**Website Information – Quiet Areas/ Alcohol Free**

Based on student surveys, demand from 2012 and the success of a similar initiative at our Bendigo campus over the past few years, Residential Services will be trialling Alcohol Free and Quiet Areas in 2013. Guidelines and expectations for these areas are as follows:

*Quiet Floors:*

Residents who reside within areas designated as "Quiet Floors/ Areas" are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

1. Quiet hours apply from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. The definition of "quiet" implies that any noise that can be heard outside of your living space simply will not be tolerated. For example, if you have a stereo in your room, you must keep the volume at such a level that it cannot be heard outside of your room. Additionally, "quiet" applies to excessive noise in common areas such as hallways, kitchens, lounges, and the courtyard.
2. Noise is not permitted at all during SWOT-Vac and the exam period.
3. While the quiet rule is relaxed somewhat on Friday and Saturday, consideration for the rights of others to sleep and study still maintains priority.
4. Regular noise is acceptable in the common areas and kitchens (for example, conversations, floor meetings, study groups, cooking noises, doors closing, showers running, toilets flushing, and people entering and exiting rooms at all hours etc.). Residents should not use the common areas for activities such as playing music, large gatherings etc.
5. Residents should be aware that Residential Services cannot control for noise created external to the Quiet Area/Floor (for example, noise from external courtyards, cars, road noise etc.)
6. Guests visiting the quiet floors are expected to abide by these rules. Residents are responsible for the behaviour of their guests. Guests violating community standards will be asked to leave the area with the host responsible for any penalties.
7. If residents wish to host an evening on a Quiet Floor that would create noise in excess of the community norm, this may only be done if the following conditions are met:
    a. The event or gathering may only occur on a Friday or Saturday evening (exam period excluded)
    b. A majority of the residents on the floor agree to this event
    c. Prior approval is obtained from the Residential Supervisor at least three days in advance.
8. Residential Services strives to promote an enjoyable communal living environment and social interaction amongst students. As such, individuals expecting absolute silence at all times may not be well suited for residence living (even on a Quiet Floor), and may wish to consider other living arrangements.
9. The Residential Assistant of the Quiet Floor/Area and members of the floor community will be responsible for maintaining quiet guidelines. The Residential Assistant and/or Residential Supervisor will be responsible for enforcing and/or applying penalties.
10. Any resident living on a Quiet Floor has the right to expect a reasonable quiet living environment. If this right is being violated, the resident is encouraged to approach the person(s) responsible. The Residential Assistant or Duty Manager should then be contacted if the issue continues.

11. Residents in breach of the above guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action which may include warnings, fines and transfer to another residence at the cost of the resident.

Recommendations to ensure “quiet” are:

- Groups of friends should avoid visiting and talking in hallways. Please use common spaces like the kitchen and common room.
- Music from stereos, TV’s and computers must not be heard outside of individual rooms.
- Doors should be closed when you have a group of friends visiting your floor.
- Doors should be closed when your music is playing.
- Any conversation in the hallway during the early evening and night time hours should be kept to a minimum,
- Residents should remember to close their door and not let iT slam or bang closed.
- Residents with mobile phones should adjust the ringer down from the highest volume.
- Residents should check alarm clocks and iPod docks to ensure they are turned off before class or leaving the residence,
- No running, screaming yelling or use of any kinds of sports equipment in the hallway or foyers.

*Alcohol Free Areas:*

Those living within Alcohol Free areas are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

1. Residents are not permitted to store or consume alcohol within the designated area.
2. Living in alcohol free accommodation does not restrict consumption of alcohol within other residential areas or off-site.
3. Guests visiting the Alcohol Free floors are expected to abide by these rules. Residents are responsible for the behaviour of their guests. Guests violating community standards will be asked to leave the area.
4. The Residential Assistant of the Alcohol Free Floor/Area and members of the floor community will be responsible for maintaining Alcohol Free guidelines. The Residential Assistant and/or Residential Supervisor will be responsible for enforcing and/or applying penalties.
5. Residents in breach of the above guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action which may include warnings, fines and transfer to another residence at the cost of the resident.

Depending on demand from new and returning residents, the following areas will be tentatively designated as ‘Quiet.’

At the Bundoora Campus:

- Chisholm Tower 10, 11 and 12,
- Menzies Annexe 3,
- The University Lodge

At the Bendigo Campus:

- Villas 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Terrace 5

- Hillside 3

The following areas have also been designated as ‘Alcohol Free.’

At the Bundoora Campus:

- Chisholm Tower 11

At the Bendigo Campus:

- Terraces 2, 3, 4, 5 & 17

Students who wish to apply to live in an Alcohol Free and/or Quiet Area should select ‘Quiet Floor’ and/or ‘Alcohol Free’ as part of their application. No guarantee of an offer in these areas is provided and students will be provided with a Community Contract to sign and return as part of their officer of residency if successful. For further information, please contact the Centre for Residential Life, by email at crl@latrobe.edu.au .