Halls of Residence Parents/Whānau Information Session

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Session Outline

- Halls of Residence - staffing, pastoral care, activities, who to contact, University support services and payments.
- Transition – for your family member, for you, and what you can do to help
- Questions
Halls of Residence - A Couple of Questions

• Which Hall of Residence is your family member residing in?

• Where have you travelled from? – North, South, East, West.
1. The Residential Life Manager – you can pass information on to them. They need permission to talk to you about any private matters related to your family member (Privacy Act).

2. The Hall Administrator – you can call the office

3. The Hall Duty phone – you can call the
   1. SRA: Senior Residential Assistant
   2. RA: Residential Assistant
Bryant Hall – Residential Staff

- Residential Life Manager – Fui Te’evale
- Administrator – Sam Entwisle
- Residential Staff x7
Student Village – Residential Staff

• Residential Life Manager –
  Leigh Sanderson

• Administrator –
  Ruth Schirley

• Residential Staff x10
College Hall – Residential Staff

- Residential Life Manager – Rod Arnold
- Administrator – Lorraine Prout
- Residential Staff x 10
Orchard Park – Residential Staff

• Residential Life Manager – Bianca Nichol
• Administrator – Kit Buckley
• Residential Staff x 5
Accommodation Office

• Manager Accommodation Office – Joanne Low
• Staff – Claire Hornsey
Halls of Residence - Activities

• Hall welcome today and then the Halls & University orientation programme commences and will continue for the week.

• University pōwhiri on Monday.

• The Halls of Residence come with a built-in social life, from organised events like balls, dinners, trips, debating, quizzes and inter-hall sports competitions; to spur-of-the-moment activities.
University Support Services – Specialist Services

Student Health Service – Te Huinga Wairoa -

General Practice; Benefits of enrolling include:

- Nursing, GPs, nurse prescribers and Nurse Practitioners
- $10 consultations; free follow up appointments within 7 days of initial consult;
- free vaccinations (criteria apply);
- No charge for prescriptions; request repeats online
- Telehealth option;
- Online appointment bookings
- Online messaging – easy communication with doctor/nurse
Other Student Health Services Include:

- (Free to UoW students)
- Counselling: trained counsellors and one to two trainees
- Mental Health Nurses (2)
- Violence Prevention Coordinator
- Health Promotion Coordinator
- Chaplaincy service
- Administration team first point of contact for student enquiries and appointments
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PROTECT YOURSELF BY GETTING A FREE MENINGITIS VACCINE

WHERE BRYANT HALL, THE BUTTERY
WHEN MONDAY 1ST MARCH 1115AM - 115PM & TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 500PM - 645PM
Māori & Pacific Student Support

• TePuna Tautoko: is a University-wide Māori support network dedicated improving and enhancing Māori student success. The Māori mentors are students who are available to support and awhi students. Their goal is to focus on helping students to achieve academic goals and successfully engage with student life.

• The Conch: a Pacific space is open from 9am – 5pm during the week for all Pacific students to use for academic and social purposes. The Conch is home to Fono at the Fale, (x13) Pacific Student Associations, fono/meetings, academic and cultural workshops, seminars and individual/group study sessions and cultural practices. There are Pacific support staff working in Student Learning, accessibility and in various faculties, schools and divisions; in addition Sia Bulisala is the Pacific Student Success Coordinator.
Student Learning is part of the Centre for Tertiary Teaching & Learning (CeTTL) and provides a University-wide service to students and staff. The team helps to develop students' academic skills (literacy and numeracy) and staff teaching effectiveness.

Student Learning helps students acquire the skills, knowledge, and competencies to become independent, successful learners. Students can have face-to-face or distance appointments with Student Learning tutors; they can attend drop-in sessions; or they can access a wide range of online learning materials.

In addition, Student Learning provides eLearning development and support for students through the e-Tuts and students can drop-in at any time to consult an e-Tut.
Transition - A Couple of Questions

- Is this your first family member to leave home?
- Is this your first family member to go to university?
- How are you feeling?
Transition – Your Experience

- Mixed feelings - difference
- Changed family dynamics
- Worry about how your family member is going to settle in
- Financial concerns
- Changed relationship – growing independence
Transition - Important Dates

A Trimester
- 22^{nd} Feb – Enrolment & orientation
- 1st March – A trimester commences
- 12^{th} March – last day to change or withdraw papers
- 19^{th} April – Teaching recess (x2 weeks)
- 7^{th} June – Study week & exams (x3 weeks)
- 28^{th} June – Teaching recess (x2 weeks)

B Trimester
- 12^{th} July – B trimester commences
- 23^{rd} July – change or withdraw papers
- 23^{rd} Aug – Teaching recess (x2 weeks)
- 18^{th} Oct – Study week & exams (x3 weeks)
- 6^{th} Nov – Accommodation contract ends

C Trimester
- 15^{th} Nov C trimester commences
Transition – What You Can Do

• Continuous communication and encouragement is important

• Encourage them to become involved in campus life, clubs and societies, sports, and volunteering

• Encourage your family member to register with Student Health and to apply for a Community Services Card

• Ask them about their socialising and drinking, and remind them that they can set safe boundaries around their behaviour – student culture
Transition – What You Can Do continued

- Encourage them to go to all their classes
- Encourage them to attend the in-hall academic programme
- Encourage them to ask for academic help if they find they are struggling
- Ask for a copy of their examination timetable and call them an hour before each exam to wish them all the best
Transition – Finances

- Encourage them to set a budget
- Talk with them about their money situation
- Most banks provide students with a ‘tertiary account’ that provides an interest free overdraft facility and no fees
- Remind them that they have signed a legally binding contract to reside in the Halls of Residence
- Part-time employment up to 10 hours can be beneficial
- Excess employment can impact upon study (balance)
- Insurance – check with your provider about personal contents insurance
**Halls of Residence – Payments**

- Method of payment.
- Refund at end of year.
- Who to contact if there are difficulties with payments – Accommodation Services Office.
- Parking Permits.
In Summary – Halls of Residence

- Pastoral care
- Academic support
- Friendship
- Social opportunities
- Community – common good
- Convenience
- Stepping stone to independence
- Home away from home
Any Questions?