

## **[Supervision]**

Study and living environments are other areas of risk with under 18 students. Requesting and photocopying the necessary working with children approval from all of the people who come on to your Centre's premises during the day is a must do for Centres that enroll under 18 students.

Also, it is very important to have security cameras mounted strategically around your Centre to ensure around the clock monitoring - and to make sure that these cameras are turned on. Camera footage is a vital tool for law enforcement officers when an unvetted intruder enters your premises or worse, students are attacked or their belongings stolen.

Some Centres spend a lot of time focussing on students under 18, but fail to notice the adult students that mingle with younger students, often unsupervised during class breaks. This may have legal ramifications. Adult students often aren't required to undergo a working with children check and because of this we can't leave these two cohorts together unsupervised, that is without someone who has a working with children check, such as a teacher or other member of staff. This problem can also occur with accommodation services. We can't leave our under 18s in homestays with both adult and under 18 students under the one roof. Again it comes down to vetting, training, communication, good processes and systems in place at your Centre. Directing your under 18 students to a specific supervised space during breaks is a simple strategy that some Centres employ. Similarly, training and vetting of homestay providers for the specific needs and attributes of this cohort is important to cover legal liabilities and provide competent duty of care. Separate toilets for under 18s is also a good strategy to increase the level of care and precaution in this regard.

A final thing to consider is ensuring that there is a designated drop off and pick up point at your Centre for students arriving by private transport.