all ākonga are fully immunised including against COVID-19, measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), meningococcal ACYW, meningococcal B and pertussis (whooping cough).

The varicella immunisation is also recommended for students who have not had chicken pox or who have not already completed a course of the varicella immunisation.

### Meningococcal vaccines

Meningococcal disease is an infection caused by bacteria. It can develop in just a few hours and lead to two serious and potentially life-threatening illnesses – meningitis and septicaemia. Young adults living closely with others are at high risk.

The UC Health Centre strongly recommends students are vaccinated **BEFORE** you arrive at the Hall – there are two vaccines available. Menactra/MenQuadFi protects against strains A, C, W and Y, and Bexsero protects against strain B – both are free for all domestic students up to 25 years who are entering halls of residence within the next 3 months UC Health recommends both vaccines for everyone in Halls, there are opportunities for funding for Hall of Residence student and we suggest you contact your primary health care provider for more information.

Contact your GP for more information or visit [www.canterbury.ac.nz/healthcentre/our-services/vaccine-info/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/healthcentre/our-services/vaccine-info/)

## Medical

If you require a fridge for medication or a sharps bin, please let us know **before** you arrive. Please let us know of any medical conditions that may affect you while you stay with us, it will not affect your application!

## Insurance

Before you arrive to stay at UniLodge we strongly recommend that you arrange insurance for all your personal belongings including, but not limited to, cars motorcycles, bicycles, computers, and personal effects. UniLodge and UC do not carry insurance for residents' belongings. Your whānau household policy insurance may cover children's personal belongings, but please check with your whanau first - never assume with insurance.

UniLodge accepts no responsibility for any damage, loss, or theft of students' possessions.

## Car parking

There are no car parks available at Campus Houses. Should you require temporary parking, please discuss this with your UniLodge team.

## Tips to settle into your new home

Let's not sugar coat things, moving away from your whanau and home can be tough. We know this and want to make things as easy as possible. To make it easier for you we have some helpful tips:

- Decorate your room! Make it feel like home
- Meet the neighbours, take that first step, and knock on the door, say "Kia ora," and make a new friend
- Explore Ōtautahi | Christchurch with a new friend you have made
- Meet your Residential Life Assistant and ask any pātai | questions you might have
- Get involved with Orientation and Residential Life events
- Let your whānau and UniLodge team know when you are feeling overwhelmed or need support
- Connect with UC services – everyone is friendly and here to help!
- Look after your hauora | wellbeing. Sleep well, eat right, keep active and maintain your balance!



**WE'VE GOT YOUR  
BACK!**

## KĀHUI | NEIGHBOURHOODS

Our Campus Houses are located on 6 streets in the Ilam suburb. While our houses are spread out across the Campus, we will have a range of events together.

Street	Houses	Residents living in this areas
Clyde Road	27 Clyde Road 29 Clyde Road, Flat 1 29 Clyde Road, Flat 2 91 Clyde Road 93 Clyde Road	We have 15 residents living on Clyde.
Creyke Road	15a Creyke Road 21a Creyke Road 33 Creyke Road	We have 8 residents living in Creyke Road
Kirkwood Avenue	4 Kirkwood Avenue 50 Kirkwood Avenue, Flat 1 50 Kirkwood Avenue, Flat 2 50 Kirkwood Avenue, Flat 3 50 Kirkwood Avenue, Flat 4 54 Kirkwood Avenue	We have 14 residents living in Kirkwood Avenue (not including our Kirkwood Hall & Flats residents which makes it 93)
Maidstone Road	17 Maidstone Road	We have 3 residents living in Maidstone Road, which is next door to our University Hall building.
Montana Avenue	11a Montana Avenue 15 Montana Avenue 21 Montana Avenue 23 Montana Avenue 25a Montana Avenue 25b Montana Avenue	We have 20 residents living in Montana Avenue
Waimairi Road	112 Waimairi Road 139 Waimairi Road	6 residents live on Waimairi Road. These are located close to our Dovedale Halls.





# TŌ WĀHI NOHO | YOUR LIVING SPACE

Our Campus Houses are your home, and this section will help you navigate your way around the Houses and living with us. If you have any questions, always feel free to contact your UniLodge team, we are here to help and tautoko!

## Room allocation and room change

Room allocations are made with careful thought and consideration. We support you having a preference, but we cannot always provide for that preference. If you are unhappy with your room, we ask that you stay in there for at least **two weeks**, put up some personal belongings and try it out before requesting a room change. Due to occupancy and other considerations, we cannot guarantee a room change at any point in the year.

**It is important for you to note that we will not be permitting room change requests within the first two weeks of your time with us.**

### Changing Rooms

If you would like to change rooms; you will need to work with the Customer Service Manager or another appropriate member of the UniLodge team. You will need to inform us of the valid reason you have to want to move rooms and complete any paperwork we might need.

If you are permitted a room change, a charge of \$100 plus any additional cleaning fees (starting at \$100, depending on the cleanliness of the room), will apply on each occasion that you request and are granted a move from one room to another within Campus Houses.

## Room Inventory

You will be emailed a link to the room inventory form on your arrival. You will need to complete it and email it back within 48 hours. You will need to note all issues in the room even if you think it is not too bad. We expect that when you leave at the end of the year, the room will be in the same condition in which it was found at the start.

### What is provided in your bedroom

The following items are provided in your bedroom:

- Queen or king-single bed
- Mattress protector, pillows and pillows covers.
- Desk and chair
- Wardrobe
- Heater
- Rubbish bin.

### What is provided in your house

The following items are provided in your house:

- Cooking equipment
- White wear including washing machine.
- Furniture in lounge
- Refuse bins (outside)

## Room/House Cleaning

Your room and house will have been thoroughly cleaned before your move in date. It is your responsibility to ensure your room and house are kept in a safe and hygienic state on a day-to-day basis. This includes ensuring that refuse bins are filled and placed so they can be emptied easily.

## Room inspections

It is important to ensure that your house is kept in a clean and safe standard. We have regular room inspections throughout the year. These are performed by members of the UniLodge team. If there are any issues, we will let you know and give you an opportunity to address.

## Entry Into Houses and Rooms

UniLodge staff reserve the right to enter any House or bedroom at any time for any purpose reasonably connected with the wellbeing, welfare, and safety of people or for inspection/maintenance of UniLodge Canterbury property.

Staff will always follow the three-knock policy, and then announce themselves before they enter your living space. If you have any concerns about someone entering your room, please do contact a member of the UniLodge team.

## Common Facilities

### House lounge

There are lounges located in each house. The lounge area is free for use as the housemates agree. Any guests in common spaces are to be always hosted by a resident, and residents are asked to be respectful of shared living areas.

### Outdoor areas

Many of our houses come with outdoor areas. It is important for residents to be mindful of their actions and how these affect neighbours. We appreciate your assistance in maintaining the surroundings in the best possible condition. A friendly reminder that the University of Canterbury and UniLodge are smoke and vape free.

## Laundry

A washing machine will be provided in your house for the use of all residents. You may also have an outdoor washing line for drying. Do not dry your clothes on any heater.

Regular washing is beneficial and is part of your responsibilities as a student. Whether you choose to do a load on your own or band together as a group, please remember the following:

- Pick up washing in a timely manner so that fellow residents can use machines.
- Do not leave your washing scattered around the house while drying. If items are left for an extended period, they will be donated to a clothing bin.
- You are more than welcome to dry your clothes in your room, however, please have your windows open. Ventilation is key to removing moisture, this will help keep your room nice and dry.
- Do not dry your clothes on the heater.

