

University Accommodation

Victoria and Canberra

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FINDING & APPLYING FOR ACCOMMODATION

1. Work out what type of accommodation you would like to apply for.
2. Make a list of the options you are interested in and then request information from the accommodation sources (e.g., the College or the individual Institutions' Housing Service).
3. Ring the Housing Service and speak to them directly about your options. Visit the accommodation if you can.
4. Check with the individual accommodation sources to find out application processes and dates.

ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

This option includes Colleges, Student Halls and Student Residences etc.

Access to resources such as computer/Internet, library, gym, sports facilities, tutors etc.

Residences are usually very close to the institute or on the campus, which can help rural students cope better with their transition to the city. Residences are often fully or self-catered or a combination of both.

You may have to pay an application fee, which is often non-refundable if you don't secure a place.

ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION CONT...

Application dates for accommodation vary. Some open from early August and others require you to wait until you have received an offer for a place in your course (e.g., in January/February).

You need to apply once applications open and you may need references or a recommendation from your school.

PRIVATE RENT/ BOARD

Private rentals can be difficult to find and expensive in the larger cities. Often students will go into shared accommodation to reduce costs.

Students will be signed to a lease of 52 weeks compared to 38 – 42 weeks for university and there will be start up and ongoing costs.

If you are lucky enough to have friends, family or relatives living in the area you will be studying, you may be able to board with them.

PRIVATE/ COMMERCIAL ACCOMMODATION

These accommodation institutions are generally independent from universities and TAFEs. Prices and access to resources can vary.

They often have communal self-catering kitchens. Prices vary.

University Accommodation - VIC

University

Federation University

Details (rates are for 2014 intake and are approximate)

- PH: Ballarat - 03 5327 9480; Gippsland - 03 5122 6236.
- Email: feduniliving@federation.edu.au
- Web: www.federation.edu.au/feduniliving
- Note: First year accommodation guarantee.
- Ballarat: 39-week contract. Cost between \$149 - \$246 p/w.
- Gippsland: 40-week contract. Cost between \$155 - \$182 p/w.
- Apply: via online portal. \$65 non-refundable fee. Applications open Sunday 31 August for the 2015 intake.

Deakin University

- PH: Burwood- 03 9251 7671, Warrnambool- 03 5563 3111, Geelong (Wairn Ponds)- 03 5227 1158.
- Email: du.residence@deakin.edu.au
- Web: www.deakin.edu.au/studentlife/residences
- Burwood: \$276 - \$335 p/w. Wairn Ponds: \$208 - \$236 p/w. Warrnambool- \$188 - \$216 p/w.
- Apply: online portal. \$30 non-refundable fee. References required.
- Applications open 4 August.

Swinburne University

- PH & Email: 03 9214 555, residences@swin.edu.au
- Web: www.swinburne.edu.au/stuserv/housing/
- Residential College – 42-week contract, \$298 p/w.
- Apartments- 50-week contract, \$239 - \$270 p/w.
- Apply: Online. Non-refundable fee of \$45. References required.
- UniLodge: Separate application, 50 week contract, \$233 - \$346 p/w, <http://unilodge.com.au/lodge/swinburne-place/>

RMIT University

- City and Brunswick campus- 03 9925 2963, Bundoora- 02 9925 7280
- Email: student.wellbeing@rmit.edu.au
- Web: www.rmit.edu.au/housing
- Note: No on campus accommodation. RMIT Village is near the City campus and secures 75% of places for RMIT students. Many student accommodation options near the campuses.
- RMIT Village- 44 or 52 week contracts. \$271 - \$493 p/w. Apply online at www.rmitvillage.com.au/

La Trobe University

- PH & Email: Melbourne- 03 9479 2875, living@latrobe.edu.au Bendigo- 03 5444 7425, residences-bendigo@latrobe.edu.au
- Web: www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation (covers all campuses).
- Melbourne: 40-week contract. Colleges- \$186 - \$292 p/w. Apartments- \$95 - \$189 p/w. Applications open 24 August.
- Bendigo: 40-week contract. \$156 - \$203 p/w. Applications open 17 August.
- Apply: online. Non-refundable fee of \$49.

