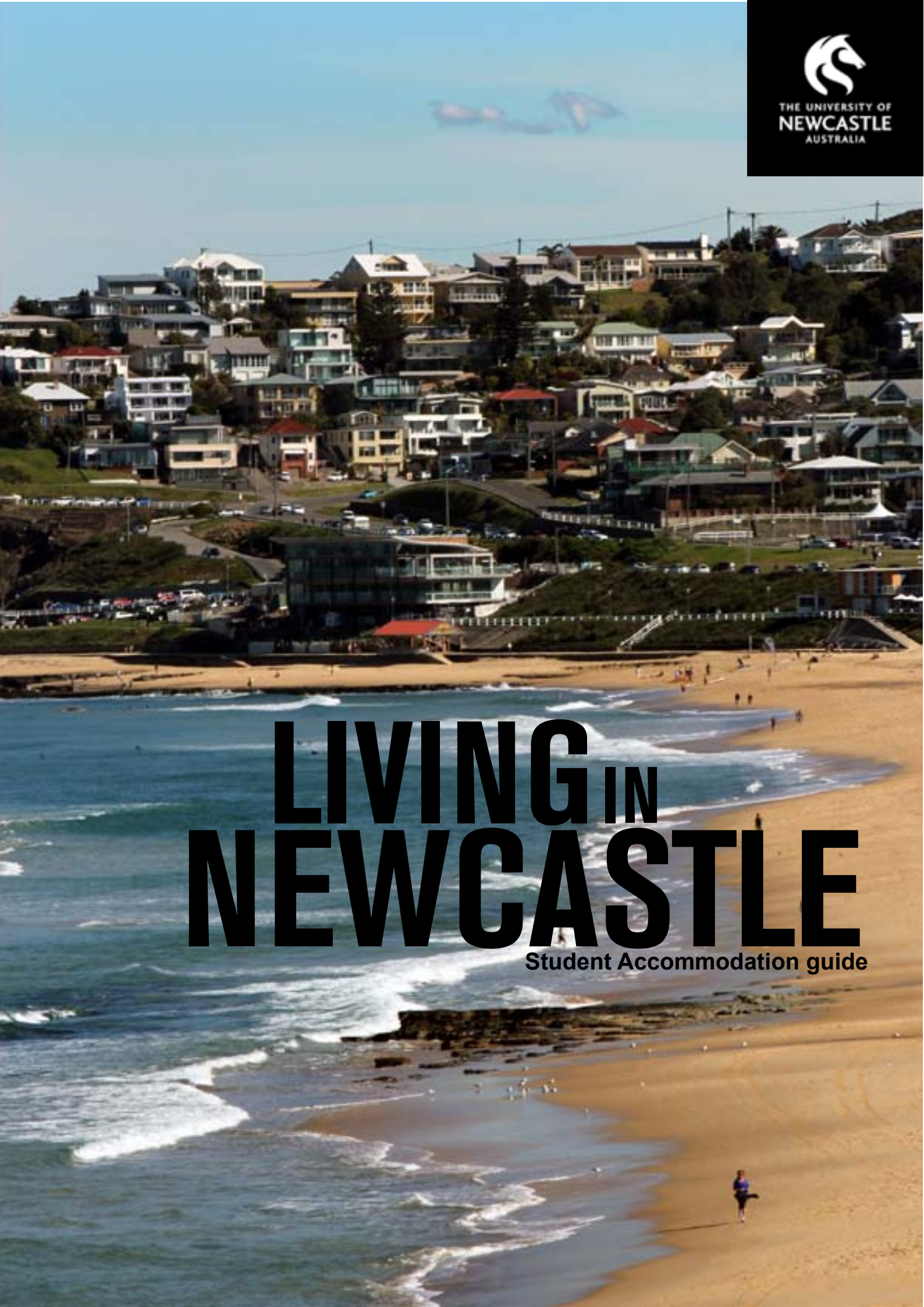




THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
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LIVING IN NEWCASTLE

Student Accommodation guide



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NEWCASTLE

LONELY PLANET

named Newcastle one of the top 10 must-see destinations in the world in 2011. Newcastle is Australia's seventh largest city located only 160 kms north of Sydney. Located in the heart of the Hunter Region and bordered by a stunning coastline with beautiful beaches, Newcastle is an exciting and contemporary place to live. Ellie Tuckett, a visitor from England, sums up Newcastle has having a gorgeous beach scene and a chilled-out vibe with friendly people.