## Internet

Internet is provided through the University of Canterbury Wi-Fi. You will need to use your UC login details to access the Wi-Fi. [For technical support, log a request with the UC IT service desk directly.](#)

## Heating

You will have heating within your room and throughout the house, this should have temperature controls. If you have issues with any heater, please let us know.

## Rubbish and Recycling

Campus Houses give residents full accountability of disposing waste. Each flat contains rubbish bins that you and your flat mates are responsible for, but there are external bins that are labelled by lid colour for different purposes. Campus Houses provide red bins for general waste, yellow bins for recycling, and blue bins for cardboard and paper. In most houses UC will be responsible for collecting your bins, in 17 Maidstone Road, you are responsible for placing your bins out for rubbish collection. If this situation changes, you will be informed.

## Te Kūaha: The UniLodge Resident Portal:

Te Kūaha translates to 'the door' and is symbolic of your first entry into living with Unilodge. Te Kūaha: the UniLodge Resident Portal is our online tool to assist you while living in a UniLodge.

The portal is where you can:

- Check your accommodation statement
- Sign up for your direct debit payments

- Make other one-off payments
- Report maintenance and cleaning issues
- Download a proof of address
- Complete your medical history form
- Update your contact details and photo
- Log a leave of absence from the hall

Bookmark <https://unilodgenz.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortal> for use throughout the year.

## Setting up your House with your Housemates

The great thing about living in a Campus House is that we make it so much easier to set up your house! We have taken care of all the tricky items like power, internet, and furniture! However, there are some talking points that you need to have with your new housemates! Below are some conversation starters for new housemates:

- Are we going to cook together and share food items?
- How are we going to pay for flat consumables? Do we need a flat bank account?
- What are our thoughts on having guests stay over?
- What are our thoughts on noise levels within the house? Do we start our routines super early in the morning or stay up late at night?
- What do we want in our flat sharing agreement?

Your Residential Life Assistant will assist you in having these conversations, and if there are any issues, please let us know.

## Etiquette – Self-Catered

- Please ensure to wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and use the sanitiser before preparing your meal.
- After your meal, please ensure you dispose of scraps and rubbish appropriately.
- Please ensure you clear up any spills you have immediately.
- Please ensure you clean your own dishes and leave the benches clear and clean for other residents to use.
- Please ensure you store your food correctly for your own health and wellbeing, please do not hesitate to ask a team member if you are unsure.

Campus Houses staff recommend that housemates take ownership of their own kitchens and produce their own set of rules and etiquette that work for the House. Complaints about kitchen hygiene and/or etiquette will be taken seriously and acted on by UniLodge.

## Miscellaneous

- Please take care when putting items on the wall. Only use Blu-tac.
- The cost for repairing damage (other than 'wear and tear') will be invoiced to your account.
- Any questions about room furnishing should be directed to your Residential Advisor in the first instance.
- You are fully responsible for your room and the behaviour of visitors and happenings within, whether you are present or not.
- Be considerate with noise at all times
- There will be no room swaps, without permission from the Customer Service Manager
- Please do not move furniture out of your bedroom or communal spaces.
- To ensure that your room is adequately ventilated, please open windows daily.
- Sustainability is a key part of our mission here at UniLodge. Please use the recycling bins located in your communal rooms whenever possible.
- Personal heaters, refrigerators, electric jugs/ coffee machines and toasters or anything used to cook are not permitted in bedrooms.
- All electrical appliances must be certified, if over a year old.

# PĀPĀHO | COMMUNICATIONS

UniLodge has a vision of excellent communication with our kainoho | residents. If there are ways we can improve, please do not hesitate to let us know.

## Email

We will communicate with you a lot via email. This is how official communications will be sent to you. Please make sure that your email address is current and up to date on Te Kūaha: the UniLodge Resident Portal. You do not want to miss out on any notices, information or newsletters sent to you.

## Phone Numbers

There may be times when we need to call you. Please make sure Te Kūaha: the UniLodge Resident Portal is updated with your personal New Zealand mobile phone number.

## Notices

There may also be notices posted in the Houses. Residents are to follow all posted health and safety notices.

## Mail and Packages

Your incoming mail and packages should be addressed to you as follows:

[Your Full name]

[Your house number and street]

Ilam

Christchurch, 8041

New Zealand

Mail and packages can be arranged to be sent directly to your Campus House by using your address.

## Social Media

UniLodge will often communicate via social media platforms. This will be informal, or residential life notices.

Connect with us on social media and follow our Instagram [@unilodgenz](#). Hall specific Instagram channels will be launched before move in. Our social media platforms are subject to all UniLodge rules and regulations. Inappropriate behaviour via social media will be taken seriously and dealt with accordingly.

### Social media guidelines:

UniLodge and the University of Canterbury encourage students to explore social media responsibly to enhance communication and community building. You should be aware of the following guidelines:

- Be transparent (honest about who you are), be accurate (thoughtful before you post), maintain confidentiality and be respectful (respect privacy and copyright).
- You should assume that all activities on social media are public. Be mindful that actions or content posted may be visible for a long period.
- You should uphold and protect the image of the university and UniLodge when publishing content online or carrying out activities in an online environment.

### *Note on the permission of others:*

You should also be mindful of having gained the consent of involved parties, whether posting to the social media pages, or your own social media. This is particularly relevant for photos and videos. You must always gain permission from someone whose photo/video you intend to post. If they do not want their photo/video posted, please respect this decision. If you post without the permission of the person involved, this may be a breach of UniLodge policy. 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 should not assume they will agree. If you cannot contact them or have any doubts, please refrain from posting.



## Feedback on our services:

UniLodge aims to keep improving our service and your feedback is an important part of this. Please let us know if there are any aspects of our service you believe could be improved. Please let us know what we are doing well, so we can keep doing it! You can provide this feedback directly to our team members at [campushouses@unilodge.co.nz](mailto:campushouses@unilodge.co.nz) or to the General Manager Portfolio at [canterbury@unilodge.co.nz](mailto:canterbury@unilodge.co.nz).

**YOUR FEEDBACK IS  
IMPORTANT!**



# WHEAKO NOHONGA | RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Residential Life is an integrated, contemporary, residential life programme, run by UniLodge for our Kainoho | Residents. It is designed to support and bring out the best in each Kainoho through the duties and activities carried out by Kaimahi | staff at UniLodge.



## Bicultural Competence and Confidence

UC is working towards an education system that includes Te Ao Māori, Māori world views, and mātauranga Māori, Māori indigenous knowledge systems, the land, and their relationships with Tangata Tiriti (non-Māori people living in Aotearoa). The UC Graduate Profile provides a framework for bicultural competence and confidence, which is the ability to interact confidently and appropriately with people from diverse backgrounds.

It goes beyond an awareness of, or sensitivity to, another culture to include the ability to use that knowledge in intercultural situations. It is focused upon the inclusion of mātauranga Māori and mātauranga Ngāi Tahu, Ngāi Tahu knowledge, within undergraduate degrees. The sense of belonging and commitment to Māori aspirations is made manifest for Māori.

UC is a committed bicultural university operating in an intercultural world. We not only recognise the role of, and partnership with Ngāi Tūāhuriri and Ngāi Tahu as the local hapū and iwi who are mana whenua, we also aim to embed a bicultural perspective in all our learning, teaching, research and in everything we do. We also acknowledge the unique connection we have in Aotearoa through shared narratives that reach across the Pacific.

Ākonga who reside at UniLodge Waitaha will be entering a whare that values, respects, encourages, and normalises mātauranga, tikanga and Te Reo Māori (Māori knowledge, protocols, and language) as the indigenous language and people of Aotearoa. UniLodge Waitaha is a whare that supports the use of all languages and is inclusive of all people from all cultures and backgrounds.