University Accommodation - VIC

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Victoria University

Details (rates are for 2014 intake and are approximate)

- Web: www.vu.edu.au/residences
- Student Village: Located in Marybrinong. \$175 p/w. Email- student.village@vu.edu.au PH: 03 9304 6300.
- Victoria Place: Located in Footscray. \$197 - \$272 p/w. Email- victoria.place@vu.edu.au PH: 03 9919 4400.
- Apply: via online portal. References required. \$50 non-refundable fee.

Monash University

- PH: Clayton- 03 9905 6200, Caulfield- 03 9903 2737, Berwick- 03 9904 7177, Peninsula- 03 9904 4338
- Web: www.mrs.monash.edu.au/
- 42-week contracts for most residences. \$209 - \$262 p/w.
- Apply: free online application. First in, first served, so get applications in from 1 October. No references or additional forms required.

Australian Catholic University

- Ballarat: 03 5336 5323, residentialservices.aqu@acu.edu.au
- University Residences, 03 9304 6300.
- Web: <http://students.acu.edu.au/services/accommodation>
- Note: No on campus accommodation at the Melbourne campus.
- Apply: Online from late January once you have received your offer for Ballarat.

University of Melbourne

- PH: 13 6352, housing-info@unimelb.edu.au
- University Colleges- 11 Colleges for undergraduate students. Over \$20 000 per year. Apply for Colleges in order of preference via the one application form. Can also apply to access a Colleges programs without living on campus - www.colleges.unimelb.edu.au/
- Student Housing Access Program (SHAP): For students from rural areas who would like to live in University owned share houses. \$159 per week plus utilities, <http://services.unimelb.edu.au/housing/shap>

University Accommodation - Canberra

University

University of Canberra

Details (rates are for 2014 intake and are approximate)

- PH & Email: Accommodation Support: 02 6201 2000, advocacy@theucsa.org.au
- Web: www.canberra.edu.au/residences
- Note: First year accommodation guarantee.
- Application process depends on accommodation applied for.

Australian National University

- PH & Email: Melbourne- 03 9479 2875, living@latrobe.edu.au
Bendigo- 03 5444 7425, residences-bendigo@latrobe.edu.au
- Web: <http://accom.anu.edu.au/>
- Note: First year accommodation guarantee
- Applications open 20 August.

Australian Catholic University

- No on campus accommodation
- Web: <http://students.acu.edu.au/services/accommodation>

University Accommodation – Other NSW

University

Charles Sturt University

Details

- Wagga Campus- www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/accommodation/on-campus
- On campus catered and non-catered options. Between \$5804 - \$11723 per year.
- St Martin's College- Anglican, but is inclusive of all students. Non-catered, \$6685 per year. Applications are now open, www.stmartinscollege.org/
- St Francis College- Catholic, but is inclusive of all students. Catered, between \$10500 - \$12000 per year. Applications are now open, www.stfranciscollege.org.au/
- Application – apply late January once you have receive an offer for your course.

University of Wollongong

- PH: 1300 367 869, accom_services@uow.edu.au
- Web: www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation
- Catered and self-catered. \$179 - \$319 p/w.
- Note: First year accommodation guarantee.
- Applications now open.

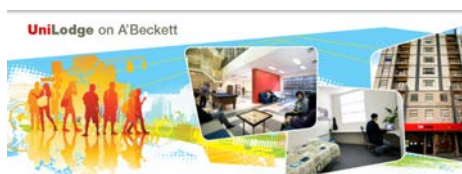
MELBOURNE BASED ACCOMMODATION- NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR UNIVERSITY

The following is a very small sample of accommodation available.

UNILODGE

Multiple locations across Melbourne area. Some have apartments for those over 18 and residences for those under 18. Some residences have meals. Cost varies depending on unit type and location.

www.unilodge.com.au/



HOME AT FLINDERS

Promotes luxury student accommodation. Can choose furnished or unfurnished. Cost varies depending on unit type. Located at 268 Flinders St, Melbourne www.homeatflinders.com.au/

HOME@FLINDERS

CAMBRIDGE COURT APARTMENTS

Located at 45 Victoria Parade, Collingwood, across the road from Fitzroy Gardens. Live in care-taker provides security and building maintenance. One and two bedroom units.

Apartments are furnished with a common meeting room. Rooms start at \$240 for one person and up to \$350 pw for a two bedroom unit.

www.cambridgecourt.com.au

KEW STUDENT RESIDENCE

25 Mary St, Kew. On site student support and resident managers. Approximately \$5389.17 per semester in 2014. Price includes four meals per day and partially furnished room. Accommodation is twin share with shared bathroom.

