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St. Michael's College Rules of Residence

Living in residence is a unique experience that can greatly enrich one's university career; however, residence life is not for everyone. Unlike living alone, residents must be sensitive and responsive to the needs of their fellow housemates. They must also be willing to abide by certain standards of behaviour and respect the people charged with enforcing them. The following rules have been developed to help students achieve their academic and personal goals in a safe, respectful and inclusive environment:

Eligibility: To be eligible to live in residence, students are expected to be enrolled full-time at the UofT, to be in good academic standing, and to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.2.

Noise: Creating a level of noise that disturbs one's neighbours or prevents others from being able to sleep or study in their rooms is not permitted. Residents are also expected to respect any quiet hours that have been established in their houses. Radios, TV's, and stereo equipment are permitted so long as they do not disturb the peace of others. Residents are expected to moderate their voices when in public areas late at night (e.g. hallways, the quad) and are not permitted to yell out of windows. Sub-woofers are not permitted in residence.

Visitors: Visitors are welcome in residence from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and until 12:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturdays. The Residence Dons will respond to visiting hour violations when they are discovered, however, we expect our residents to uphold this community standard. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times and for any damage they may cause. Visitors are not permitted in residence without their host present nor may they be lent keys. In addition, students are not permitted to host parties in their room at any time. A party includes any combination of two of the following three criteria:

1. Five or more individuals in one room
2. The presence of alcohol
3. Significant noise

Overnight Guests: To prevent freeloading and reduce late night disruptions, St. Mike's has policies about overnight guests. Although the college accommodates both male and female students, all individual residences, with the exception of our Living Learning Community in Upper Brennan, remain single sex. Residents may occasionally have guests of the same sex stay overnight in their dorm room but only with the prior permission of their don (and roommate, if applicable); residents are not permitted to have overnight guests of the opposite sex. No guests are permitted to sleep in the common rooms.

Residence Property: Residence rooms come equipped with furniture that must remain in the room and be accounted for at year's end (including window screens and bed frames). Missing items or damage to the room, its contents, or to any other College property will be charged to the responsible party. Damage in double rooms will be charged to both occupants unless one party takes responsibility; in like manner, damage to common areas may be divided amongst all house members. Residents are not permitted to display or affix anything on the exterior of the residence buildings, or to suspend, throw or let fall any

object or substance from a residence window or rooftop.

Pets: No pets of any kind are permitted in residence.

Cleanliness: Residents are expected to keep their rooms in reasonable order and to remove all personal items at year's end. Residents, not janitorial staff, are responsible for cleaning up after house functions. Residence rooms or common areas that require excessive cleaning will be billed to the parties responsible.

Cooking & Appliances: In the interests of fire safety, cleanliness and the containment of unwanted odours, cooking is not permitted in any of the residence buildings. Electric stoves are strictly prohibited as are exposed element heaters including grills. Acceptable appliances include microwaves, kettles, coffee makers and rice cookers. Due to the excessive power they draw, fridges cannot be larger than 5 cubic feet.

Musical Instruments: Residents may bring musical instruments (except drums) but are strongly encouraged to use the music practice room. Residents may play acoustic instruments quietly in their rooms but must adhere to their housemates' requests to moderate volume. Lowering volume may also be necessary in the music room.

Departure: To reduce excessive noise during exam periods, students are expected to vacate residence within 48 hours of their final exams in both the fall and spring terms. Students are required to complete Date of Departure forms for each semester and check out at the Porter's Desk before leaving residence; failure to do either will result in fines.

Dining Hall: The removal of food, dishes or cutlery from the Canada Room is prohibited, as is sneaking or attempting to sneak people into the dining hall without paying. Meal plans are compulsory for all residents without exception. No refunds will be given for missed meals for any reason. Meal cards are non-transferable.

Residence Network: The use of the Residence Internet Network (ResNet) is governed by the SMC Residence Network Use Agreement and all residents are expected to abide by the terms of this agreement.

