

SPES BONA

GIRL STUDENT RESIDENCE



BUILT IN 1915



About Spes Bona

Spes Bona Girls Residence was founded in 1910 as a result of a meeting in the Cape Town City Hall. People realised that they needed to provide a home for girls coming from other parts of the country to study in Cape Town on a tertiary level.



Spes Bona Building in 1915

A committee of ladies was formed under the chairmanship of Mrs John X. Merriman and a residence was opened with ten students. In 1913 enough money was raised to purchase grounds in the Gardens and the present Residence was built in 1915 to house sixty students.

Spes Bona Residence is approved by the Education Department and the University of Cape Town as a residence for students during their tertiary education.

Spes Bona is run by a Management Committee, whose members kindly undertake this work on a voluntary basis. The aim of the Management Committee is to create a happy atmosphere for girls away from their homes.

Spes Bona residents and the domestic staff are in the charge of the resident Lady Warden who is assisted by the resident Secretary and a House Committee. The House Committee consists of six students who are elected by their peers every year to raise funds for social events and to help students settle into life at Spes Bona.



Mrs. Merriman



Mrs. McMillan

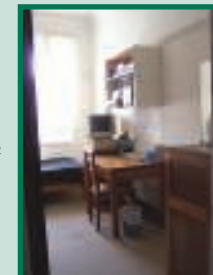


Spes Bona Building 2006

How Spes Bona Works

APPLICATIONS:

Students are not accepted for periods less than a year. All applications are submitted to the Selection Sub-Committee of the Management Committee. Continuity is a feature of the students, many of whom are daughters, granddaughters or sisters of previous students.



BEDROOMS:

There are single and double rooms which are allocated on an first-come first-serve basis. That means the earlier you apply the better your chance to get a single room.

Rooms are furnished with a fitted carpet, curtains, bed, bedside table, cupboard, chest of drawers, study desk and bookshelves for each occupant. Students must provide their own bedding. There are standard heating panels to keep you warm in winter.



Single rooms

Rooms are vacuumed twice a week.

Dustbins are emptied every morning by the domestic staff.

MEALS:

Meals are eaten in the Dining Room. Breakfast is served at 6:50 on weekdays and 8:30 on weekends. Lunch is served at 12:15 on weekdays and at 12:30 on weekends. If you are at Varsity at lunch time, you can make yourself sandwiches at breakfast. Dinner is served at 18:15 on weekdays and 18:00 on weekends.



Dining room

Tea is served every day. On weekdays it is 16:00 and on weekends at 15:30.

To help the catering staff there is a lunch&dinner list that has to be filled in before 9:30 every day. No name = no meal!

Late night dinners are available for those students who have evening classes.

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KEYS:

Besides a key to their room, each resident is given an access disk, which is used to gain entrance to the front door of the Residence, the Common room and the Computer room from the verandah.



Laundry room

LAUNDRY:

The residence has a laundry room in the basement which contains a washing machine and a tumble dryer which are both coin operated. There are washing lines inside and out, but students need to provide their own pegs.

SECURITY:

There is a security guard on duty day and night. Theft does occur so all students must keep their rooms locked at all times and valueables locked in a cupboard.

NOISE:

The Residence is to be quiet after 22:00. No bathing or showering after 22:00. No electrical musical instruments such as guitars are allowed.

SMOKING:

Smoking is only allowed on the verandah.

COMPUTER ROOM:

The computer room is available to all students. It includes six computers with access to the Internet and a printing facility.



Foyer



Computer room

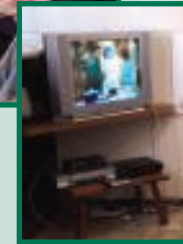
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TV ROOMS:

There are two TV's, one on the ground floor with a video machine and one in the basement with a dvd player. Students can enjoy Dstv, M-net, SABC and E-TV.



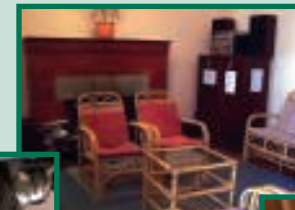
TV room on the ground floor



TV room in the basement

COMMON ROOM:

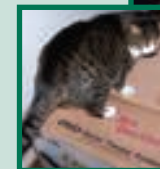
Tea is served in the Common room and it also houses the tuck-shop, which is managed by the House Committee. It has a fireplace which keeps it warm during Winter,



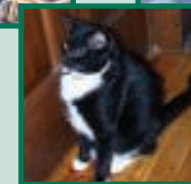
Common room



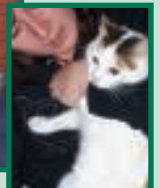
Fireplace



Spes cat: Michael



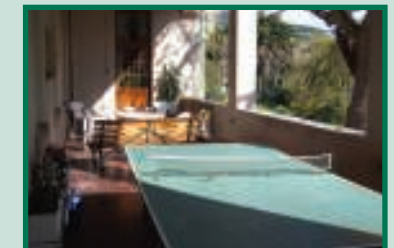
Spes cat: Oscar



Spes cat: Frances

VERANDAH:

The verandah has a beautiful view of Lion's Head. It has a Dart board as well as a Tabletennis table and comfortable chairs to provide a place of social activity for the students.



Verandah

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GARDEN:

Spes Bona prides itself with a beautiful garden that commands a beautiful view of both Lion's Head and Table Mountain.



Spes Ducks



Egyptian Goose

Garden



Garden

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Valentines Dinner - We treat ourselves to good food and just allow everyone to get to know each other better. It is a dress-up dinner and the theme is always decided upon by the House Committee.



Valentines Dinner 2006

Spes Parties - with a DJ, bouncers, a dance floor and a bar it is the House Committee who organises these as a means of fund-raising.

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Spes Bona Spring Dance - this is what all the fund-raising is for. We dress up fancy and party all night.

Christmas Dinner - We treat ourselves to good food, again. The new House Committee is announced and presents are handed out.

NOTES:



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