

University of Otago Library Conduct guidelines

Though the current Library Regulations specify that eating and drinking (other than water in capped bottles) in the Library is prohibited, in practice the policy has become more relaxed in recent years.

The following are guidelines which the Library has developed. If these prove unworkable or if they are abused, the Library reserves the right to invoke the policy as stated in the University Calendar.

Purpose

The Library environment should be attractive, comfortable and inviting to students, while providing a safe and study-friendly atmosphere. Limited consumption of food and drink is allowed providing it does not cause offence or detract from a reasonably clean and pleasant working space.

Guidelines

1. Cold, non-alcoholic drinks in capped bottles and hot drinks in cups with lids, are allowed in the Library
2. Snack foods, such as wrapped bars and biscuits are allowed. Food that smells, is 'noisy' or is likely to be messy is not allowed.
3. All rubbish should be placed in the bins provided.
4. Neither food nor drinks are permitted in the Electronic Resources Areas of the Libraries, Special Collections or in the Hocken Library.

Staff will use their discretion in determining whether food and drink are suitable to be consumed in the Library. Students will be asked to remove any items that are considered to be a problem.

In general terms students are not to behave in a way that causes offence or disturbs the study of other students. Cell phones should be muted, text messaging is fine, but disruptive conversations are not acceptable in the Library.

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