We value manaakitanga at UC and within our whare at UniLodge Waitaha. We promote a culture of mutual respect, tolerance, and celebration of diversity and will provide opportunity for the building of bicultural understanding, within an intercultural context. We aim to create an environment where everyone feels respected and looks out for everyone else. A community where residents feel they belong and can share a sense of whānau, and where friendship and whakawhanaungatanga are valued. We aim to provide opportunities for residents to interact with, learn from, and value everyone.

UniLodge Waitaha offers a balanced programme of activities that support resident life across many dimensions such as: standard of living and quality of life, cultural, both mental and physical health and wellbeing, academic and personal achievements, personal and social relationships, safety and security and community connectivity.

## Our Residential Life framework objectives

Our Residential Life framework focuses on 5 key areas. Each of these areas have key objectives. These are:

**Academic Objectives** - To support the student's university experience and their goal of achieving academic and personal success; including degree attainment, improved career prospects and future employability.

**Social Objectives** - To provide residents with lifelong friendships and connections through social interactions and local experience, whilst enabling community belonging.

**Community Objectives** - To promote a sense of community connection and responsibility and engage residents in a range of socially responsible and sustainable practices.

**Cultural Objectives** - To assist in the development of cultural competency - the understanding and appreciation of human differences - and to encourage social responsibility.

**Health and Well-being** - To encourage positive mental and physical personal health and assist with leisure pursuits amongst the broader community.

### What kind of programmes will be on offer?

So, you are thinking, what kind of events will be run? We have you covered with:

- Socially responsible activities that focus on whakawhānaungatanga (establishing and strengthening relationships) such as getting ākongā involved in raising much needed funds for charity initiative
- There will also be opportunities to work with the Te Hunga Tūao | Student Volunteer Army and other student clubs
- Life skill sessions such as budget workshops, interview skills, and resume writing workshops
- Game nights and movie nights
- Themed activities that support and encourage the strengthening of cultural understandings including the normalisation of Te Reo Māori and other Pacific languages
- Sporting activities and competition based events that focus on participation and enjoyment
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- Competition based events that focus on participation and enjoyment

### **Resident voice: Residential Advisory Committee | Komiti Whakamāherehere Nohonga**

UniLodge operates a Residential Advisory Committee | Komiti Whakamāherehere Nohonga (RAC). The RAC is made up of student representatives | Māngai Nohonga Tauira from every UniLodge property as well as Taurima and Kaimahi. The committee meet on a quarterly basis and provide valuable feedback and insight from the student perspective on the running of UniLodge at the University of Canterbury.

If you are interested in applying, email our Senior Residential Life Manager at: [canterbury@unilodge.co.nz](mailto:canterbury@unilodge.co.nz)

### **Inter-UniLodge events**

A highlight of the Residential Life programme is the Inter-UniLodge competitions between our UC residential communities. We want Campus Houses to represent proudly and participate to the fullest!

#### **The Inter-UniLodge competitions**

- Wero Waitaha Cup
- Ki-O-Rahi
- Quiz
- Debate
- Sports
- Green your Lodge
- eSports

### Our Hall identity

Our Hall colour is **Māwhero pouri (Dark Pink)**. Make sure you bring some gear to represent Campus Houses in our competition events! Given our size, Campus Houses are permitted to join in with Kirkwood Avenue Hall or our Dovedale Halls (Sonoda & Hayashi).

### Te Reo Māori and New Zealand Sign Language lessons:

UniLodge is proud to offer Te Reo Māori and NZ Sign Language lessons for our residents. These will be advertised and are free for you to join in.

### **Attending Events and the UniLodge App**

Attending and signing up for events is easy, you can register for events via the UniLodge App or online. Events will be loaded via the UniLodge App for the upcoming months so you can see what events are coming up and choose the ones you wish to attend. Simple as that! Our Residential Life Assistant can assist you or answer any questions you may have. Join in the Fun! <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/unilodge-resident-services-hub/id1437122639>

## Photos at Events

Photos at Residential Life events will be taken, and from time to time we will use these to post on social media or in marketing materials. If you would like us to remove a picture of you, please contact our Kaimahi | staff.

## UniLodge App

UniLodge Residents Services Hub is the place to go to find out all the latest and greatest events that are happening at your property. Register for your favourite events, get access to important information and exclusive offers with our corporate partners through the UniLodge APP. Join in the Fun! <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/unilodge-resident-services-hub/id1437122639>



# TŌ HAUMARU | SAFETY AND SECURITY

## Helpful reminders for Kainoho | residents

- Kia haumarū to haere - avoid walking alone at night.
- Kia whai hoa - travel with a friend whenever possible.
- Hīkoi haumarū atu, hīkoi haumarū mai - always use well illuminated walkways and recommended walking routes at night.
- Kia mataara - report any unusual behaviour to security, even the smallest incident.
- Do not allow anyone you do not know into your house unless accompanied by your flatmate. Any UC staff will have a staff card, ask to see this.

If you are on campus after dark and you feel unsafe walking back, contact UC security and they will accompany you back to the House.

**UC SECURITY**

If you are uncomfortable at any time, call Tiaki Paenga | UC Security on 0800 823 637 and ask for assistance.

**0800 823 637**

## Keys

When you arrive at Campus Houses you will be issued with your key set. These are your responsibility. Do not lend your keys to other people.

Lost or damaged your key? Report it to the duty staff member. Replacements will be issued for an additional charge.

If you lock yourself out, you will receive three complimentary lockouts, then you will be charged \$25 per lockout.

It is important our community, and your house is a safe and secure place for residents to call home. Please do not risk the security of our home by providing access to any other person. Each resident is responsible for their guests and their behaviour.

## Cyber Safety and Security

The internet access provided at UniLodge Waitaha comes with responsibility.

For your own protection, do not share your password or username (guest WiFi is available throughout the hall for visitors not studying at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury). No Information and Communication Technologies (including mobile phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) should be used to; upset, offend, or harass other members of the community (residents, staff, or visitors) even if meant as a joke. Internet connectivity provided at UniLodge Christchurch should not be used to operate a business or carry out illegal or unethical activities.

Be aware that the university monitor online behaviour when using their network. Excessive downloading by an individual may also be followed up.

You should make sure you are familiar with the UC Internet use policy found here:

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about/governance/ucpolicy/general/internet-usage-policy/>

## Theft and your personal responsibility

Life on campus is great. Sadly, there are times when a guest or fellow resident might make the decision to steal or take items that do not belong to them. UniLodge and the University of Canterbury does not take any liability for lost and/or stolen items. We encourage you to take personal responsibility for your items and recommend the following actions are taken to minimize any loss of items:

- Keep your bedroom closed and locked when you are not there.
- Do not lend your keys and/or swipe card/Canterbury Card to anyone else.
- Do not let anyone you do not know into the building.
- Do not leave your personal items unattended in communal spaces.
- Make sure you have personal contents insurance.

## Confidentiality

Kaimahi (staff) at UniLodge Waitaha will endeavour to treat all residents' concerns and private details with respect and confidentiality. However, there are occasions when it may be necessary for staff to contact or disclose information to concerned parties outside the UniLodge Christchurch. This may occur when:

- There is clear imminent danger to students or staff
- There have been serious breaches of the regulations
- Issues with the payment of accounts
- If you are over 18 years old, we cannot discuss anything personal about you with your parents without your consent (unless listed above, via the guarantor only)



# PUPURU RAWA | MAINTENANCE

If anything in your room or another part of the residence needs repairing, please let us know via the Maintenance section of Te Kūaha: the UniLodge Resident Portal. If anything needs urgent or emergency attention please the duty staff.