<http://kewstudentresidence.com.au/>

BRUNSWICK UNITING CHURCH STUDENT HOUSING

Will live with four other people in a share house. For people of various faiths/beliefs. No catering but shared kitchen available. Rent was \$370 per month plus expenses in 2012.

Applications close late November,

www.brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au/sh



STUDENT HOUSING AUSTRALIA

This is a student housing database.

- Go to www.s-h-a.com.au/
- Select the TAFE/ University you would like to attend
- All student housing near the institution will appear including private rentals and student apartments



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LE STUDENT 8 MELBOURNE

Free student shuttle bus. Between \$235 - \$380 (includes utilities) per week for single room. Self catered- communal kitchen. Pool, gym, BBQ area etc. Located at 'Bell City', Preston.

<http://www.lestudent8.com/>



YARRA HOUSE

Located at the NMIT Campus, Fairfield. Between \$183 - \$338 per week (includes utilities). Can have a minimum of 16 weeks and 36 week contract. Self catered. Can apply for a friend to share with you. Communal kitchens or use the NMIT Cafe <http://www.yarrahouse.com.au/>



YMCA STUDENT HOUSING

Three locations- Swanston Street, Lygon Street and Cobden Street. One bedroom and twin share apartments. Cheapest is \$260 per week for a studio apartment at Cobden Street. Self catered. Focus on pastoral care of residents. <http://www.studentaccommodation.ymca.org.au/>



RYDGES RESIDENCES

Luxury student accommodation. From \$369 per week (2013 rate, includes utilities). 24 hour access to BBQ, pool, gym etc. Self catered- restaurant on site. Located at 'Bell City', Preston

<http://www.rydgesresidences.com.au/>



URBANEST

Opening on Berkley Street, Carlton. Fully furnished studio apartments, twin share and two bedroom apartments. Self catered. No prices listed on webpage.

<http://www.urbanest.com.au/accommodation/>



CARLTON STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Three locations- Gratton, Cardigan and Drummond Streets. Between \$210 - \$230 per week depending on length of contract. Furnished rooms. Self catered, free to apply.

<http://www.studentaccommodation.com.au/>



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O'CONNELL & RIVERSDALE RESIDENCES

The following two residences are self catered, have communal kitchens and common areas, single rooms and prices are based on a 52 week contract.

Riversdale Residence: Located on Riversdale Road, Hawthorn. \$225 per week,
<http://www.riversdaleresidence.com.au/>

O'Connell Student Residences: Located on O'Connell Street, North Melbourne. Between \$205 - \$235 per week,
<http://www.oconnellresidence.com.au/>



STUDENT HOSTEL NETWORK

Lists 13 student hostels in the following locations- Melbourne, Hawthorn, Caulfield, Malvern, Clayton, Burwood and Glen Waverley. All prices are based on a 52 week contract,
<http://www.studenthostel.net/>

METRO STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Located at Plenty Road, Reservoir, Melbourne. About \$200 per week. Free on street parking, close to trams and buses. Self catered, single rooms, communal kitchens and common rooms,
<http://www.metrostudent.com.au/>

CARLTON MELBOURNE COLLEGE

Located on Swanston Street, Carlton. Single rooms, twin share and rooms with bathrooms. Cost between \$156 - \$294 depending on room and length of contract. Self catered. Focus on international students, but places available for Australian students,
<http://www.carltonmelbournecollege.com.au/>



PUNTHILL APARTMENT HOTELS

12 locations across Melbourne. Studio, one and two bedroom apartments. Enquire directly for a list of prices
<http://www.punthill.com.au/specials/student-accommodation-at-punthill-in-melbourne.html>

RMIT VILLAGE

75% of places are set aside for RMIT students, but students studying at any institution can apply for a place. One, two, three and five bedroom apartments/studios. Cheapest rate is \$271 per week, highest is \$493 per week. Self catered, pool, gym, BBQ, student lounge etc,
<http://www.rmitvillage.com.au/>



University Accommodation – Student Experiences

Alice O'Reilly, UNSW

I moved into Basser College at UNSW for the start of Semester One, 2014. Before making the big move I was quite nervous, mainly because I didn't know anyone else going to Basser or even studying at UNSW.

