

Neighbourhood Vandalism Policy

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Introduction

The purpose of the neighbourhood vandalism policy is to provide clear direction for management and staff relating to the procedures to follow when there has been a complaint about “student” vandalism in the local community.

Policy Statement

The University of Canterbury Students’ Association (Association) strives to be a good neighbour and make a positive contribution to the community.

The Association devotes significant efforts to represent its stakeholders by building a strong organisation and philanthropic and socially responsible initiatives.

The Association is aware that it has a significant moral responsibility to assist in improving the quality of life of the community that it operates within.

The Association understands that some students do cause problems. However the Association also believes that the reported tensions between students and their communities are based on some very negative stereotypes that are based on the anti-social actions of a small minority.

The Association seeks to improve its social performance, with the objective of ensuring that its activities contribute to a positive experience for the communities in which it operates.

The Association considers it important to be seen to be making amends even if it is not liable.

Procedure

The following procedures must be followed when an act of vandalism has taken place and been reported:

1. If a neighbour or member of the community experiences damage to their property within the local neighbourhood they must report the damage to the police.
2. The neighbour or member of the community must then report the damage to the Association and provide details of the damage, when it occurred, the police crime

reference number and contact details.

3. All details must be recorded on the UCSA neighbourhood vandalism attached form.
4. The Association President will assess the report and determine (with advice from the CEO) what action, if any will be taken to help with repairs. Each reported case of damage will be assessed on a case by case basis. There is no guarantee that the Association will make assist with the repair of any damage.
5. The Association may at its discretion and on the approval of the President allocate resources and labour up to the value of \$100 (for an individual incident).
6. Once a decision has been made, notification will be communicated to the person who reported the incident. This notification will be given within three (3) working days.
7. The Association will record all reported instances of localised damage. These records will measure the type of the damage, if the Association made a contribution and what that contribution was.
8. If a student is caught causing damage, the matter can be reported to the police and University Proctor. Furthermore the Association may seek reparation from the student.

UCSA Neighbourhood Vandalism Form

This form is to be completed by the UCSA and forwarded to the President. On receipt of the form a decision will be made on what action will be taken.

The decision will be communicated back to the person reporting the incident within three (3) working days.

Name of the person reporting the damage: _____

Contact details: _____

Property Address: _____

Date of incident ___/ ___/ ___ Time am/pm

(If the caller was away give the times/dates between which the incident occurred)

Who discovered it? _____

When was it discovered? _____

Crime reference number (given by police): _____

(All incidents must be reported to the police before UCSA will consider)

Details of incident including damage caused to the property (if any): _____

Action to be taken: _____

Decision notification communicated: _____

President approval: _____

NOTE: The UCSA will then assess all damage / incidents on a case by case basis. UCSA will allocate resources and labour (UCSA) up to the value of \$100 (for an individual incident) if the UCSA considers it justified.