## Maintenance Response

We work hard to quickly resolve all maintenance jobs. Once you have logged a maintenance request, you can expect the following response times according to job priority:

- Low 3 months
- Medium 5 Days
- High 24 hours
- Urgent 4 hours

**SOMETHING  
BROKEN? LET US  
KNOW!**

However, sometimes it may take a bit longer than expected depending on the circumstances of the job. When that happens, we will always endeavour to keep you up to date. If you would like an update, you are more than welcome to enquire at reception.

## Building-wide Maintenance

Throughout the year UniLodge Waitaha will undergo maintenance and checks to make sure our building is in decent shape. We endeavour to notify all residents at least 48 hours before any maintenance occurs when it has a direct effect on the resident.

## Damage investigations

Unfortunately, there might be situations when damage occurs to the building, furniture and fittings, or items are taken. When situations like these occur, your UniLodge team will lead an investigation for more information. This investigation could include:

- Communication of the damage
- A request for anybody to provide information on the damage/taken item
- Checks of all available security and staff information
- Reviewing any other pertinent information available to us

If after all the above, there is no specific Kainoho to attribute the cost to, then as per the Residential Rules a communal damage charge will be placed on all in-room residents' accounts, which will be deducted from your contingency fee.

It is in the best interest of our whole community if everyone respects and looks after our home and keeps it safe.



# AHUMONI | FINANCES

You are responsible for setting up the regular payments for your accommodation and ensuring you pay according to the schedule or in advance. If you have not set up a direct debit or paid in advance you will not be permitted to move into the House. If you fall behind in your payments UniLodge will work with you to catch up, or if you continue to default on your payments, you will have your residency reviewed.

## Your Financial Responsibility

If you are 18 years or over (and not associated with a study abroad group or full fee-paying UC scholarship) you are responsible for the timely payment of your accommodation fees. You are to ensure that you do not fall into debt and pay for all additional services, cost recovery or events promptly. UniLodge will hold you as the contract holder liable for all debt and if your balance is not at \$0.00 on check out, you could be referred to debt collectors. In addition, we will also work with your Financial Guarantor on fee payment as well. Please contact a member of your UniLodge team if you are having financial difficulty so that we may advise and support you as needed.

## Paying Your Fees

You can pay your accommodation fees in two ways:

**Direct debit:** Completing a direct debit form for the regular fortnightly payments from you nominated bank account.

**Online payments:** You can make payments via the Payment gateway on Te Kūaha: the UniLodge Resident Portal. This is suitable for catching up with missed payments, additional charges or to put your account into credit.

**Bulk Payments:** Contact our reception team directly if you would like to make a bulk Semesterly or Full year payment.

Copies of your payment schedule can be found alongside your Residential agreement.

## Important Information to Consider

The period of the residential agreement is fixed. You will be required to pay for the accommodation for the full period you have agreed to even if you arrive later than the start date or leave prior to the end date. When looking at your room account online, 'Cr' stands for credit and indicates a positive balance where 'Dr' represents debit and indicates a negative balance.

## Financial Support

Thinking about money can often be uncomfortable, especially if we are heading into financial hardship. We want you to know that we are here to support you. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please do talk to your UniLodge team, we are able to assist you and refer you support services. The University of Canterbury also offers a range of financial support services, you can explore these on the University website.

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/financial-assistance/>

Tips to ensure you are financially successful while living at UniLodge:

- Have an honest conversation with your whānau or support network on your arrangements for paying your Accommodation fees
- Apply for any StudyLink support you are entitled to early
- Create a budget for the year with your income and expenses
- Actively monitor and review your spending – you might need to give up those luxury items

**COST OF  
LIVING  
GETTING  
TOUGH?  
LET US HELP!**



# WEHENGA I TE WHARE | DEPARTING THE HOUSE

At the end of your residential agreement, you will need to depart Campus Houses. To prepare for departing the residence you will need to work with Kaimahi | Staff of UniLodge Waitaha to make sure all the correct steps are followed. You will need to provide a departure date, arrange a room inspection, clean your room, settle your account and hand back your keys and/or swipe card. More information will be provided at least one month prior to your departure.

**Checking out on the last day of your Residential Agreement needs to be completed by 10:00am, unless otherwise arranged.**

## Standard departure process

Departing Campus Houses can be simple if we work together. Depart with these simple steps:

**Step 1:** Let us know your departure information

**Step 2:** Make sure your UniLodge Account is at \$0.00 balance. Complete a refund form for any bond that you are owed.

**Step 3:** Clean your room, pack up and move your items

**Step 4:** Complete your room inspection and hand in key(s)

**Step 5:** Say "E noho ra / Goodbye" to your friends and UniLodge team!

## Withdrawing from your Residential Agreement early

When you accept the Residential Agreement, you agree to remain in residence and pay for the entire residential period. If you find that you cannot continue with your study and wish to withdraw from your agreement you must first speak with the Customer Service Manager or another senior member of staff to complete the required paperwork. There are financial consequences for withdrawing from a contract early and your UniLodge team can talk to you about them. UniLodge work in partnership with the University regarding all withdrawals on a case-by-case basis.

*Early Termination Fee will be equal to six weeks of the Residence Fee from the date you depart, UniLodge Waitaha will refund a proportionate amount of that Early Termination Fee if a replacement is found for the specific vacancy created by your departure within six weeks of the termination date.*

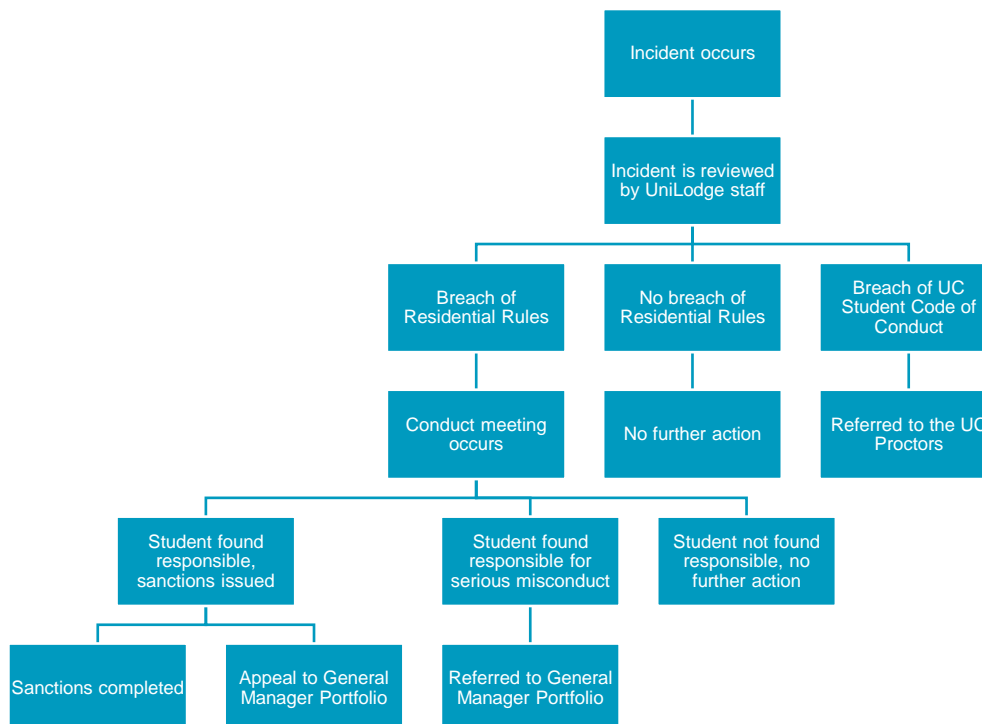
## Flating references

UniLodge does not provide written flating references for you. If you would like UniLodge to be a verbal reference or complete an online form for you when applying for private flats, please do let us know, and provide our office phone and email.

