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## Installation of Security CCTV cameras in Student Residences

The Department of Security Services has installed video surveillance cameras at Student Residential Areas to enhance the safety and security of students, employees, and property. The key objective of these CCTV cameras is to improve safety and security while discouraging the occurrence of behaviour that violates laws or policies. Evidence gathering and identification of offenders through the cameras will become handy in the post-incident investigations of crimes.

The CCTV cameras will be used as per university policy and other applicable legislations'. Permanent signage alerting students, employees, and visitors that cameras are in use is posted in each building. The installation will not reduce security officer's deployment or supervision for each residence. Cameras are only installed in the corridors/public places, and not placed in areas where there is an expectation of privacy, such as bathrooms or student rooms.

The cost and feasibility of having a security officer deployed at each and corner of the residence 24/7 are impossible. However, having eyes 24/7 at key areas and having a few dedicated security officers monitoring them, is much more beneficial and more cost-effective. By viewing the hallways, it will be possible to proactively prevent a possible threat like a person wanting to cause harm to another or identify an unauthorized person in an area or trying to gain access to a specific room.

Since the installation of the CCTV cameras in some of the residences such as 4B, 5A and 5B, especially where the cameras were installed at the corridors; public spaces the incident and other petty crimes that were previously reported to Security Services have significantly been reduced.

This project is a long time coming, about 3 years already and is nearing the end where it will be handed over to the end user, the security department. Residences involved in this project are 1A, 1B, 1D and 5B of which Residence 1B was the first and is on the brink of completion. Residences 1C and 2B have been put on hold as these are to be renovated, the upgrading of the will go hand in hand with the renovation. Residences 4B and 5A is already done a couple of years ago and if these are to be seen as pilot projects, it can only be said that technology used cut down maintenance as well, lessen the risk factor and since the cameras were installed, not one failure was reported due to electronic malfunction.



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