Country Universities Centre
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Parents and Caregivers Agreement

Terms and Conditions

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that parents and caregivers understand and acknowledge the shared expectations, responsibilities, and strategies in place to safeguard young people within the CUC. By signing this agreement, you confirm your understanding of and commitment to the terms outlined below.

A young person in your care has submitted an application to register with the CUC to access study spaces, support services, and other learning resources. As part of this process, the CUC requires parent or caregiver consent to assess the application against local eligibility requirements. If the application is approved, both the student and their parent or caregiver will be asked to agree to the terms of use set out in the Student Agreement and to acknowledge their understanding of the expectations for both the young person and the parent/caregiver.

Once approved, student registration will be active until the end of the registration term in line with the CUC semesters: January to June and July to December. Continuing students must renew their registration each semester. We require updated parental consent each semester to ensure that permission remains current, informed, and reflective of young persons needs and circumstances. Regular consent also allows us to confirm that parents and caregivers are aware of any changes to Centre operations and requirements. This helps us maintain a safe, transparent and appropriate environment for all young people accessing the Centre.

Roles and Responsibilities

To ensure that young peoples' experiences at the CUC are consistently positive, we ask for the cooperation of parents and caregivers to understand that:

- Eligible young people can use the Centre during agreed hours, provided they maintain appropriate conduct.
- The CUC does not assume parental responsibilities when young people are using the Centre. The role of the CUC staff is to guide and assist young people. In some circumstances you may be required to supervise a young person to attend.
- The CUC does not monitor or control content accessed through the internet.
- The CUC endeavours to create a safe space study space with CCTV throughout the centre and swipe access/pin codes that limit access to unregistered users.
- It is assumed that any person on CUC premises who requires individual supervision is receiving it from a parent or caregiver.
- CUC provides a range of activities and programs for young people. Age restrictions may apply to some sessions.
- Organised group visits must be made with appropriate supervision. On such occasions, young people must be accompanied by a teacher or responsible person as specified by their school or organisation.
- The CUC is accessible to registered students, staff and community members. As the centre is open to the wider community the CUC cannot guarantee that users do not pose a risk to young people.

Behaviour within the CUC

Student Obligations

Students using the CUC Centre and resources must:

- Take reasonable care for their health and safety,
- Ensure that they do not adversely affect other people's health and safety,
- Comply, so far as they are reasonably able, with any reasonable instruction of the CUC, and
- Report any known safety hazards to the CUC.

When using CUC resources and interacting with CUC staff and other users, students must observe the following behaviour standards:

- Comply with all lawful and reasonable CUC directions, policies, and procedures.
- Refrain from any conduct that may cause any reasonable person unwanted offence, annoyance, or embarrassment.
- Ensure that the CUC resources are protected and used responsibly.
- Do not engage in any antisocial behaviour.

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Students are not permitted to engage in the following activities within the Centre: • Smoking, vaping, drugs, or alcohol, • Allowing unregistered users access without prior written consent from the Centre Manager, • Bringing pets onto the premises, or • Allowing access to persons under the age of 18, unless they are approved registered students, or visiting the Centre as part of an approved program activity or event.

Photography
We take photographs and video recordings for promotional, educational, and reporting purposes. These may be used in printed CUC materials, on websites, social media, and other marketing or information channels, and may be shared with program partners and collaborators. Images and recordings will be stored securely and used only for the purposes stated. If you do not wish your child to be photographed or recorded, or if you wish to withdraw consent later, please inform a staff member.

Individual Details			
Child's Full Name:			
Child's Date of Birth:			
Parent/Caregiver Full Name:			
Relationship to Child:			
Parent/Caregiver Contact Details:			
Phone Number:		Email Address:	
Emergency Contact Details (if different): *Parents/caregivers will be contacted in the event of illness, injury or inappropriate behaviour/*			
Name:			
Phone:		Email Address:	
Address:			
Details of Any Known Medical Conditions or Allergies:			
Special Requirements or Accessibility Needs:			
Agreement and Consent			
By signing this form, I confirm that:			
1. I have read and understood the terms and conditions of this agreement. 2. I acknowledge the expectations and responsibilities outlined within the terms and conditions. 3. I agree to adhere to the terms and conditions of this agreement to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all young people are other users engaging with the Centre. 4. I understand that the information provided in this form will be securely stored and used in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988. 5. I consent to the use of my child's photographs or personal information for CUC promotional materials, including social media, website, or publications: Yes No			
Parent/Caregiver Signature:		Date:	
Young Person Signature:		Date:	