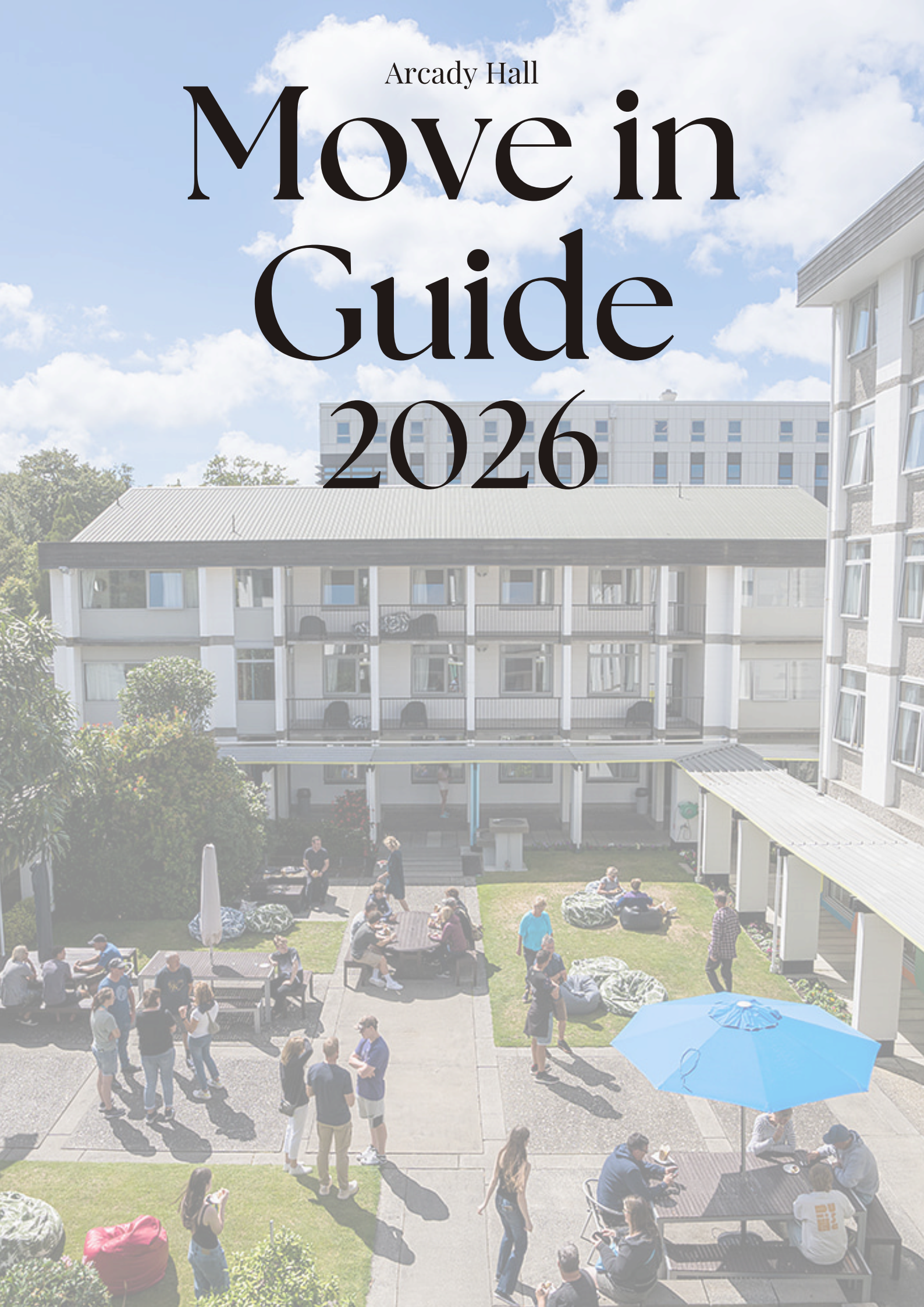


Arcady Hall

Move in Guide 2026



What info you're getting

In here is a bunch of handy information that will (hopefully) answer any questions you have and give you an idea of what to expect!