# WHANONGA KINO | MISCONDUCT

## Conduct process

The purpose of the conduct process is to promote and maintain a healthy community where shared values, expectations and behavioural standards set by the hall are embraced. You are responsible for your own behaviour and the behaviour of your guest(s). Should there be a time where behaviour breaches expectations, then a conduct process will occur. Below is an outline of the basic conduct investigation process.



## Damage and Consequences for Breaking Rules

Residents are responsible for any damage to their room.

- Any resident who damages property in UniLodge Waitaha will be expected to pay the full cost of repair or replacement and this will be charged against their account.
- Graffiti: decoration of walls or furniture with graffiti of any description is not permitted.
- If the damage is considered wilful then the Residential Agreement may be terminated, the resident may be asked to leave UniLodge Waitaha, and if deemed appropriate Te Pirihimana o Aotearoa New Zealand Police may be involved.
- Damage to property in UniLodge Waitaha should be reported immediately to staff.

## Immediate Eviction

UniLodge and UC promote tolerance, courtesy and care for others and the different needs within the community. Management reserves the right to issue written warnings to residents whose behaviour is found to be unacceptable.

Residents who have received a warning and continue with unacceptable behaviour will be asked to leave immediately and be issued in writing an eviction notice.

Immediate eviction may occur in the following circumstances:

- Carrying, using or distributing illegal drugs or other illegal substances.
- To be involved in the harassment of or discrimination against another resident, staff member or person
- To be involved in the sexual and/or physical assault of another resident, staff member or person.
- To be involved in theft of another person's property.
- To continue to engage in unacceptable behaviour as described in the Occupancy Agreement or this handbook after management has issued a warning.
- Any action which threatens to cause harm to another resident.
- Any behaviour which is against the law may also lead to eviction and the police being contacted

## Restorative Justice

Restorative justice helps you put things right.

A restorative justice conference is an informal, facilitated meeting between a victim, offender, support people and any other approved people.

At a restorative justice conference, you will have the chance to: take responsibility for your misconduct apologise to your victim decide how to put right the harm you have caused, find ways to make sure you do not repeat behaviours. A trained facilitator will be at the conference to keep everyone safe and supported. They will also ensure the discussion stays on track.

Restorative justice takes place before any disciplinary outcomes are reached. The Customer Service Manager will consider any agreements made during the restorative justice conference at the time of deciding the outcome.

Serious misconduct process will be conducted by the Kaitātai and any services deemed appropriate.

## UC Student Code of Conduct

The University of Canterbury (UC) is a community of people committed to creating a campus culture of belonging, understanding, inclusiveness and caring. Ākonga Tū, Ākonga Ora. UC has a student code of conduct in place to support you and the wider community during your time on campus. To learn more about the student code of conduct, visit the UC website:

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/concerns/students/student-code-of-conduct/>



# PŪNAHA NAWĒ | COMPLAINT PROCESS

UniLodge aims to resolve resident complaints in a transparent and fair manner. With respect to our privacy policy UniLodge will disclose to the complainant any requested information or documentation required to fully address the complaint.

Our objective in providing a complaints process is to allow our residents to air their grievances in a constructive manner with a focus on reaching a mutually acceptable solution. Where a mutually acceptable solution cannot be reached, UniLodge may refer to the resident handbook or to your Occupancy Agreement in response to your grievance.

UniLodge aims to reach resolution of the complaint in a reasonable timeframe, with a focus on minimising any ongoing impact to the resident engaging in the complaints process.

**Step 1:** Contact a member of the UniLodge Waitaha team. Explain your grievance and your desired outcome.

Staff will respond to your complaint within five business days and may request to meet with the complainant as part of reaching a solution.

(Not resolved?)

**Step 2:** Contact the General Manager Portfolio via email and submit the details of your complaint in writing. The General Manager Portfolio will request a meeting to discuss the matter further.

(Not resolved?)

It is important to remember that you have signed an Occupancy Agreement. An Occupancy Agreement differs from a Tenancy Agreement quite significantly.

**Step 3:** Should you be unhappy with the outcome from your complaint you can escalate it to the UCSA, or the University Grievance Coordinator to discuss your concerns and your options (phone number 03 369 0292).

**Step 4:** Should your concerns not be resolved by these internal grievance procedures; you can then pursue an external complaint through Mana Tohu Mātauranga o Aotearoa | NZQA. You can submit your complaint query on the NZQA website or send an email to [risk@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:risk@nzqa.govt.nz). If you need more information, contact NZQA on 0800 697 296.



# WHAI TAUNAKI, WHAI ORANGA | ADVOCACY AND WELFARE

There are times where you might be worried or concerned about someone in our community, a friend, or whānau member. We encourage you to start a conversation, its ok not to be ok. You do not need to be an expert to reach out- just be a friend and listen. If you are worried about a friend but you do not want them to know you are concerned, we encourage you to fill out a CARE report (covered later in the handbook). We can then touch base with the resident you are concerned about.

- We have set out our rules and guidelines to promote and safe and productive environment for all those in our care. It is designed to foster our expectations of who we are.
- We are open and able to hear other points of view
- We have a sense of connection with people and an interest in the well-being of others We are willing to abide by group and UniLodge Waitaha agreements
- We are willing to speak up
- We are willing to be quiet and listen We have a healthy sense of self

UniLodge Waitaha is a whare that values manaakitanga - we encourage everyone to behave in a way that reflects this value at all times.

## Tips on taking care of yourself

Share thoughts and feelings with friends, whānau, or a counsellor. Talking your problems through as soon as they appear can really help relieve stress and anxiety.

Eat nutritious foods, get adequate sleep and exercise regularly. Doing these things can trigger a chain of healing affects - especially when you feel anxious or under stress.

Build and maintain your self-esteem. As you work on building your self-esteem you will feel better more often, enjoy your life more than you did before, and do more of the things you have always wanted to do.

Learn to relax and spend time doing the things you love to do! There are many relaxation techniques and other methods available to suit personalities and lifestyles, eg, hobbies, reading and meditation.

Seek help. A problem can sometimes be too hard to solve alone - or with friends and family - so it is important to seek professional help. You can see your family doctor, a community group, a psychiatrist, nurse, occupational therapist, psychologist, social worker, or counsellor.

The University of Canterbury Students' Association (UCSA) is independent of the University and exists to support students – ākonga tū, ākonga ora. You can contact the Advocacy and Welfare Team via email, phone, or just drop into the UCSA offices to discuss your concern. The UCSA Student Advocate will be able to assist you in:

- Navigating the correct University appeals and complaints processes.
- Concern, complaint, and appeal letter writing.
- Locating and understanding important University regulations and policies
- Helping you to understand all your options and avenues for resolution.
- Advising you on what evidence may be required for an appeal or complaint.
- Facilitating the communication between you and the University.
- Attending meetings as a support person or advocate and assisting with appeals.

The Student Advocate exists to provide this independent, confidential support to students so that they do not have to navigate appeals, grievances or general concerns alone – deciding to pursue one of these can be daunting, and it can help to have someone who knows the process to help you out! You can find the UCSA offices in Haere-roa, Atawhai Ākonga | Student Care in the Forestry Building, Pacific student advisors at 37 Creyke Road and Kaiurungi (Māori student advisors) in Te Ao Mārama.