EDUCATION

The University of Newcastle is renowned for its medical, engineering and architecture disciplines. It has a student population of over 26,000, including students from more than 100 countries studying both on and off-shore in business, engineering, medicine, nursing, science, teaching and technology.

CLIMATE

Newcastle has a mild, temperate climate all year round. Daytime temperatures average from 17°C in winter to 27°C in summer.

SPORT

Surfing is a high participation sport in the Hunter because of the great selection of pristine surfing beaches. Sailing, sailboarding, canoeing and waterskiing on Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens are also popular pastimes. The Newcastle Knights in the National Rugby League and the Newcastle Jets in the National Soccer are popular with young and old alike. Excellent and numerous sporting facilities exist in the Hunter including Glendale Sports and Athletics Centre and the University's Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre. There is also an enormous number of uncrowded golf, tennis, swimming, bowls and other sporting facilities.

PARKS

Blackbutt Reserve, just 15 minutes from Newcastle's CBD, showcases native flora and fauna in vast unspoilt bushland. Koala Encounters are held every day. Parts of the Barrington Tops National Park are world heritage listed. Activities include bush-walking, eco-tourism facilities and white-water rafting. The Watagans is the forested mountain range separating the Hunter River catchment and the Tuggerah Lakes system. About 45 minutes drive from Newcastle, there are great camping grounds and bushwalking trails.

SHOPPING

Major shopping centres are located throughout the region with some centres open 24 hours/ 7 days a week. Main streets, such as Darby St Newcastle, offer alfresco dining and boutique shopping

HEALTH

The John Hunter Hospital, one of Australia's leading teaching hospitals, is the hub of health services in the region and is only a 10-minute drive from the University's Callaghan campus. Hunter New England operates 42 public hospitals and health facilities. The Calvary Mater Hospital is a two-minute drive from the University campus and there are many private hospitals in the region.

HERITAGE

Newcastle is considered to be one of the most intact Victorian-era cities in Australia. It has beautifully preserved heritage buildings, both commercial and private residences, mostly in the inner city.

CAFE SOCIETY

Darby Street in Cooks Hill and Beaumont Street in Hamilton are renowned for their cafes and boutique shopping. The wine-making areas of the Hunter Valley offer resort style accommodation, bed and breakfast accommodation, restaurants and cafes to enhance its natural resources. All of the region's waterfront areas attract relaxed and stylish restaurants and cafes.

CAMPUS

NEWCASTLE campus is one of the most naturally beautiful campuses in Australia. Located on 140 hectares of native bushland, it is close to the city, yet provides peaceful surrounds. CITY campus includes University House, located in the city centre, is home to the University's Conservatorium of Music and the University of Newcastle Legal Centre.

NEWCASTLE

the sixth largest Australian city, and its surrounding regions offer a vast array of experiences, from the beauty of Lake Macquarie to hot-air ballooning over the Hunter Valley vineyards. It offers all of the usual city comforts including great restaurants, cafes, parks and gardens, sporting clubs and facilities, theatres, art galleries and shopping centres. The region also offers the benefits of excellent shopping, first class education, public and private health services, and a buoyant arts culture. It is a city of Victorian mansions and villas, a magnificent cathedral, several historic military barracks, a fort, a court house and other imposing public buildings, museums and art galleries. The surf 's great, the pace relaxed and there's lots to do when you're not working with many great beaches and the Hunter Valley wine region just on our doorstep. For a capital city vibe Sydney is a mere two hours drive away.

ARTS

Fine collections are housed in art galleries across the region including Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Maitland as well as more intimate galleries such as Watt Space Gallery and John Paynter Gallery in Newcastle. The Civic Theatre is one of Australia's great historic theatres and hosts a wide range of concerts, musicals, plays, dance and other events. The Conservatorium of Music in Newcastle's CBD hosts musical recitals and is home to the famous Stuart Piano (concert grand pianos built from the ground up by Stuart and Sons in the Hunter). The Newcastle Entertainment Centre accommodates international concerts, exhibitions and conventions and can hold more than 6000 patrons. A number of wineries in the Hunter Valley also host international acts so you enjoy a beverage while watching world class entertainment.