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Before You Arrive



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What to pack

- Towels
- Tea towels
- Washing powder
- Anything you will need for your own snacks (cutlery, bowl, cup/glass)
- Can opener
- Snack food coffee, tea, milo, etc.
- Medication
- Shower Caddy/tote
- Jacket or Parka, maybe an umbrella
- Coat hangers
- Headphones
- Map pins / drawing pins for notice boards
- Another blanket or duvet if you think you might be cold
- Washing basket / bag
- Your favourite pillow

What not to pack


- Toasters
- Heaters
- Grills
- Air Fryers
- Any cooking appliances
- Mini fridges
- Electric blankets
- Electric heaters
- Candles / Electric Incense
- Empty suitcases can be stored in bedrooms. If they are labelled with your name, suitcases can be stored in the floor cupboards, where space is available. But, please think about bringing soft luggage that folds up!



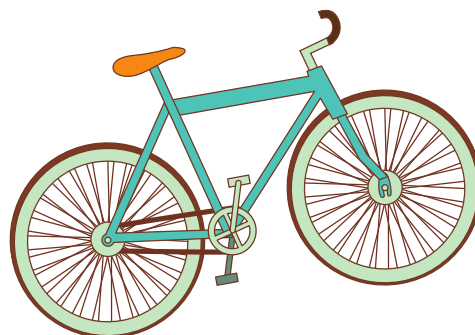
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Our Facilities

At Arcady we have 2 secure bike sheds, locked with a code that changes each year. You will be provided this code in your welcome pack.

If you wish to use the bike sheds, you will need to bring your own lock - a D-lock always works well 

It is first come- first served but please don't put more than one bike in there to ensure everyone gets a fair chance!



Our laundry room has 7 washers and 7 dryers (free to use!) plus a drying room and outdoor washing line. You can get into this room 24/7 using your key fob.

Remember - you have to bring your own washing powder and clothes basket! But, if you write your name on the side you're welcome to store it on the shelves we have in there. There are also yellow clothes bins you're welcome to use to transfer your washing from washer to dryer but please don't take them out of the laundry room!



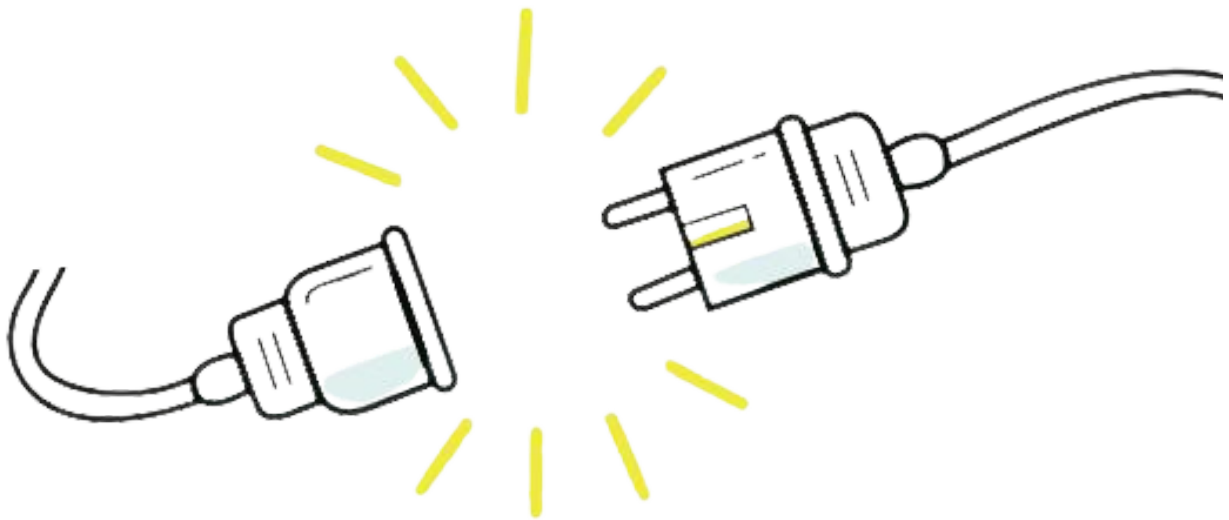
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Testing + Tagging

All electrical appliances brought with you to Arcady must be test and tagged by a registered electrician or certified person for insurance purposes. We encourage you to get your items checked before you arrive as you will not be able to use these items until they have been tested and tagged (Mitre 10 + Bunnings both have it available!)

We will have a test and tagging service in the first month of your arrival for \$10/item for any new or untagged items. However, please note that the delay for getting items back can be up to a week!