## Personal space and boundaries

Strong communities who care about others are part of our values. It is important to remember that living in a communal hall environment does have challenges. There are behaviours we can all use to make life living on campus easier.

## Respecting others' space and privacy

On campus, Hall life is very different from living at home with whānau | family and requires us all to actively consider how you approach and communicate with others. Everyone has different comfort levels, and it is important to respect these and be considerate.

## Respecting others' personal space

There are differences in space preferences between relatives, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. Here is some basic guidance:

- Keep at least a metre between yourself and a stranger or someone you don't know well.
- Observe body language: If someone is leaning away from you or moving backwards, you are too close. If someone steps back, don't step closer—wait to be invited to move closer. If they don't invite you to move closer, this may be their way of communicating that they want more personal space.
- Never touch someone without their permission.
- Ensure that you are not blocking exits. This is important both for safety and to make people feel comfortable.
- If someone steps into your personal space, ask them to step back. You could move slightly to the side or backwards to regain the level of space that feels comfortable for you.

## Visiting someone's bedroom

- Don't enter anyone's personal space without being invited in.
- If you are walking past someone's room and you see a group of people in there, it is not a general invitation to enter and join in. The same room entry rules apply.
- If a door is closed, knock and wait for an answer and invitation to enter.
- If a door is open, say hi and ask for permission before entering.
- Do not enter another student's room if they are not there, even if the door is unlocked.

## Sitting on someone's bed

- There is limited seating in bedrooms. If you have been invited in, ask where you should sit. Don't assume that you can sit on someone's bed without their permission.
- If there is not enough seating and you don't want someone sitting on your bed, or if you don't want to sit on someone else's bed, suggest moving to a common area.

## Knowing when to leave

- If conversation starts to falter, or the occupant of the room starts to busy themselves doing other things, it is probably time to leave.
- If a group of you are hanging out in a bedroom and the others leave, you should leave too unless you are invited to stay and you want to.
- If you are asked to leave, it is time to leave.

## Asking someone to leave your room

- Some people find it more difficult to understand social cues. While being polite, also be direct in your request. For example, "It's time to go now. I have things to do."
- If you do not feel comfortable asking someone to leave your room, you could suggest moving into a common area instead.
- Contact staff by calling our free 0508 number if you feel unsafe or a person refuses to leave your room.

If you are uncomfortable with a guest that your roommate or flatmate has invited in, ask to speak to your flatmate privately. Let them know you are not comfortable with their guest, and find out what their plans are and whether they may be able to meet elsewhere. You may choose to be away if the guest is going to be present, or ask them not to return to your space. Ask your flatmate for advance notice next time they are bringing in a guest. If, at any time, you feel unsafe, contact a UniLodge team member.

## Respecting other people's property

- Never go through someone else's personal belongings.
- Do not take or borrow anything without permission.

## **Consent**

With over 2200 residents living in UniLodge accommodation and thousands of young adult students at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, relationships will form between residents. These may range from casual friendships to more intimate interactions. In all relationship matters it is essential that mutual respect and

consent is followed by both parties. All residents of UniLodge must be very clear on the meaning of sexual consent. Prior to arrival you will receive a link to your on-line training platform for UniLodge, these courses are mandatory for all residents. Sexual activity without consent may be treated as serious misconduct and is likely to involve Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury and Te Pirihi mana o Aotearoa | New Zealand Police.

**SEXUAL  
CONSENT...  
GET IT. GET IT?**

- The following are very good guidelines.
- Consent must be **CLEAR**. The absence of a no does not mean yes. Silence is not consent. No means no.
- Consent must be **COHERENT** People who are asleep or incapacitated by drugs or alcohol cannot give consent.
- Consent must be **WILLING**. It is never given under pressure, whether that is emotional or physical manipulation or threats being used.
- Consent must be **ONGOING**. If someone consents to one sexual activity, that does not mean consent to all or repeated activities. As a community you are also responsible for each other. Please look after your friends and be pro-active in supporting anyone who is in potential danger or harm.

Helpful links

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/health/sexual-harassment-and-sexual-assault/consent/>

<https://www.bodysafe.nz/consent-1-1>

## International student support

The University of Canterbury is committed to providing bespoke support for our international students. The Student Care team have specialised trained advisors, that can assist you, ensure you are cared for link you up with other services. For more information visit their website: <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/get-support/international-support/>



# WAIPIRO, TARUKINO, MOMI TŪPEKA, MOMI MAMAOA | ALCOHOL, DRUGS, SMOKING AND VAPING

Drinking in the Hall must be in a safe, responsible, civilized manner so the rights of others are not compromised, and personal health and safety is ensured. The sensible use of alcohol using ALACs standard drink guidelines is officially accepted at UniLodge Waitaha.

**No glass bottles (excluding wine bottles\*) these will be removed from site. This ban is strictly upheld across UC campus.**

- Self-regulatory behaviour is expected around consumption and quantities purchased.
- Laws relating to underage drinking pertain to all aspects of on campus living.
- Host responsibility is important, and hosts will be held liable for guest damages to the house.
- The consumption of alcohol is NOT allowed in any non-designated public area (or on the grounds of UniLodge Waitaha).
- Spirits, kegs, crates, funnels, drinking games, casks, home-brewing kits and liqueurs are not allowed anywhere on site. The use of alcohol delivery services is strictly prohibited.
- Residents breaching the guidelines can expect to be brought to the attention of UniLodge Management who will then follow up.
- Empty vessels must be placed in recycling bins, not stored as trophies on your windowsill (kia kouna tō noho! We have more class than this).
- Being grossly intoxicated on site is a breach of contract with severe consequences.
- Guests are not permitted to bring alcohol into UniLodge Waitaha.

\* Soju is not considered wine in this instance.

## Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and/or vaping are strictly prohibited on UniLodge Waitaha and University of Canterbury grounds. A breach of this will result in follow up from UniLodge Kaimahi | Staff.

If you find yourself struggling with a nicotine addiction, you can find support through:

UC Health:

Phone: +64 3 369 4444

Mail: [admin-healthcentre@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:admin-healthcentre@canterbury.ac.nz)

## Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia

Except in the case of medical prescriptions, the use of drugs and the storage of equipment to consume drugs is banned at UniLodge Waitaha and Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury. Where a disciplinary process establishes that a resident has committed a breach of this policy, their contract will be terminated. This sanction may be reviewed through the appeals process outlined in the accommodation contract.

## Legal Substances

At any given time, a substance can be classed as legal and yet it can have serious effects on your mental and physical health, some of which are not yet known. The legality of substances is something that can change suddenly because of the government passing laws. The fact that a substance has become illegal after you purchased it will not be accepted as an excuse by the law or by UniLodge or UC. While we recognise that some readily available substances are classed as legal, we cannot condone the use of these substances due to the unknown or potentially negative health effects they will have. Should any changes be made to current legislation relating to alcohol purchase and/or use, these will naturally apply automatically.

Cannabis is not permitted on site in any form.



# MAHERE OHOTATA | EMERGENCY PLANS

## Safety, Security and Fire

Please ensure external doors are shut behind you after you come in. This is for the safety of you and your peers.

- To protect your belongings, it is crucial that you lock your door and windows whenever you are away from your room (even if just for a short time). It is also advisable that you lock your bedroom when you go to bed at night.
- Fire safety requirements prohibit the burning of candles or incense in Campus Houses. All rooms are fitted with sensitive smoke alarms that can be easily set off by deodorant spray, hair straighteners and burnt toast, for example.
- Any fire callout caused through resident carelessness will be charged to the resident responsible.
- Fire Exits **MUST NOT** be used unless in an emergency. Any use will sound an alarm.
- Students must not cover smoke detectors or sprinklers in their rooms/communal areas.