WINE REGION

The Hunter Valley wine region, within an easy hour drive from anywhere in Newcastle, is the oldest in Australia which produces many fine, world renowned wines. The predominant varietals are semillon and shiraz, with chardonnay and verdehlo from this region becoming very well known for their quality. It has over 120 cellar doors open every day and includes both large and small wineries with most of the original families still producing.

WATERWAYS

One of the major attractions of the Newcastle region is its magnificent beaches. These beaches are complemented by Lake Macquarie - the largest saltwater lake in Australia (twice the size of Sydney Harbour with a foreshore of 174 kilometres), the Hunter River which flows from the Upper Hunter region and the beautiful blue bays of Port Stephens. Residents and visitors indulge in many water sports including dolphin and whale watching, sailing, waterskiing, surfing, fishing and swimming.

choose your own adventure....

on campus

On campus accommodation provides a fun, safe and supportive community of students from different background and with varying interests. Newcastle campus has four colleges each with their own distinct personality and variety of accommodation types, meal inclusions and lifestyles. Conveniently located on Newcastle campus, our accommodation not only provides a place to live but a community where students can transition from home to society in a safe and supportive environment.

For more information [click here](#)

off campus

Are you looking for an independent lifestyle, do you want to share a house or apartment with friends, live in the city or be close to beaches and cafes - then off campus accommodation is for you! Most suburbs are within cycling or walking distance to each campus or close to buses and train stations.

For more information [click here](#)

homestay

Homestay is a great way for international students to learn about Australian culture. If you are an easy going person who enjoys meeting new people and can easily adapt to new environments, then why not try Homestay? Homestay allows you to live as an active member of an Australian family, and is a popular choice of accommodation.

For more information [click here](#)

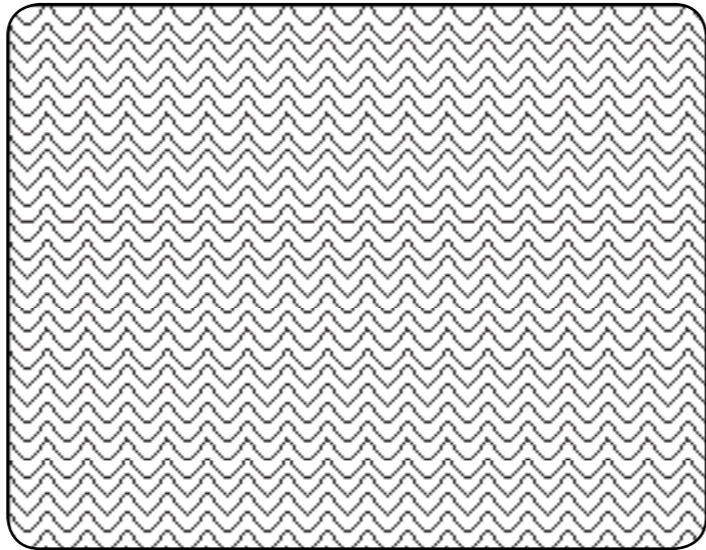


ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

COLLEGES
BARAHINEBAN
EDWARDS
HALL
EVATT HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL
HOUSE



more than just a place to stay...



BARAHINEBAN

SINCE 2001

The hardest part about living at Barahineban is pronouncing it.
Try this: BA (like a sheep), RAH (like a monster) HIN (as in something is Hinkey, without the key), A (the mark you hope to get) and BAN (what you hope not to get).

This is an Awabakal word meaning "a bright place to live", as are the people who live there as it is the newest of the on campus residences. Bara has 96 studio style apartments which are configured into single, double (for couples) or twin (for friends) occupancy. Six of these apartments are suitable for people with disabilities.



SINCE 1972
Edwards Hall, or "TEDS" for the initiated, can house a grand total of 383 residents. 298 of these are main hall rooms with catering and 85 are self catered beds in unit style buildings. The handy thing about living here is someone else does all the cooking for you. The only meal you have to provide yourself with is lunch. "TEDS" is the most social environment to live in.



EDWARDS HALL

EVATT HOUSE

SINCE 1972
Living in one of the 211 Evatt rooms has many advantages; it has the shortest walk to lecture classrooms, to avoid you being late!!!
The college is fully self-catered, for those who like a bit of independence and enjoy whipping up a storm in the kitchen..
Evatt rooms are configured in five, six and ten bedroom units, so if you're the type to enjoy company Evatt House is the perfect environment for you.



INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

SINCE 1989
International House is unique in that it has a higher ratio of International to Domestic students. This means that the 221 residents meet a wide range of people and form close friendships with people from diverse nationalities. Another great thing about living in 'IH' is that you still get the social interaction of living with others but all of your dinner meals from Monday to Friday are provided so you don't have to cook!!!



college facilities



BBQ AREAS These are provided for all residents. They are a great place to meet for informal social occasions such as BBQ dinners with residents from other units.



RECREATION ROOMS Take some time out from studying and enjoy socialising in the Recreation rooms. There are foosball tables, pool tables, flat screen LCD TVs and lounges located in the Recreation rooms for your enjoyment.



BIKE STORAGE Sheds are provided for you to securely lock away your bike.



SWIMMING POOLS Fact: Summer in Newcastle is hot. There are 2 pools in the residential precinct (located at Edwards Hall and International House) available for all residents to provide some welcome relief when the beach seems too far away.



COMMON ROOMS/TV ROOMS Stereo and TV equipment is provided in the college common TV rooms. These areas are great for movie nights where you can socialise with residents from other units and blocks.



DESIGN ROOMS For the crafty and the creative students living at Edwards Hall there is a Design Room located in Cutler and Burnet House. Plenty of desk space is provided for your creative ideas to come to fruition.



LAUNDRIES We provide washing machines, dryers and clothes lines for your use. Furthermore, we encourage you to use these as needed.



DINING HALL If you have any meals included in your contract, you are going to spend a considerable amount of time here. This is located adjacent to the main administration office.

application - selection - offering process

ROOM PREFERENCE In the application you will be able to enter two room preferences. Carefully consider which college and room type you would like to apply for before you start your application. Decide your priorities - cost, catering and lifestyle etc.

ROOM RATES in this publication are 2011 prices but they will provide a guide to the likely range for 2012. Prices generally increase between 2 to 5% each year.

YOU ARE WELCOME to visit the colleges if you contact us in advance. Virtual tours and floor plans are available online <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/accommodation/on-campus/prospective-residents/Virtual-tours-and-floor-plans/>

APPLICATION DATES applications for 2012 full year or one semester contracts open on 01 October 2011. International student closing date is 30 November 2011. Australian students have until 8 January 2012 to complete their application. Semester 2, 2012

applications open on 01 May 2012 and close on 31 May 2012 for all students.

APPLY ONLINE through our accommodation portal which can be found through the on-campus accommodation website or at <https://accommodation.newcastle.edu.au>

REGISTRATION you will need to register on our accommodation portal before you can submit an application. Once you have registered you will receive a login ID and password that you will use throughout your dealings with us

EMAIL is our primary communication tool, however Hotmail and Live blocks all emails sent from Newcastle University. Please provide an email address other than Hotmail or Live or you may miss out on receiving important correspondence or even an offer.

APPLICATION PROCESS involves submitting an online application and paying an application fee of AUD\$30.00. This must be

paid online by Visa or MasterCard. Applications submitted without payment are considered invalid and will not receive correspondence. This payment is non refundable.

LATE APPLICATIONS received after the closing dates are not considered in first round offers but will be considered later as vacancies arise.

SELECTION PROCESS The University endeavours to give an equal opportunity to all accommodation candidates and for this reason utilises a random ballot system. The parameters of the system are set to give commencing students and domestic students with a high travel distance a greater chance of success.

FIRST ROUND OFFERS for semester 1 2012 are released shortly after the application closing date. International student's offers will be sent by 12 December 2011 and the 19 January for domestic students. For semester 2, first round offers are released

during June.

ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER Your offer can be accepted by logging onto the accommodation portal. You will also receive an email with all the offer information as well as instructions on how to accept or decline your offer.

ACCEPTANCE FEE will need to be paid before your acceptance is considered complete so make sure you have this money available. The acceptance fee consists of AUD\$330.00 administration fee and an AUD\$150.00 orientation fee (semester 1 commencement) or AUD\$90.00 orientation fee. (semester 2 commencement). These fees may be subject to change.

UNSUCCESSFUL applicants will be notified via email the same day that offers are released. If you are unsuccessful you still have an opportunity to receive a place in future rounds. You will be asked to email Accommodation Services if you would like to be placed on the waiting list for future rounds.

