



Hi, - If you missed my last email, I'm Maria, the Orientation & Transitions Student Worker, and I'm reaching out to share information to help new and returning students prepare for the [upcoming term](#) at Camosun. Check out last week's newsletter on [Summer 2021- Newsletters](#).

To ensure everyone can be successful in their academic pursuits, creating a safe, respectful and supportive environment is a priority for the Camosun community. Students, staff, and faculty must act in ways to contribute to this environment. As a new member of this community, **I encourage you to take the time to learn about your rights and responsibilities, familiarize yourself with the policies linked below and connect with the teams that provide you with support throughout your time at the college.**

- [Student Misconduct Policy](#) – Students are at the centre of Camosun's educational mission. Creating and maintaining a safe, respectful, secure, and supportive learning environment for students is the responsibility of all members of the College community. Learn about how the college will respond to behaviours that cause harm to persons or property or otherwise contravenes federal, provincial or local laws.
- [Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy](#) – Camosun is committed to creating and maintaining a healthy learning and working environment where sexual violence and misconduct are not tolerated. The purpose of this policy is to clearly communicate Camosun College's commitment to prevent and respond to sexual violence and sexual misconduct.

The [Office of Student Support](#) provides safe, respectful and trauma-informed support to all students impacted by sexual and gender-based violence. [Student Support Managers](#) can provide students emotional support, information on their next step options, resources for help and information and will respect student's right to decide on the next steps that are right for them. Student Support Managers in the Office of Student Support can also assist students through unexpected life challenges that are impacting their personal, social, and academic success and can help address questions or concerns about student behaviour and help to inform them about options and processes for resolving issues.

If you have questions about your rights and responsibilities or issues of fairness, I encourage you to reach out to the [Office of the Ombudsperson](#). The Office is confidential, independent, and impartial, and its purpose is to support students in resolving their issues and conflicts and advocate for fairness and equity at Camosun.

Do you have questions about being a Camosun student? Our [Orientation Chat](#) is live every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 - 12:00 pm (look for the chat box at the bottom of the [Orientation](#) webpage). We will be there to answer your questions or point you to where you can find the information you need.

All the best,  
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