Tampering with fire equipment/lifesaving systems in UniLodge Waitaha may result in cancellation of your residential contract.

## Fire Alarms

It is a requirement that all students residing at UniLodge Waitaha know the fire evacuation protocol. Staff will reinforce procedures at the start of the year. In the event of a fire alarm, leave the door of the room you are in unlocked but closed. Close your window if safe to do so. Calmly exit the building through the nearest emergency exit (know where the nearest emergency exit is). Assemble point and congregate with the members of your House.

- Do not re-enter a building with an alarm sounding once you have evacuated.
- Alert duty staff if anyone is sick and room bound or needs assistance exiting a building.
- Please do not leave the evacuation area until the “all clear” has been given.

## False Alarms

False fire alarms form the bulk of Whakaratonga Iwi | NZ Fire Service callouts. Each one has a cost to the taxpayer, UniLodge and UC. Whether accidental or malicious, there are circumstances where this can be charged to the individual who set it off. Some common activators of false alarms include touching/tapping or knocking a detector in any way, steam from hair dryers and straighteners, excessive use of alcohol-based sprays and aerosols, and smoke from burnt food.

## Earthquakes

You may not be familiar with earthquakes; New Zealand does have a number of earthquakes per year, but these are small. However, you do need to be familiar with what to do in the event of an earthquake. You should drop, cover, and hold until the shaking stops and it is safe to leave the building. If you are out in the open move away from buildings or trees.



## Lockdown

In the rare event of a lockdown at UniLodge Waitaha:

Remain indoors, draw curtains if you can, keep away from windows, out of sight and low to ground, turn off lights, lock, and barricade door, stay quiet but alert, put cell phone on silent, calm breathing, and await instructions all clear. If possible, all key access will be suspended until lockdown has been cleared. Please make sure you download the UCGO app. <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucgo/>

## Emergency Preparedness

Kia rite, kia mataara - you should be prepared for an emergency. It is recommended that all residents have a small personal emergency kit that is kept in their room, containing the following.

- Emergency contact details
- Torch and spare batteries
- Sturdy pair of shoes
- Medications
- Hand sanitiser gel
- Bottles of water
- Snacks
- Jacket or something warm
- Cell phone
- Mask



For more information you can refer to the New Zealand Civil Defence website here:

<https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/>



# PŪRONGO TIAKI | CARE REPORTS

## We are a community that cares!

Living in student accommodation means you are surrounded by others on a similar journey to you. We look out for one another, respect one another and call out concerning behaviour. UniLodge will work with you to ensure our community is safe and foster a sense of mahitahi, togetherness.

**MATES LOOK OUT  
FOR THEIR MATES!**

Our Pūrongo Tiaki | CARE reports is an online form. You will see posters of QR codes linking you to this form in your House. This form is for reporting a concern about a current resident in UniLodge Waitaha. CARE reports should only include objective, observable, and accurate information. We ask that you avoid labels, stereotypes, and reporting based on hearsay or mere assumptions. A staff member will review the information within two (2) business day and take appropriate action, which may or may not include contacting the student, and any witnesses identified. If you have questions about a report you filed, please call us. CARE reports are not reviewed outside of business hours or on university holidays.

Please note that in most cases we are UNABLE to provide an update to the person/s lodging this report due to several reasons.

All CARE reports are routed to the UniLodge management team and residential life staff.

Does the person you are creating a report pose a threat of harm to self or others? If yes, please call emergency services (111) and then the on-duty staff member.

If no, please proceed with the report below.

## Resident Care Report

### **Are you worried or concerned about a fellow resident?**

There are times where you might be worried or concerned about a fellow resident, friend, or community member. We encourage you to start a conversation. You don't need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener.

Start a conversation with these four steps:

1. Ask R U OK?
2. Listen
3. Encourage action
4. Check in\*

\*Taken from <https://www.ruok.org.au/>

### **Supporting you through health issues**

UniLodge cares deeply about your health and wellbeing. If you present with health issues while you are living on campus, UniLodge will support you in assessing the issue and determining the best way forward in partnership with you and assist you in making those appropriate connections you need to get well.

The support we can offer ranges from ensuring that we check in on you to connecting you with external support or calling an ambulance. There are times where it is not possible for UniLodge staff to join you on your way to a health provider, but where possible we will contact a nominated person and see if they will support you.

### **House agreements**

We encourage you to work with your Housemates on creating a house sharing agreement for the semester/year. This will lay out your expectations for each other for the year. Your Residential Life Assistant will work with you on this and check in early in the term to see how you and your flat are adjusting.



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# TE NOHO KI ŌTAUTAHI | LIVING IN CHRISTCHURCH

## Finding work

Finding work might be needed to support your time at University and build up your CV for that awesome graduate job. The Careers Internships and Employment team at UC can help you look for a job. CDES manage NZUniTalent, a great resource for finding work, and they can help you with CV writing, and working on interview skills. We encourage all students to become familiar with this great university service. You can find them at

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/careers/>

Student Job Search is also a good way to find jobs during semester and over the summer. To register with them you need your current student ID card and your passport. Find out more at [www.sjs.co.nz](http://www.sjs.co.nz)

International students may be able to work up to 20 hours a week during the academic year. To work, you must have a 'Variation of Conditions' on your Student Visa or Permit. You can ask more about your Student Permit at the International Relations Office at UC. Some Study Abroad or Scholarship students are not allowed to work during their time here so please remember to check before you apply for any jobs.

## Keeping active

### University Recreation Centre

The University of Canterbury has a full programme of sports opportunities and gym. The University gym is located at 22 Kirkwood Avenue, and offers an expansive gym floor with modern and functional equipment, group fitness classes, climbing wall and a handy app.

The University also has an amazing sports programme, featuring social sports, tertiary sports and support for high performance athletes. Please see the Sport and Recreation website for further information

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucreccentre/>

### Recreation in Waitaha | Canterbury

From beaches to alps, there is plenty to do in Canterbury. Within two hours from UniLodge, you can ski, play golf, bungee jump, go rafting, mountain biking, wind surfing, whale watching, and visit world-class walking tracks and gardens.

You can see what Ōtautahi | Christchurch has on offer by looking at the City Council website here:

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/rec-and-sport>



## Shopping in Christchurch

### Retail shopping

Ōtautahi | Christchurch has everything you need, from high-end and international clothing brands to vintage and thrifted finds. Find the perfect fit and use the streets of Christchurch as your personal runway!

You will find the nearest Mall to the Campus at Westfield Riccarton. This is a short bus ride away and has a lot of staple stores for you to buy homewares, clothing, and other items.

The inner-city retail scene is absolutely buzzing these days. You will find a range of stores down Cashel, High and Colombo Streets, or you could visit the Crossing or Five Lanes. These areas range from your main retail stores through to boutique finds.

You will need to carry around your passport or other forms of legal ID as proof of age if you want to enter bars or buy alcohol. Alternatively (and a lot more safely), you can also get a Kiwi Acces Card (18+) ID cards by applying through the Post Office. They cost \$60 and you will need to get your signature witnessed by a Justice of the Peace.

### Grocery shopping

Ōtautahi | Christchurch has a wide range of supermarkets such as New World, Woolworths and Pak'n'Save that stock everyday groceries

There are two supermarkets near Campus Houses. Ilam New World is on Peer Street. New World is open 7:30am – 10:00pm Monday to Sunday. Woolworths on Church Corner is open 6:00am – 10:00pm Monday to Sunday. These supermarkets are within walking distance. There is also Pak n Save at Westfield Riccarton which is also close by. Bus stops are well within range also, with one on Ilam Road.