Anything that will get plugged into the wall must be tested and tagged - this includes a multipug board, new items and adaptors. If you're really unsure about an item, you can email a picture of it to office@arcadyhall.org.nz with your question and we can help you out 😊



February 10th 2026

Move In Day



Check In

*Check In is open from
10am-3pm on February 10th*

When you arrive at the hall, follow the signs to Reception. This year, we ask that only the student enters the reception area and that you leave the rest of your move-in team and any bags in the car/the courtyard to help keep the check-in area uncongested!

At check-in, we will ask for your name and give you a pack containing your keys + some welcome documents. Then one of our lovely staff members will show you to your room (sometimes there may be a short wait during peak times - please be patient with us!)

Once you're checked in, your time is your own to unpack your belongings, settle in and maybe meet some neighbours! Please note that there will be a room checklist in your bedroom that you will have to fill in and return at some point today. Your move-in team are welcome to help you unpack, however please say your goodbyes before 4pm as this is when the resident programme begins!

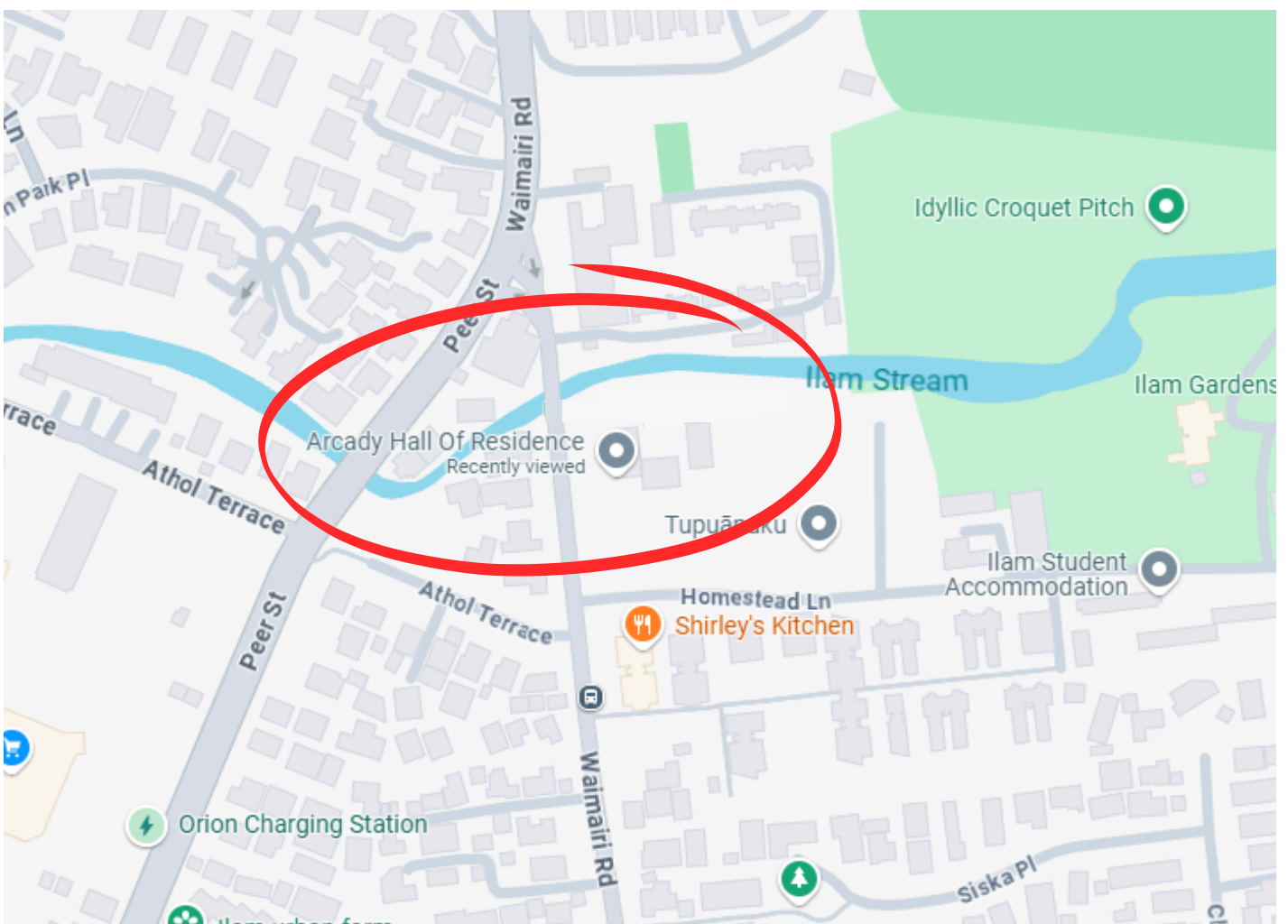


Parking

When you arrive, you're welcome to use our carpark when you're unpacking the car, however after you're done, please park somewhere else so other people can do the same.

There is street parking around the hall, or you can pay for parking on the UC campus which is a short walk down the road.

Below is a map of the area to help you plan a bit!



— Move In Day

Food



Between 11am-2pm there will be substantial nibbles and tea/coffee put out in our dining hall for you + your moving team! Please help yourselves - you're welcome to eat in the dining room or in our courtyard

Parents Info Sessions

Our Principal, Professor Sonia Mazey, will run two, informal 'meet and greet' sessions for parents/caregivers at 11.00am and 2.00pm in the main Common Room.

This is an opportunity for your family/caregiver to learn more about Arcady and to ask any questions they may have - eg. about our policies and procedures, our academic and pastoral support, our facilities, and our partnership with the University of Canterbury 📖



— What to expect from your first week

First Floor Group Meeting