LATE OFFERS will continue to be made between January and February if students withdraw and places become available. Places in the colleges can also become available in March.

BE AWARE that there are usually more applicants than places available. For the best chance of selection in the college of your choice, apply in time to be in first round selections even if you do not know whether you have gained admission or been guaranteed a place at the University.

room options

	PLACES	STYLE	CATERING	RATE PER WEEK*	Utilities included in rate	Internet included in rate	Airconditioning / Heating	Parking / Cost*	Television in room	Recreation room with foxtel
Barahineban single	16	Studio room	Self-catering / fully equipped kitchenette	\$242.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$145.50 full year permit / \$72.75 half year permit	Yes	Yes
Barahineban twin	34	Studio room	Self-catering / fully equipped kitchenette	\$280.00 / \$140.00 each	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$145.50 full year permit / \$72.75 half year permit	Yes	Yes
Barahineban couple	46	Studio room	Self-catering / fully equipped kitchenette	\$280.00 / \$140.00 each	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$141.00 full year permit / \$72.75 half year permit	Yes	Yes
Edwards Hall main hall	245	Corridor / single rooms	16 meals per week (Breakfast / Dinner 7 days a week & Lunch on Sat / Sun), Kitchenette	\$253.00	Yes	Yes	Heating only	\$141.00 full year permit / \$72.75 half year permit	No	Yes
Edwards Hall self catered	85	5 bedroom apartment / single room	Self-catering / fully equipped kitchen	\$161.00	Yes	Yes	Heating only	\$141.00 full year permit / \$72.75 half year permit	No	Yes
Edwards Hall cutler north	33	Corridor / single rooms	16 meals per week (Breakfast / Dinner 7 days a week & Lunch on Sat / Sun), Kitchenette	\$286.00	Yes	Yes	Heating only	\$141.00 full year permit / \$72.75 half year permit	Yes	Yes
Evatt House standard	209	5, 6 & 10 bedroom apartment / single rooms	Self-catering / fully equipped kitchen	\$161.00	Yes	Yes	Heating only	\$141.00 full year permit / \$72.75 half year permit	No	Yes
Evatt House flat	2	1 Bedroom flat	Self-catering / fully equipped kitchenette	\$201.00	Yes	Yes	Heating only	\$141.00 full year permit / \$72.75 half year permit	Yes	Yes
International House standard	218	5, 6 & 10 bedroom apartment / single rooms	5 Dinners per week (Mon - Fri) / fully equipped kitchen	\$206.00	Yes	Yes	Heating only	\$141.00 full year permit / \$72.75 half year permit	No	Yes
International House flat	3	1 Bedroom flat	5 Dinners per week (Mon - Fri) / fully equipped kitchenette	\$245.00	Yes	Yes	Heating only	\$141.00 full year permit / \$72.75 half year permit	Yes	Yes

APARTMENT 5, 6 or 10 separate bedroom sharing a bathroom, kitchen and dining / living area
CORRIDOR Bedrooms are along a corridor with communal bathrooms and a tearoom
FLAT 1 bedroom apartment with a kitchenette, ensuite and a living, dining area
STUDIO Bedroom with ensuite and kitchenette



BEACHES & CAFES
CITY LIVING
INDEPENDENCE
SHARE WITH FRIENDS
& MUCH MORE!

OFF CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

RENTAL COSTS PER WEEK

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION	COST
Room in a share house (furnished)	\$AU 120 - 200*
Studio apartment (furnished)	\$AU 180 - 350*
2 bedroom apartment (unfurnished)	\$AU 250 - 450*
2/3 bedroom house (unfurnished)	\$AU 300 - 450*

*These figures are approximate and vary according to the location, furnishings and age of the property .

There are also other initial costs to consider including payment of a bond (equal to 4 weeks rent) and two weeks rent in advance.

