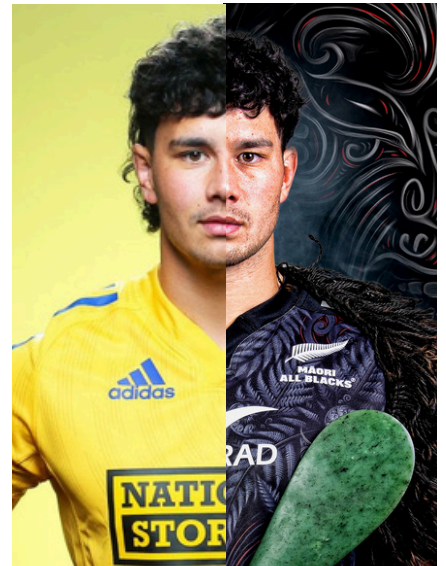


MAKE WELLINGTON YOUR RUGBY DESTINATION



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Studying at Victoria University of Wellington offers a unique and enriching experience that combines academic excellence with the vibrant culture of New Zealand's capital. Moreover, choosing to play rugby as well allows you to become a part of Wellington's rich rugby heritage. This dual pursuit of education and rugby at Victoria University of Wellington promises a holistic growth experience like no other, making it an attractive destination for those seeking academic and athletic excellence.



Caleb Delany, OBU Academy Alumni

OBU RUGBY ACADEMY

OBU Rugby Club has a historic and strong partnership with the University, which has increased with the inception of the OBU Academy in 2016. The Academy operates here on the Kelburn campus and offers a holistic kaupapa for OBU registered male and female student athletes. The OBU Academy strive to support our student athletes both on and off the field through real life learning opportunities, workshops, high-performance level training and a community that provides that home away from home. Come join the waka and journey with the OBU Academy Whānau. [Read more about the OBU Academy.](#)



OBU Academy cohort of 2024, training at the Boyd-Wilson Arena

'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)

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](#).



"I have been a part of the OBU Academy and Club for the past 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, Current OBU Academy member

Notable 2024 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.



Tomasi Palu is passionate about giving back to his rugby community and fostering development pathways for student athletes at OBU Rugby Club and the University.

He comes with a wealth of experience both on and off the field, not only is he an ex Tongan International Ikahe Tahi player, ex Wellington Lions player, as well as a Centurion for the OBU Club. Tomasi also holds the position of OBU Academy Lead here at the University and Director of Rugby for OBU the club.

To get in touch with Tomasi, simply send him an email at tomasi.palu@vuw.ac.nz. He'll be happy to hear from you and help you get started on your rugby journey with OBU.