After saying goodbye to your family (and maybe having a stress cry - hopefully not, but seriously if it happens to you, we promise you won't be the only one) you will head to your designated location for your first floor group meeting. You will have found a welcome letter from your RA in your bedroom and in that they'll tell you the location of your meeting.

This meeting is a chance to meet your RA and the rest of your floor group in person. Your RA will go through some health + safety and rules, but in between the boring stuff will be icebreakers (we know - not necessarily anyone's favourite activity but they do work!)

Don't be afraid to ask any questions - if you're thinking it, chances are so is someone else!

First Dinner

After a busy (and probably stressful!) day of moving, we want your first night to be as relaxed as possible. After you finish your first floor meeting, your RA will bring everyone down to the courtyard (quad) where the staff will quickly introduce ourselves. After that, we will send people in group by group to grab their dinner - a delicious BBQ!

It tends to be really chill and relaxed with everyone sitting around and chatting both in the dining room and outside. Afterwards, since it's been such a big day we will have an outdoor movie night (vote for your favourite movie in the poll on FB!) with a few snacks before everyone heads off to their rooms to decompress (and get a good night's sleep before starting our week of activities the next morning!)

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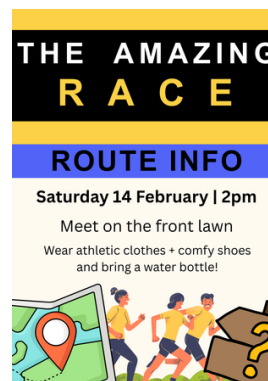
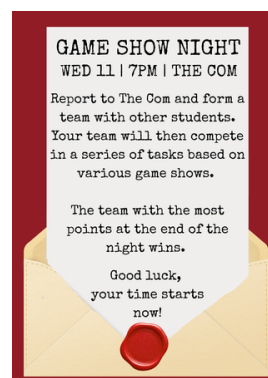
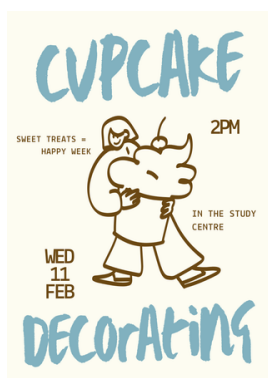
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Move In Week

To help you settle in and make friends, your first week is filled with a bunch of events that we are sure you're going to love - have a sneak peek at the calendar below (however this isn't a final calendar so some things may move around a bit!). Please note that for Barn Dance + Casino Night we encourage dressing up for the full experience (so you may want to pack something from home!)



UC also hosts a bunch of O-Week events, including Toga party and Mardi Gras - if you want to dress up for these we recommend you bring your costume to Chch with you! Every store supplying what you need for your costume is likely to be out of it - seriously! One year, we had a student who went to Toga party in Paw Patrol sheets because they were *the only* ones he could find at any store 😂