The majority of accommodation is not inspected by the University, is privately owned and operated and students are advised to view a number of properties in person before making a final decision on where to live.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OFF CAMPUS

NEWCASTLE has a wide range of private housing options which are listed on the University's off campus accommodation database by students, people in the community and real estate agents. There are rooms in share houses, whole apartments, studios, townhouses, houses, boarding houses. Much of the share accommodation is specifically marketed to students with furnishings and household goods provided by the landlord. In share houses each person usually has their own bedroom and shares the kitchen, bathroom and living areas with other students. Bedrooms should have individual locks. Private rental property listings on the University's database are owned by an individual or company or managed by a real estate agent and are not affiliated with the University of Newcastle. This is why it is important to personally inspect a number of properties before making a final decision on where to live. We recommend that you pay no money or sign any documentation until you have visited a number of properties. The condition, contents and the cost of the property can vary greatly because each owner makes the decision on the amount of rent to be charged. If their property is being rented out room by room they will make the decision on who lives there. Landlords prefer students to sign a 10 or 12 month lease at the beginning of the academic year and a 5 or 6 month lease for those students arriving in second semester.

Houses for students with families are usually unfurnished and there are limited listings on the database. We recommend that students with families arrive alone as it can be very expensive to house a family in temporary accommodation. Once permanent accommodation has been found their families can join them in Newcastle.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

After arriving in Newcastle, students should allow between one and three weeks to find suitable permanent accommodation, especially in January and February when demand for housing is very high. Demand can also be high in July. Students arriving from the country, interstate or overseas may need to arrange temporary accommodation prior to their arrival in order to become familiar with the area and the types of accommodation available before looking for more permanent accommodation.

We have a list of temporary accommodation in Newcastle which can be downloaded from

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/accommodation/off-campus>

BE PREPARED

Before you arrive in Australia read all the information about off campus accommodation on the University's website at www.newcastle.edu.au/accommodation

Consider what is important to you and what your needs are.

Living costs for students in Newcastle can be viewed at www.newcastle.edu.au/students/new/student-costs/living-expenses.html

AS A TENANT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE:

- Pay your rent on time and always ask for a receipt
- Do not damage the premises. As a tenant, you are liable for the cost of the repair
- Notify the agent of any repairs
- Maintain the premises (this may include cleaning and upkeep of the garden)
- Be aware of your neighbours - do not disturb the peace, comfort and privacy of your neighbours
- Do not allow guests to cause a disturbance or damage the premises
- Do not use the property for illegal purposes
- Leave the property in a similar condition to what it was at the start of the tenancy
- Hand in your keys when the tenancy is finished

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROVIDER/LANDLORD

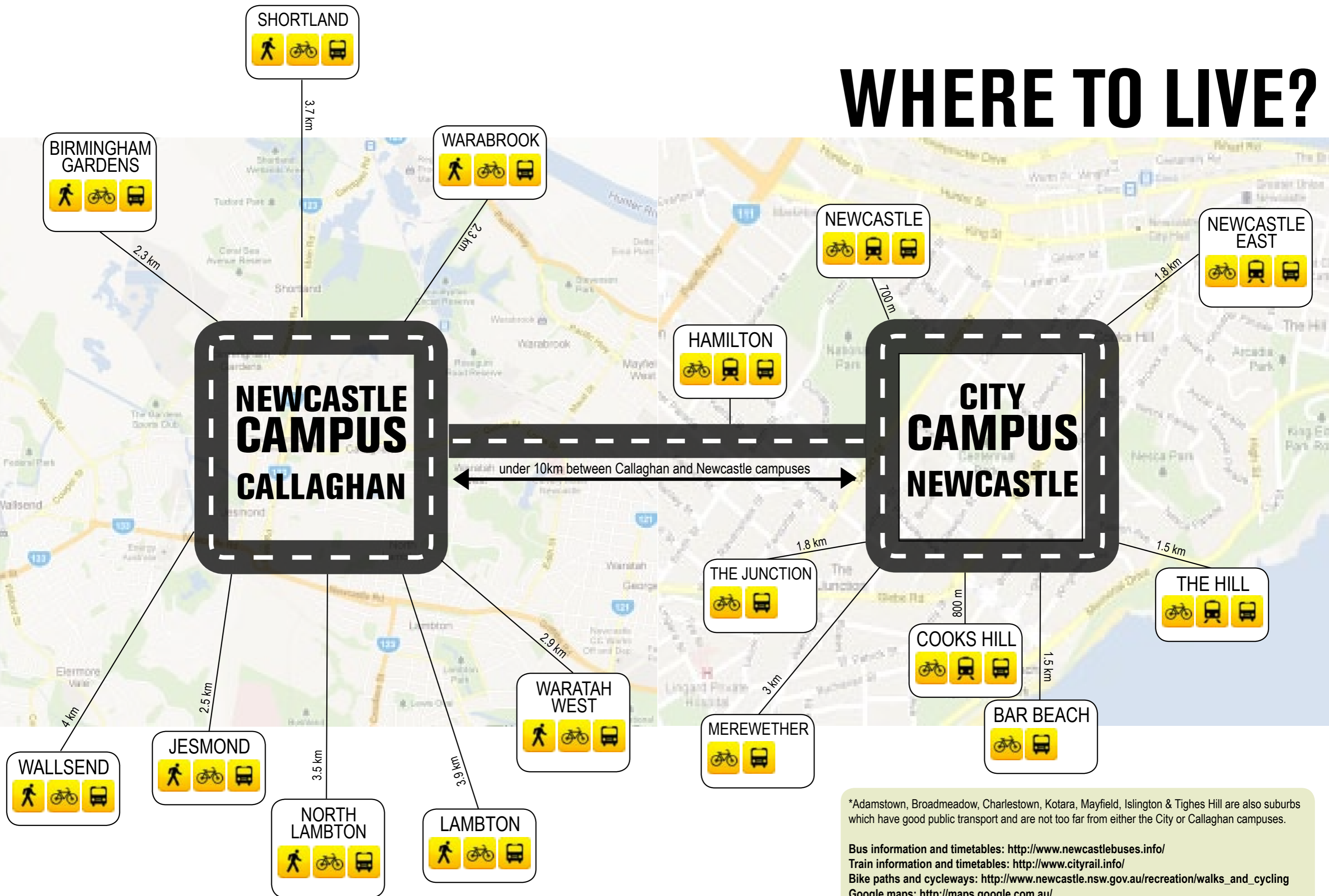
- Ensure the property/room is in a clean and habitable state
- Provide rent receipts and keep records of rental payments
- Not attend the premises without notice
- Make good any repairs within a reasonable time

