

MAKE WELLINGTON YOUR RUGBY DESTINATION

Become a part of Wellington's rich rugby heritage. Within the vibrant culture of New Zealand's capital city, Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington combines academic excellence with a strong rugby tradition. This dual pursuit of education and rugby at Victoria University of Wellington promises Come here for a holistic growth experience like no other.

OBU Rugby Academy

Old Boy's University (OBU) Rugby Club Academy offers a holistic kaupapa to all registered student athletes. Both male and female teams train at the University's Kelburn campus—this partnership between Academy and University has been strong since the Academy began in 2016.

The OBU Academy strives to support our student athletes both on and off the field through real-world learning opportunities, workshops, high-performance level training, and a community that becomes their home away from home. Come join the waka and journey with the OBU Academy whānau

[Read more about the OBU Academy.](#)



Caleb Delany, OBU Academy Alumni

'Rugby at the highest level challenges you, mentally, physically and takes a huge toll on your body. But the lessons I learnt through the OBU Academy prepared me for that next step, and I'll definitely cherish the memories and the friendships that I made there' - Caleb Delany (OBU Academy Alumni, OBU Premiers, Wellington Lions, Hurricanes, Maori All Blacks, Current All Black XV)

"I was a part of the OBU Academy and Club for two years, which has been incredibly rewarding and fulfilling. OBU fosters personal growth and lifelong connections, resulting in an immensely supportive environment for my studies and personal life, as well as team success".



Nakoia Ashford, former OBU Academy member



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PLAYING FOR THE OLD BOYS' UNIVERSITY RUGBY CLUB

Situated at the foot of the University, go straight from bed or lecture to training on Boyd-Wilson field. Old Boys' University Rugby Club has access to first-class training facilities including a full-size, floodlit, all-weather playing surface and an indoor artificial turf arena. Whether you are after social opportunities or sporting aspirations, OBU is a club where all players can enjoy the game they love.

OBU is ultimately about enjoyment and friendship, rugby is simply the wagon that enables us to connect and make everlasting friendships.

So why not come and experience it for yourself!

Find out more about how rugby and study is a winning combination for OBU.



OBU Premiers celebrating winning the 2024 Jubilee Cup Final

OBU & UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for OBU student athletes can include the [Te Puni Village Athlete floor](#), where you live beside like minded students while finding your way with Uni life.

There are also performance scholarships available for OBU student athletes, read more about the [OBU RFC scholarships](#).

The university also provides wider academic and wellbeing support to students with various needs, these can be accessed through student services. There is specific holistic support and pastoral care for Maori and Pasifika students.

Playing for OBU and being a current student puts you in line to be selected to represent NZ University Rugby teams that compete nationally and internationally, find out more about [New Zealand Universities Rugby](#).

OBU Club Contact

If you want to know more about general rugby opportunities at OBU, feel free to contact clubcaptain@oburugby.com



OBU Academy cohort of 2025, training at the functional training room.

Notable Wellington Club Rugby Results

Premiers: Jubilee Cup and Swindale Shield champions
Premier Reserves: Ed Chaney Cup and Harper Lock Shield champions
Blues Awards: Sports Club of the year recipients.

SUA MAKISI | *Rugby Academy Lead*

With a strong focus on player welfare, holistic development, and performance excellence, Sua is passionate about creating meaningful pathways that help student-athletes reach their full potential in rugby while succeeding in their studies and personal growth.

Sua brings extensive playing experience and a deep understanding of the athlete journey. She is committed to supporting athletes at every stage of their development, fostering an environment where individuals can thrive both on and off the field.

To learn more about the opportunities available through OBU, contact Sua at faasua.makisi@vuw.ac.nz. She would love to hear from you and discuss how OBU can support your rugby and academic aspirations.

