

# 1.1 RESIDENT STUDENTS POLICY

Responsible Officer	Master
Review Date	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024

## 1. Purpose

This policy is to ensure that the College complies with its duty of care, academic support, and accommodation arrangements for all college residents.

## 2. Overview

New College was conceived to provide a holistic experience to all students and visiting academics who were offered a place to reside there. The buildings were intentionally constructed to encourage a sense of community; the vision of the college was based on Christian values; facilities and resources were implemented for academic excellence and the staff appointed with a high standard of pastoral care.

While being publicly and actively Christian, the College imposes no test of religious belief or practice for its resident members. To facilitate its aims and goals the college retains the right to apply such tests to those it employs and appoints as its representatives.

## 3. Scope

This policy is to outline the role of the College and responsibilities of the Master and College staff towards its residents and visiting academics and in return, the standard of conduct which should be exemplified by the residential community.

## 4. Definitions

College or New College Communities	General terms for New College and New College Postgraduate Village as separate but related companies limited by guarantee under the control of the Board and Master
Master	The chief executive officer of New College and New College Postgraduate Village appointed by the Board
Resident	Any student (undergraduate and postgraduate), visiting academic to UNSW or other education institutions, or member of staff or their family, living on site at New College or New College Postgraduate Village.

Residential Community	Residential members, staff of New College and New College Postgraduate Village
UNSW	The University of New South Wales is an Australian public research university located in the Sydney suburb of Kensington which house multiple residential colleges, including New College and New College Postgraduate Village

## 5. Policy statement

In providing accommodation and educational support facilities for undergraduate and postgraduate students studying at UNSW (and on occasion, other educational institutions), as well as for visiting academics to UNSW, the College will:

- Provide pastoral care and support for all residents
- Promote and encourage high standards of academic commitment and performance from the students by providing academic assistance and reward for excellence
- Encourage awareness of other disciplines and interest in research among the students
- Promote awareness of society and social problems in Australia and encourage students to contribute to their improvement and resolution
- Offer financial support and bursaries to students in need.

## 6. Legal and Policy Framework

For residents who are UNSW International Students under the age of 18 issued with a CAAW (Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare) letter, the College may be required to administer additional pastoral care protocols under UNSW's Care Arrangement.

The academic responsibility of the College is that it will provide a learning, teaching and research environment that enables students to achieve their full academic potential.

## 7. Implementation and Responsibilities

The Master will ensure that:

- The College develops procedures and practices to identify risks and take reasonable care to ensure the well-being and safety of residents and guests at all times.
- Procedures, standards and expectations are developed to train and support staff involved in providing pastoral care for residents.

- Steps are taken to ensure that both incoming and current residents are made aware of their personal obligations and the standards of conduct expected of college residents, in line with the UNSW Student Code and New College Policies, as well as processes for handling allegations of misconduct.

## 8. Review and History

Superseded Documents		1.1 Resident Students Policy (1996)		
Version	Authorised By	Sections Modified	Approval Date	Effective Date
1	The Board		5 June 1996	
2	The Board	All	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020	Sept 2024

## 9. References

- UNSW International Students & Under the Age of 18 years – Welfare, Support & Accommodation Arrangements Procedure Policy  
<https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/internationalstudentsunder18procedure.pdf>
- UNSW Student Code of Conduct Policy  
<https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/codeofconduct.pdf>