

# Spes Bona Girl Students' Residence

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## Prospectus

### **FOUNDER – MRS J X MERRIMAN**

### **MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mrs V M Barrow  
Mrs C McMillan

Mrs H Binckes  
Mrs M van der Ross

Mrs J Leslie  
Mrs N Walsh

### **HON. COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mrs M Kleyn

Mrs J Meynell

Mrs A Smitheman

**LADY WARDEN:** Mrs J Bresler  
**SECRETARY:** Ms T Woolfrey

The Residence was founded in 1910 as the result of a meeting in the City Hall of Cape Town residents who realised the need to provide a home for girls coming from other parts of the country to study in Cape Town. A Committee of Ladies was formed under the Chairmanship of *Mrs J X Merriman* and, with the generous help of a number of friends, the Residence was started with ten students. In 1913 a Company was established, which raised enough money to purchase ground in the Gardens, and here the present Residence was built to house sixty students in 1915.

The Residence is approved by the Education Department and the University of Cape Town as a Residence for students during their tertiary education, and is run as a non-profit making organisation. It is administered by a Management Committee, members of which undertake this work voluntarily.

The Residence is in the charge of the Lady Warden and the Assistant Lady Warden/Secretary. It has single and double bedrooms. There is a library with a television, DSTV, DVD player and a video recorder, a computer room and Wi-Fi connections in the bedrooms, a common room, pianos, a students' coffee bar, a table-tennis table, dart board and an extensive garden with braai facilities.

### **Students are not accepted for periods less than one year.**

Students' qualifications and courses must be approved by the Management Committee

Application for admission should be made to:

The Secretary  
Spes Bona Girl Students' Residence  
44 Hof Street  
Gardens  
CAPE TOWN, 8001.

Telephone No. 021-423 3505  
Fax No. 021-422 1758

E-mail: [admin@spesbonacape.co.za](mailto:admin@spesbonacape.co.za)  
Website: [www.spesbonacape.co.za](http://www.spesbonacape.co.za)

## **FEES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR - 2011**

Registration Fee	R 50,00 (Payable with Application)
Residence Fee	44 600,00
Security	4 500,00
Students' Amenities Fund	400,00
Refundable Room & Access Disc Deposit	<u>500,00</u>
	<b><u>R50 000,00</u></b>

**A non-refundable deposit of R2 000,00 is to be paid on confirmation of acceptance.** This deposit will be deducted from the fees for the Second Semester.

The Refundable Room & Access Disc Deposit will be sent to parents after all the rooms have been checked at the end of the year.

The account will be rendered as follows:

Three-fifths of the yearly amount to be paid **IN ADVANCE** of the start of the First Semester.

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*Should the fees not be received before the start of the student's semester, the current bank interest rate will be charged.*

**Non-S A Residents** are required to settle the full year's fees in advance, including bank charges. SA Citizens domiciled outside South Africa are required to pay the full fee in advance.

A student in their second year, unable to complete her course due to unforeseen financial difficulties, may apply for consideration by the Management Committee for assistance from the AGNES MERRIMAN FUND. This Fund provides interest-free loans to be re-paid after the student has completed her course.

The Residence is closed during the December vacations. At the beginning of the year students will be notified of the dates when the Residence will be closed. In the June/July vacation the Residence will be closed officially for two weeks for maintenance purposes, but students are to take their vacations according to the dates of their courses. R100,00 per day will be charged for those who are granted permission to remain although they are not attending classes.

**STUDENTS MAY ONLY TAKE UP RESIDENCE ONE DAY BEFORE THE START OF THEIR COURSE, AND MUST LEAVE WITHIN TWO DAYS FOLLOWING THE END OF THEIR COURSE.**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE FEES HAVE BEEN PAID, AND PROOF OF PAYMENT SUBMITTED, BEFORE THE STUDENT ARRIVES TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF HER COURSE. NO STUDENT WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE RESIDENCE UNTIL SUCH PROOF IS PRODUCED**

**STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED ON A YEARLY BASIS, AND AN APPLICATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH YEAR.**

**FEES MUST BE PAID FOR THE WHOLE YEAR EVEN IF A STUDENT LEAVES BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.**

**COMPUTER ROOM** There is a Computer Room with computers linked to the Internet, as well as printing and copying facilities. There is also Wi-Fi connections in the bedrooms. The fee for this facility has been included in the annual fee structure, however, there is a fee for colour prints.

**ALL INSURANCE** Must be covered by the parents' own insurance policy.

**BED LINEN** Students to bring their own duvets & bed linen, including two top sheets, which are laundered by the Residence.

**ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT** All electrical equipment brought by a student must be approved by the Lady Warden before it is used. All heaters and fridges are prohibited. Wall heaters have been installed in the bedrooms.

**LAUNDRY FACILITIES** Coin-operated washing machines and coin-operated tumble-driers are available for hire for personal laundry. Local laundries are also available. Please bring a laundry bag & pegs.

**DIETS** **NO SPECIAL DIETS, INCLUDING VEGETARIAN, ARE CATERED FOR.**

**ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES** Any student found using or in possession of illegal substances will be told to leave the Residence immediately.

The Management Committee reserves the right to refuse any application and to terminate, without notice, the residence of an admitted student whose work or conduct they consider unsatisfactory. There will be no refund of the balance of fees for the remaining period. The Management Committee has the authority to make rules for the conduct of the Residence, and these shall be binding on all students.

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