The activities that had been planned by our O-Week leaders for us 'freshers' soon dissolved any of these fears. By the second day we were all getting along and creating potential lifelong friendships and developing a really strong sense of community within the college, a theme which has definitely been continued through the year.

O-Week soon made me realise that I was not alone in making the big transition from a small country town to Sydney. Being at College has made this move even easier by assisting us with different aspects of city living such as using public transport and helped familiarise us with the city itself, a daunting task for people growing up in very rural communities.

Living on campus and particular at a college makes a lot of the great facilities that a university has to offer more accessible such as the library, student support services, learning centres and faculty services as they are right at your doorstep.

The college itself also always makes students feel supported with academic staff always on hand to assist with any issues that you may have with your course, enrolling in and/or changing subjects.

This support is also reflected in actually living with other students who are potentially doing the same degree and can help with assignments and studying or who may be having the same issues as you.

Aside from the added support and accessibility that comes from living in a college, it can also open up many opportunities not only on the sporting field, but for leadership such as executive and treasury positions and being on the College Board which plan and organise social, sporting and charity events.

Student leaders also act as a voice for the students relaying any issues to the Dean of the college. Holding any of these positions can open up further academic and job opportunities after university.

Overall, being in college really makes you feel supported as a student with advice or help for any stressful situation and definitely eases the transition from high school to university all the while still remaining social and thoroughly enjoyable.

<http://www.kensingtoncolleges.unsw.edu.au/>

Below- picture of Alice volunteering in Laos during her gap year.



Brian Allen, Kew Housing

Kew Baptist Student Housing,

<http://www.kewstudentresidence.com.au/>

Applying for the Kew Student Residence is easy. I found the application form online and submitted via mail. I then travelled to Melbourne for an interview with the manager. I was told I had been accepted in January last year.

The 'res' is a positive place to be. Most of the students I live with are from country Victoria so we can relate to each other's experiences. We can also relate to the fact that we're all starting out in the city together.

I have found the community highly supportive and have learnt a lot from the people I live with. One of the great things about living at a student res is there are many people with a diverse range of interests.

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Brian Allen, Kew Housing

Living at the res is also a lot of fun. There's the annual 'family weekend' and 'res formal' as well as activities happening weekly like going to the footy or the local pubs.

Another great thing about Kew res is it's in a convenient location. Swinburne is the closet uni but it's not far from many others including Melbourne Uni and RMIT. The Kew/Hawthorn area is also a popular place to live for many former Catholic College students so you're bound to catch someone in the area you know from home.

The benefit for my parents is that they have been invited to come to the res on family weekends to see what the place is like. They can also rest assured that I'm eating properly as I get three meals at the res everyday.

The reason I recommend living in student housing is that you don't want to be on your own in Melbourne. Moving to Melbourne is not easy and you don't want to try and tough it out on your own. I am thankful I have had a supportive group of young people around me who have helped me get through stressful times and have helped keep life interesting and upbeat.

By moving to Kew I was able to make fifty new friends almost instantly. Making friends like this is important because depending on your course at uni forming strong friendships can be a hard thing to do. Unlike high school, with some courses, you don't get to see your friends everyday. Instead you've got to make an effort to try and make friends through joining clubs and societies on campus. Living at Kew has given me a great head start to making new friends in Melbourne.



Kacey Berry, Yarra House

<http://www.yarrahouse.com.au/>

The benefits of living at Yarra House is that you are surrounded by university students around the same age as you, that are going through the same experience as you, moving out of home, getting a job, going to uni, having no family but learning to surround yourself with these people because they become like your family and you learn off each other and help each other out.

Yarra House holds lots of different community events each month, which gives you great opportunities to meet new people and experience all that campus life has to offer. The events they hold throughout the year are designed to help you live, learn and grow. It's easy to meet new people around Yarra, there are always ways to meet new people and have fun, from breakfasts, sporting competitions, movie nights to themed parties.

The secure premises of Yarra House puts my parents minds at ease knowing that we have full time security around the house during the night to feel safe. The most important thing for Year 12 students to consider living in a student accommodation is that it's the easiest way to meet people and get to know your surroundings before you go out and live by yourself.

You can meet new people and make new friends that you can then maybe eventually move out into a house. Living with 150 other people you always know that there will be someone there for you when you are having a hard time, struggling with uni or missing home to help you through because everyone is going through the exact same thing.