- Ensure smoke alarms are installed in the property
- Promptly return bond money if no damage has been done to the property

It is important to know your rights and responsibilities when renting. We are a referral and resource service only. While every effort is made to assist students to find suitable accommodation, any lease or other housing arrangements entered into are the responsibility of the student and the landlord. Students are advised to read any leasing documentation very carefully before signing or handing over any money.

Students should visit the following web sites for more information:-
http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/Tenants_and_home_owners/Renting_a_home.html
<http://www.rlc.org.au/sharehousing>

WHERE TO LIVE?



*Adamstown, Broadmeadow, Charlestown, Kotara, Mayfield, Islington & Tighes Hill are also suburbs which have good public transport and are not too far from either the City or Callaghan campuses.

Bus information and timetables: <http://www.newcastlebuses.info/>

Train information and timetables: <http://www.cityrail.info/>

Bike paths and cycleways: http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/recreation/walks_and_cycling

Google maps: <http://maps.google.com.au/>

CULTURAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH
QUIET ATMOSPHERE FOR STUDY
LASTING FRIENDSHIPS WITH FAMILIES
GREATER SENSE OF SECURITY
PARTICIPATE IN THE AUSTRALIAN WAY OF LIVING

HOMESTAY



HOW TO APPLY

Please contact the Homestay Coordinator,
Fatima Shipton
Phone: +612 4924 1447
Email: homestay@newcastle.edu.au

YOU COULD FIND YOURSELF LIVING WITH:

- a couple with no children
- a couple with children
- a single person with no children
- a single person with children
- an elderly couple whose family has grown and moved on.

Australia is a modern, multicultural society and your host parents may be from an ethnic background.

FEES

\$205 per week for all meals (3 meals per day)
\$190 per week for 16 meals (no lunches Monday - Friday)
\$7.00 Internet Access
You must pay for 2 weeks fees on arrival directly to your Homestay host. This is a 4 week contract with host families which is not refundable.
After this time you can negotiate to stay longer or arrange alternative accommodation.
*There is a \$195.00 administration fee charged for each Homestay placement

WHAT IS INCLUDED

You will have a furnished bedroom to yourself - including bed, linen, desk, cupboard and lamp and the bathroom and laundry facilities will be shared with the host family. You are more than welcome to take part in family activities such as outings and special events, as a member of the family. Chores are still necessary, you will be asked to help with washing the dishes and setting the table etc.

Contact us

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