Unauthorized Entry/Access: Entering another student's room or disturbing her/his property without permission is prohibited; as is accessing areas of the College that are known, or ought reasonably to be known, to be off limits.

Building Security: Residents who lose their keys are required to replace them at a cost of \$20 per key; residents who damage their keys may also be charged a replacement fee. The duplication of keys is strictly prohibited, as is the lending of keys to non-residents. Residents are not permitted to prop open entrance doors and are responsible for ensuring that non-residents do not gain access to buildings by trailing in behind them.

Smoking: Smoking is prohibited in all residence rooms and common areas. Students found with smoked cigarettes in their room or whose rooms are manifest with smoke will be treated as violators. E-cigarettes are also prohibited within the residence.

Fire Safety: Fire safety equipment exists for the protection of all residents and their lives are jeopardized whenever it is misused. Tampering with or neutralizing smoke/heat detectors, fire extinguishers, alarm bells, pull stations, automatic door closers, and all other fire safety equipment are criminal offences. Residents who cause false alarms that result in the arrival of the fire department will be held responsible for any associated charges. To reduce the risk of accidental fires, the burning of candles and incense is not permitted in residence rooms. All residents are expected to be familiar with basic fire safety procedures.

Proscribed Materials: Weapons, firearms, air powered guns, replica guns, fireworks, explosives of any

kind, chemical oils, flammable or dangerous materials, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, accelerated drinking paraphernalia, routers, candles, incense, or any offensive, hazardous or illegal substances are not permitted in residence and are subject to confiscation.

Theft & Vandalism: The theft or willful defacement or destruction of college, university, public or personal property, will not be tolerated and may result in criminal prosecution.

Respect for College: Residents are required to respect the authority of the Dean of Students, the dons, and all other residence life staff, and to comply with their instructions and directives; this includes providing proper identification upon request. St. Mike's is delighted to accept students of all backgrounds and faith traditions; in like manner, students are expected to respect the unique Catholic heritage, identity, and mission of St. Michael's College.

Good Conduct: Residents are expected to conduct themselves in a mature fashion at all times. Inconsiderate behaviour, abusive, intimidating or disorderly conduct, lewd or unlawful acts, the encouraging of unlawful acts, threats of any kind, verbal abuse, physical violence, sexual harassment or sexual assault will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment is defined as any unwanted emphasis on the sex or sexual orientation of another person, or any unwelcome pressure for sex or sexual activity. Sexual assault is any form of unwanted sexual activity that is forced upon another person without their consent

Harassment: St. Michael's believes strongly in the dignity of all people regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, citizenship, religion, creed, ethnic origin, age, politics, gender, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation. Any harassment stemming from prejudice against the above mentioned groups, or against any individual who is part of such a group, will not be tolerated. 'Harassment' is defined as engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known, or ought reasonably be known, to be unwelcome. This may include vexatious conduct which occurs on-line.

Drugs & Alcohol: The use, possession or sale of illegal drugs by residents or their guests is strictly prohibited and is subject to confiscation and criminal prosecution. Those who are present in an area where drugs or drug use is manifest will be treated as users and a \$250 fine will be applied. Any evidence of distributing or dealing illegal substances will result in immediate expulsion. Residents under 19 years of age may not consume or be in possession of alcohol on SMC property. Residents who may legally consume alcohol are expected to do so in a safe and responsible manner. The consumption of alcohol in residence is governed by the SMC Residence Alcohol Code which is available on our web site.

Harmful Behaviour: Students who exhibit behaviours which are deemed potentially harmful to themselves or others may be required to meet with support services and/or have their emergency contact notified. Alternative housing arrangements may be necessary in cases where a student is deemed to require more support than our staff can provide.

Penalties: Residents who breach the rules of residence will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the 'SMC Code of Discipline' which is available on our website.

The Dean of Students reserves the right to amend this document from time to time.