The tap water in Christchurch is safe to drink, which eliminates the need to buy bottled water.

## Eateries in Christchurch

Campus Houses are located within walking distance of the UC food court and the Foundry Bar. These are wonderful places to grab a bite to eat during the day at university. There are a range of other local restaurants and eateries in the Ilam/Riccarton area. Bush Inn Shopping Centre has a range of popular chain restaurants for you to enjoy as well.

If you make it into the CBD, Riverside Market is a foodie hub, stacked with local producers, quality shops and dining options. Located at the corner of Cashel Street and Oxford Terrace, the market has become a staple for central city lunches, and a bustling evening destination.

Check out <https://www.christchurchnz.com/> to see more of Christchurch's offerings.

## Transport

Public Transport is provided by Metro. There are bus routes located nearby the hall and the UC campus. You will be able to get a MetroCard and load student concessions. Busing is the easiest way to get around Canterbury. Check out more information at <https://www.metroinfo.co.nz/>

Cycling is popular in Canterbury. We have a range of storage facilities for your bike. UC also has cycling facilities on campus, with free weekly services available. Check out the link to UCs cycling information here: <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/sustainability/sustainable-operations/transport-options/cycling/>

Public e-bicycle and e-scooter sharing services are very popular and used widely around Christchurch. If you choose to use these services, please follow all health and safety guidelines outlined in the app and ensure that you leave any bikes or scooters outside of UniLodge grounds so that they remain accessible to non-residents using the service. Only registered, personal bicycles and scooters can be stored in UniLodge designated bicycle storage areas. At no time can battery operated transport be inside any UniLodge Waitaha or University buildings as this poses a safety and security risk.

## Places of worship

Need someone to talk to about what's going on for you? Looking for people to connect with? Keen for some quiet, meditative space on campus? Want to explore your spiritual journey with someone? Or maybe you just want someone to shout you a coffee?

UC Chaplaincy offers pastoral and practical support regardless of background or beliefs. They see themselves as 'The Department of Spiritual Engineering' on campus - and exist to nurture spirituality, offer pastoral care, and facilitate dialogue amongst the students and staff at Canterbury.

Read more about their services here: <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/health/chaplains/>

### UC Muslim Prayer Rooms

The University has a Musalla (prayer room) at 37 Creyke Rd (for the brothers) and a prayer room for the sisters at Thesis House (37a Creyke Rd). UC students can access this space 7 days a week by swiping their student ID card. This space is monitored by security. There are strict protocols to abide by when using this space. For more information, please contact the UCMUSA secretary [ucmusa.chch@gmail.com](mailto:ucmusa.chch@gmail.com)

You can read more about Faith groups on campus here:  
<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/health/chaplains/faithgroups/>

## Sustainability

We are committed to being a sustainable Hall and supporting you in being environmentally friendly. UniLodge is working hard to ensure our buildings are as efficient as possible, and you have a living environment that supports responsible environmental and sustainable practices. This requires everyone to work in partnership, so we need your help.

UC is also committed to sustainable practices, you can read more about what they are up to here:  
<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/sustainability/>

### Sustainability tips:

Below are some tips on how you can work with us to be environmentally responsible:

- Think before you print, and print only if it is essential
- Use electronic rather than paper-based filing systems for all projects
- Collect single-sided paper and re-use it for notes and drafts
- You're living on campus! Take the opportunity to get some exercise by walking, jogging or cycling to and from the University.
- Support public transport by catching a bus wherever possible.
- Turn off the lights that aren't needed in your room and flat, especially when you leave
- Turn off computer screens that are not in use, make sure that energy-saving modes are operating on all types of electronic equipment.
- Try showering for four minutes or less
- Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth
- Make sure you do full loads of laundry in the washing machine
- If there is a leaky tap – tell a UniLodge staff member who will organise for maintenance to fix it.
- Think before you buy, use or waste and re-use whatever you can, avoid unnecessary consumption.
- Choose products that are more durable, have recyclable or compostable packaging, and have fewer environmental impacts
- Think about your everyday habits, can you carry a keep cup, drink bottle or other reusable items with you?
- Repair, rather than replace, repairable items
- Reduce your food waste, compost where you can and don't make or purchase more than you can finish
- Ensure you recycle effectively – do not contaminate the recycling bins with incorrect items

If you have other tips and tricks, please let your UniLodge team know, otherwise you can learn more about what the University is doing on our website.

## United Nation Sustainability Development Goals

The University of Canterbury supports the United Nation Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs). Throughout the year UniLodge Waitaha and the wider UC will be providing further information and programmes on how you can support and get involved with the SDGs. This is in conjunction with our Residential Life framework. If you would like to get involved and organize opportunities for your fellow Kainoho to learn more about the SDGs please let us know

For more information on the SDGs, click here: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>





# PĀNGA WHAKAHIRAHIRA | IMPORANT CONTACTS

## UniLodge Campus Houses Team

Phone: 0508 864 425

Email: [campushouses@unilodge.co.nz](mailto:campushouses@unilodge.co.nz)

## Te Pātaka | Student Services Hub

Front Desk of Te Pātaka (Level 2 of the Puaka-James Hight building)

## Kaitoko | Student Advisors

Front Desk of Te Pātaka (Level 2 of the Puaka-James Hight building)

Phone: 03 36 90409 or Ext 90409

Email: [firstyearadvice@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:firstyearadvice@canterbury.ac.nz)

## Whare Hauora | UC Health Centre

Monday to Thursday 8.30 am–5 pm Friday 9 am-5 pm

Exam hours: Monday to Thursday 8.30 am-5.15 pm and Friday 9 am - 5.15 pm Located at the far right of the carpark at 90 Ilam Road

Phone: 03 369 4444

## Te Pokapū Mātai Hinengaro | The Psychology Centre

Clinical Psychology Training and Research Centre Reception, Geography Building, Level 1

Phone: 03 369 3777

Email: [psychclinic@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:psychclinic@canterbury.ac.nz)

## Māori student support

Te Ao Mārama, Level 1

Phone: 03 369 3868

Email: [maoridevelopment@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:maoridevelopment@canterbury.ac.nz)

## Pacific student support

James Logie, Level 4 Phone: +64 3 369 3554

Email: [pasifika@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:pasifika@canterbury.ac.nz)

## Rainbow support

Undercroft, Puaka James Hight

Email: [rainbow@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:rainbow@canterbury.ac.nz)

## Atawhai Ākonga | Student Care

Undercroft, Puaka James Hight (Central Library)

Phone: 03 369 3388

Email: [studentcare@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:studentcare@canterbury.ac.nz)

## Tiaki Paenga | Campus Security

Phone: 0800 823 637

## Community Resources:

- Need to talk? – Free call or text **1737**
  - Lifeline – 0800 543 354 (0800 LIFELINE) or free text 4357 (HELP)
  - Crisis Resolution on 0800 920 092
  - Suicide Crisis Helpline – 0508 828 865 (0508 TAUTOKO)
  - Healthline – 0800 611 116
  - Samaritans – 0800 726 666
  - Youthline – Free call 0800 376 633, free text 234, email [talk@youthline.co.nz](mailto:talk@youthline.co.nz) or Web chat from 7pm– 10pm
- [thelowdown.co.nz](http://thelowdown.co.nz) – or email [team@thelowdown.co.nz](mailto:team@thelowdown.co.nz) or free text 5626

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 111**

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