Accommodation for under 18-year-old residents at a Monash Residential Services complex

Monash Residential Services (MRS) provides on-campus accommodation for students of the University in an environment that aims to support and enrich the residential community in academic, cultural, personal, social and recreational matters. Commensurate with this goal and given most students are over 18 years of age, the accommodation and associated support services offered by MRS reflect the maturity and personal responsibility reasonably expected of young adults. When accommodating student under 18 years of age, MRS strives to make sure they feel safe and have their voices heard. For further information, refer to Monash University’s Child Safe Standards Framework.

MRS features an employed Residential Support Team located at each residential facility and available on-call after hours in the event of an emergency. MRS also has a team of volunteer (student) Residential Advisors who provide peer support to residents when they are available.

All residents live in private bedrooms that are not accessible to MRS, except in the event of a known or suspected emergency. All residents are free to come and go from their residential facility at any time of day or night. MRS does not monitor to ensure residents are in their rooms by a particular time at night, or indeed, at all. All students living at an MRS residential facility assume responsibility for their own conduct and wellbeing.

As almost all residents are adults, alcohol is consumed in MRS facilities, with monitoring of this activity limited to MRS staff explaining to residents the MRS Alcohol Policy - http://www.monash.edu/accommodation/current-residents/regulations-and-policies/alcohol-policy and enforcing limits on access to alcohol at MRS hosted functions. MRS is not able to monitor either alcohol consumption by residents where it is not hosting the function, or where alcohol which is brought into residences or private rooms by residents.

Both male and female students live in MRS residences. The behaviour of residents is not regulated, except where it contravenes MRS Conditions of Residency - see http://www.monash.edu/accommodation/current-residents/regulations-and-policies/conditions-of-residency. It is important to add that consensual activities, including lawful consensual sexual activity by, or between, residents does not require sanction by MRS.

Persons who are not residents are permitted in residences as guests of residents, and with permission may ‘sleep over’. Accordingly residents at MRS will interact with fellow residents and their guests during their stay with MRS.

Given the limited supervision of resident activity at MRS facilities, no person under 18 years of age may take up residence without the permission of their parent or guardian, and with endorsement by their parent or guardian that they believe their child has sufficient maturity to take responsibility for their own conduct and welfare, unsupervised in a MRS facility.

I .........................................................(parent/guardian) have read the description of MRS accommodation for under 18 year old residents set out above and I agree for my child.................................................................(student name) to be accommodated at MRS under these arrangements. I believe my child has sufficient maturity to take responsibility for their own day to day conduct and welfare, unsupervised at MRS.

Signed:.......................................................Name:......................................................................Date:.............................................

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

In an emergency I hereby grant Monash Residential Services or their nominees the authority to contact the following person(s) on my behalf (at least one emergency contact is required). If there is a change in the emergency contact details provided, I will inform MRS within 7 days of the changes.

1) Name:...............................................................................................................     Phone No: (+......) (......) .................................

Relationship, e.g. parent, aunt, uncle etc. ........................................................................................................

Email:............................................................................................................................... ..................................

2) Name:...............................................................................................................     Phone No: (+......) (......) .................................

Relationship, e.g. parent, aunt, uncle etc. ........................................................................................................

Email:............................................................................................................................... ..................................

Please tick relevant box:

☐ Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident

☐ International Student
Under 18 Acknowledgements

I ………………………………………………………………………………………………………. (student Name)

Understand that:

1. If any concerns are raised regarding the welfare during my residency at Monash Residential Services (MRS), MRS will inform my parent/guardian and/or caregiver and, if I am an international student, the Manager - International Student Engagement – Monash University (Wendy Blastock) or the Director Student Services – Monash College (Ms Clare Harper).

2. If I am an international student, a member of the Residential Support Team will meet with me formally until I turn 18 to ensure I am supported and to assist with my welfare, and the RST is available for me to raise any concerns I may have living in MRS.

3. If I am going to be late arriving or registering at MRS, I must inform MRS of the new arrival date and time, and if I fail to arrive or check in and I am not contactable MRS will contact my parent/guardian and/or caregiver.

4. I must advise my College Head or their delegate of the approval I have obtained from my parent/guardian and/or caregiver prior to me being absent overnight, or for an extended period of time, from my residence.

5. I am not allowed to have any overnight guests unless prior approval is given by my parent/guardian and/or caregiver, and I have the approval of the College Head or their delegate.

6. I understand that any official communication between me and MRS may be forwarded to my parent/guardian and/or caregiver, and if I am an international student, the Manager - International Student Engagement – Monash University (Wendy Blastock) or the Director Student Services – Monash College (Ms Clare Harper).

7. I must consult with the Manager Rooms Division Clayton / Manager Peninsula Residential and my parent and/or caregiver prior to an unscheduled departure from MRS.

8. If there is any change to the emergency contact details provided by me at the point of application or thereafter, I will update MRS Administration office within 7 days of the change.

9. A copy of this acknowledgement will be provided to the College Head.

YES/NO I consent for MRS to use my image for the purpose outlined in the MRS Use of Images of residents participating in MRS activities statement.

Signature …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Email Address …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Residence (If Known) …………………….Campus…………………………

Date …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Monash Approved Caregiver details (International students ONLY):

Name of Guardian …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Guardian Services provided by …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Monash College Caregiver Service Contact details ……………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Phone No. …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Please refer to the MRS Privacy Collection Statement @ http://www.monash.edu/accommodation/current-residents/regulations-and-policies/privacy-collection-statement