

CUC Policy- Young People Terms of Use

PURPOSE

To demonstrate Country Universities Centre's commitment to providing a safe environment for young people aged 12 to 18 years.

The purpose of the policy is to:

- Define CUC's approach to providing for children and young people when in centres
- Define CUC's expectations of parent, carers and educators.
- Inform parents, carers and educators about matters relevant to the care of children and young people in the CUC.

POLICY STATEMENT

Providing for Children and Young people

CUC actively encourages young people to use and enjoy the centre frequently, widely, and creatively. Priorities in relation to children and young people are:

- Revealing the scope for exploration, discovery and learning at CUC.
- Provide access to resources and opportunity for young people to explore higher education options and experiences.
- Equally valuing and catering for individual interests, capacities, and personalities.
- Bringing children and young people along the path of self-motivated, independent, and creative learning for life.

Expectations of parents, carers and educators

To ensure that young peoples' experiences at CUC is consistently positive, CUC seeks the cooperation of parents, carers and educators. Parents, carers and educators are asked to understand that:

- Young people (12 to 18) can use the centre without being attended or supervised by a parent or responsible adult, provided they always maintain acceptable behaviours.
- CUC DOES NOT assume parental responsibilities when young adults are using the CUC. The role of CUC staff is to guide and assist young people.
- CUC does not monitor or control content access through the internet.
- CUC endeavours to create a safe workplace with CCTV throughout the centre and swipe card access that restricts access to public. Young people must only access the Study Zone, Kitchen, toilets or social spaces when in the centre to ensure safety with CCTV coverage.
- It is assumed that any person on CUC premises who requires individual supervision is receiving it from a parent, carer, or educator.
- CUC provides a range of activities and programs for children and young adults. Age restrictions may apply to some sessions.
- Group visits organised should 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.
- CUC is not an educational facility and as such does not provide child minding facilities or full supervision as part of the service.
- Where possible and appropriate, young people will be provided with a separate space in the centre if undertaking study or examination preparation.
- Parents or other adults accompanying children should alert CUC staff to:
- Any bullying, intimidation or harassment experienced by the child or young person and/or
- Any suspicion that children or young people are being harmed.
- CUC is open to registered students, and staff cannot judge which members of the community may be dangerous or unpredictable.

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Behaviour within the CUC service

CUC will not accept responsibility for the behaviour and actions of young people on the CUC premises. The behaviour is the responsibility of the child/young person themselves, their parents, carers, and the responsible person accompanying the child and if in school group, their teacher and supervision.

The following behaviour is not accepted within the CUC:

- Misuse or damage to property
- Disrupting other CUC users
- Verbal or physical abuse

CUC staff have the discretion to ban or insist upon the young person to vacate the premises immediately if any of the above-mentioned behaviours are exhibited. The duration will be at the discretion of the CUC staff, who will take into consideration the degree and severity of the behaviour.

Photography

CUC staff often take photographs and use personal information as a record for events for use in CUC publications, website, and social media to promote CUC services and resources.

These images and personal information may also be forwarded to and used by news media. CUC staff will obtain permission from parents/guardians or responsible carers to use images or personal information of young people.

Working with Children checks

CUC requires volunteers and employees to hold a current Blue Card (issued by the Queensland Government) to work with children in the CUC. The CUC has a management strategy to ensure safety of children and risks are managed effectively in line with requirements of the Blue Card system.

Related Legislation

- *The Child Care Act 1999*
- *The Criminal Code Act 1899*
- *Information Privacy Act 2009*

ACCOUNTABILITIES

This guideline applies to all young people/children accessing the CUC for services. Furthermore, it applies to supervisors, parents and carers of young people accessing the CUC.

I agree to the above terms of use for _____ (Young person name) and understand the expectations of Parents and Carers.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Signature:

Date: