Accommodation Guide
Welcome

For some, moving away from home to study is an exciting time in life, for others it can be a little daunting. For parents and guardians, it’s a time of change and reassurance that their child’s future living arrangements are suitable and safe whilst studying.

Whatever the situation, rest assured RMIT is here to support you all the way. This guide is aimed at domestic prospective students, parents and guardians to help explain some of the accommodation options available to RMIT students, useful information for getting around Melbourne and answer common questions along the way.

This guide may serve as a general guide for others, and has been prepared in accordance with Australian law.

Note: no costs are included in this guide. Please refer to Accommodation provider website for further information.

Need help with housing?

A wide range of housing support services are available to RMIT students, further information can be found here:

rmit.edu.au/accommodation

If you still have further questions after reading this guide, refer to the relevant contact details listed within the pages. Alternatively you can get in touch with our friendly staff at Study@RMIT.

03 9925 2260
rmit.edu.au/contact-us

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Melbourne is the capital city of Victoria and Australia’s second largest city. It is renowned for its passion for food, creative arts, design, sports, and festivals.

It is also one of the world’s most diverse cities. It benefits from the influences of more than 230 different nationalities, and almost half of its residents were born overseas. The welcoming atmosphere will help you feel at home.

Melbourne is also safe, well-designed and easy to get around on foot, bike, or public transport.

**New to Melbourne**

If you are new to Melbourne we recommend that you arrive at least two to three weeks before the start of classes to give you time to arrange short-stay or long term accommodation.

You can also meet with an RMIT Student Support Advisor at RMIT Connect for advice on researching and inspecting properties, so you can find long term accommodation.

[rmit.service-now.com/connect/](http://rmit.service-now.com/connect/)

**Moving in**

There’s a lot to think about when moving into new accommodation, some forward planning will ensure a smoother transition.

**Moving out**

When moving out of your accommodation it is important to plan your moving date according to your lease agreement and submit your intention to move out in writing.

**Lifestyle and culture**

Explore everything Melbourne has to offer: museums and galleries, comedy and theatre, a thriving dining scene, nightlife, and plenty more.
Accommodation options

**Short-stay accommodation**

Short-stay or temporary accommodation is a place to stay while you become familiar with your new surroundings. This gives you some time to find more suitable long-term accommodation while studying. You could stay at a hostel or hotel close to your campus.

If you have friends or family in Melbourne, you might be able to stay with them while you look for more permanent accommodation and allow yourself time to get to know your surroundings.

**Long-stay accommodation**

When choosing long term accommodation consider your requirements and proximity to campus.

**Homestay**

Homestay or “full board” accommodation is when a room is offered within an existing household by a single person, a couple or family.

This option provides a family-like environment with utility costs and meals included. All homestay accommodation is thoroughly screened to ensure it is a suitable living environment for students.

**Student hostels**

Student hostels offer a furnished bedroom with access to shared facilities such as bathrooms, laundry, lounge and recreational facilities.

**Private rental and shared accommodation**

You can rent a house, apartment or studio through a real estate agent or private landlord.

The main advantage of shared accommodation is reduced living expenses making it the most popular accommodation choice for students. Most students enjoy the benefit of living with other people and getting to know their community.

For more information on Accommodation options: rmit.edu.au/accommodation

**Runu Hann**

There’s a real sense of community, living with a PBSA, but you also have time to go off and do your own thing.

Find out more about Runu
Purpose-built Student Accommodation (PBSA)

RMIT has carefully selected a number of PBSA properties, which meet RMIT’s high quality standards.

RMIT’s preferred providers of student accommodation provide a supportive and engaging student experience, conveniently located close to campuses and transportation.

- These properties typically include:
- A variety of furnished room types (studios, twin share, shared apartments).
- All inclusive rates, which means utilities, high-speed internet/Wi-Fi and other services are covered by the rent.
- Secure access to building and room
- Excellent communal facilities
- Clear, transparent rental rates and agreements.
- A respectful, inclusive and safe culture.
- Friendly community with strong links to RMIT to support students.

Other benefits to living in one of RMIT’s preferred providers include:

- Living with other students
- Dedicated pastoral care
- Guaranteed ‘No Visa, No Pay’ policies
- Free resident activities (cooking competitions, fitness classes, movie nights)
- Indoor and outdoor communal spaces (cinema room, games room, BBQ)
- Designated study spaces

Safe, supportive communities

No matter what time it is, there’s always someone to provide support if required. Staff are available 24/7 and are trained in first aid, crisis management and dealing with personal issues.

Who lives in PBSA?

There are approx. 1900 RMIT students who reside in RMIT’s preferred PBSA properties.

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(As at May 2019)

Purpose-built student accommodation

RMIT’s approved preferred provider accommodation options are listed on the following pages and all meet RMIT’s high quality standards.

Note: Amenities and facilities may vary with each property. Please refer to contact details for confirmation.

rmit.edu.au/pbsa
Transport access
Trains, trams, buses, and shared bikes.

Stay type
Short and long term (6 and 12 month)

No. of beds
La Trobe Street: 771
Peel Street: 576

Travel time
Scape La Trobe Street
- City campus: 5 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 30 minute tram

Scape Peel Street
- City campus: 15 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 20 minute tram

Amenities and Facilities
- Private cinemas
- Rooftop lounges
- Comfortable study areas
- Expansive communal kitchens
- Unlimited internet, and free Wi-Fi in all common areas
- Air conditioning with temperature control panel
- State-of-the-art gyms
- Monthly social and cultural activities
- Swipe card room access with individual locking rooms
- Openable windows providing light with retractable blinds

Note: Amenities and facilities may vary with each property.
Scape Living Support Scholarship

For students moving to Melbourne to commence study at RMIT.

rmit.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/scholarships/coursework
**Transport access**
Trams, trains, buses, and shared bikes.

**Stay type**
Short and long term (6 and 12 month)

**No. of beds**
754

**Travel time**

**Scape Swanston**
- City campus: 2-minute walk.
- Brunswick campus: 25-minute tram or train.

**Scape Franklin**
- City campus: 4-minute walk.
- Brunswick campus: 20 minute tram or train.

**Room type**
- Studio apartments
- Twin share studio apartment
- 2 and 6 bedroom apartment

*Note: Amenities and facilities may vary with each property.*

**Amenities and Facilities**
- 24/7 trained professional Scape concierge and security
- Fully furnished apartments
- 24-hour wellbeing support
- Large communal lounge, study, cinema and kitchen spaces
- 24/7 fitness centre
- High-speed unlimited internet, and free Wi-Fi throughout the building
- Full lifestyle and events program
- Scape x Sonder national safety app
- All utilities including in one weekly price
- Career and networking opportunities and workshops

**Scape Swanston**
- 5 La Trobe Street, Melbourne
- 03 9977 8088

*Roll out of bed and into uni at this student accommodation right across the road from RMIT’s City campus.*

**Scape Franklin**
- 105 Franklin St, Melbourne
- 03 9977 8088
Travel time

**Scape Queensberry**
- City campus: 5 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 30 minute tram

**Scape Melbourne Central**
- City campus: 4 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 25 minute tram

**Scape Berkeley**
- City campus: 10 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 20 minute tram

Room type
- Twin share studio
- Twin ensuite room in apartment
- Single ensuite room
- Studio with double bed
- One bedroom ensuite apartment

Scape Queensberry
599 Swanston Street, Carlton
Sleek, smart and bold this property gives you access to all that Melbourne has to offer. With some of the best cafes, parks and shops in the city all within walking distance.

Scape Melbourne Central
316 La Trobe Street, Melbourne
Located in the heart of CBD, enjoy Melbourne’s most famous laneways to uncover an abundance of shopping and dining.

Scape Berkeley
105 Berkeley Street, Carlton
Benefit from this friendly community and enjoy some of the best coffee and food in the city from neighbouring cafes.

General enquiries
03 9977 8088
scape.com.au

Transport access
Trains, trams, buses.

Stay type
Short and long term (6 and 12 month)

No. of beds
Swanston Street: 581
Melbourne Central: 462
Carlton: 509
Twin Share (Swanston St)

Gym (Melbourne Central)

Student common area (Carlton)

Double Studio with Terrace

Amenities and Facilities

- Gym
- Air conditioning and heating in rooms
- Contents insurance
- 24/7 onsite team
- Swipe key access and CCTV
- BBQ and common areas
- Study rooms
- Laundry
- Unlimited Internet Access
- Cinema room/gaming room

Note: Amenities and facilities may vary with each property.
dwell Village Melbourne City

Contact details

dwell Village Melbourne City

5-17 Flemington Road,
North Melbourne

03 8330 2000

dwellstudent.com.au/melbourne

dwell Village Melbourne City is centred around a courtyard and garden area that features a swimming pool and BBQ.

Transport access

Trams, buses, and shared bikes.

Travel time

- City campus: 15 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 20 minute tram

Stay type

6 and 12 months (flexible contracts available)

Room type

- 1 bedroom
- 1 bedroom suite
- 1 bedroom studios (Deluxe/Premium/Disabled access available)
- 2 bedroom studio (with/without balcony) (with shared facilities)
- 2, 3, 4, 5 bedroom (with/without balcony) (with shared facilities)

No. of beds

616

Amenities and Facilities

- 24-hour security and support
- Heated outdoor pool
- Outdoor Lounge and BBQ deck with tables and chairs
- Study areas for group and private sessions
- Gym facilities
- Music room and games room with pool table, table tennis and foosball tables (brand new)
- Indoor cinema with Foxtel
- 24/7 Communal cooking facilities (brand new)
- 24/7 Cashless laundry
- Swipe card room access with individual locking rooms
dwell Village Melbourne City Accommodation Support Scholarship

For students who are moving to Melbourne to commence study at RMIT.

rmit.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/scholarships/coursework
Iglu Accommodation Support Scholarships
For students moving to Melbourne to commence study at RMIT.

iglu.com.au/scholarships
# Iglu Student Accommodation

## Contact details

### Iglu Melbourne City
- Address: 229 Franklin Street, Melbourne
- Phone: 03 9002 5600

Iglu offers cool student living in the heart of Melbourne city – with RMIT, shopping, restaurants and nightlife right on your doorstep.

### Iglu South Yarra
- Address: 8 Claremont Street South Yarra, Melbourne
- Phone: 03 9002 5610

Iglu South Yarra is a great base for students wanting the ultimate Melbourne living experience.

## Transport access

- Trains, trams, buses, and shared bikes

## Stay type

- Short and long term (6 and 12 month)

## No. of beds

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<th>Iglu Melbourne City: 594</th>
<th>Iglu South Yarra: 448</th>
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## Room type

- Premium studio apartment
- Standard studio apartment
- 5 bedroom shared apartment
- 6 bedroom shared apartment

## Travel time

### Iglu Melbourne City
- City campus: 4 minute bike, 8 minute walk.
- Brunswick campus: 15 minute bike, 20 minute tram or 30 minute train.

### Iglu South Yarra
- City campus: 10-minute train.
- Brunswick campus: 40-minute train.

## Amenities and Facilities

- Fully furnished apartments with air conditioning
- Free high-speed unlimited Wi-Fi
- 24/7 security and staff support
- Free weekday breakfast
- Regular social events
- Range of study spaces, library den and media room
- State of the art gym and exercise area
- Two outdoor courtyards
- A range of communal areas with fireplace, gaming console, kitchen, BBQ, table tennis, pool table and fireplace
- Onsite laundry facilities
- Bicycle storage area

*Note: Amenities and facilities may vary with each property.*
Journal Student Living

Contact details

**Journal Uni Place**
- 18 Leicester Street, Carlton
- 03 9001 0694

**Journal Central**
- 502 Swanston Street, Carlton
- 03 3001 0698

*Journal offers bigger social spaces, sophisticated design, lush gardens in an excellent location, next to RMIT, Queen Victoria Market and the city.*

Transport access
- Trams, buses, and shared bikes.

Stay type
- Short and long term
  - (6 months and 12 months)

No. of beds
- Journal Uni Place: 804
- Journal Central: 587

Travel time
- City campus: 5 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 20 minute tram

Room type
- 1 bedroom studios
- Twin share studios
- 2 bedroom apartments
- 3, 4 and 6 bedroom ensuite apartments

Amenities and Facilities
- 24/7 security and reception
- High-speed unlimited internet
- Facility app
- On-site café and convenience store
- Huge study zones and cosy libraries
- Rooftop terraces and gardens
- Sky Lounge
- Games room and cinema
- Communal lounge and kitchen
- Gym and laundry
- All-inclusive weekly fee includes rent, internet, utilities and daily social events
Journal Accommodation
Support Scholarships

For students moving to Melbourne to commence study at RMIT.

rmit.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/scholarships/coursework
**Transport access**
Trams, buses, and bike storage

**Stay type**
Short and long term (6 and 12 month)

**No. of beds**
Infinity Place: 335
University Square: 345

**Room type**
- Self contained double bed studios
- 1 bedroom apartment
- Twin studio
- 2, 3, 4 and 6 bedroom shared apartments

**Travel time**

**Infinity Place**
- City campus: 10 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 20 minute tram

**University Square**
- City campus: 10 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 20 minute tram

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**Contact details**

**Infinity Place**
📍 145 Berkeley Street, Melbourne
📞 03 9052 3202
🌐 yugo.com/en-gb/global/australia/melbourne/infinity-place

*Infinity Place features premium, spacious accommodation, most rooms with balconies surrounded by cafes, food and entertainment.*

**University Square**
📍 85 Barry Street, Carlton
📞 03 9918 3910
🌐 yugo.com/en-gb/global/australia/melbourne/university-square

*University Square is surrounded by cafes, food and entertainment. Great natural light and outlook across the park of University Square are highlights at this property.*
Amenities and Facilities

- 24-hour customer service and wellbeing support
- Smart tv in each apartment
- Games area and cinema room
- Premium kitchen appliances in rooms including dishwasher
- Communal kitchen/dining
- Gymnasium
- Rooftop terrace BBQ
- Dedicated study areas
- On-site laundry
- Split system heating and cooling in all apartments

_Note:_ Amenities and facilities may vary with each property.
Contact details

UniLodge @ RMIT Bundoora – Walert House
- 345 McKimmies Road, Bundoora
- 03 9998 8400
- unilodge.com.au/rmit-bundoora

Located on the RMIT Bundoora campus West, it’s a short walk to class and within easy reach to shops, cafes and public transport links.

UniLodge Royal Melbourne
- 15 Wreckyn Street, North Melbourne
- 03 9113 8300
- unilodge.com.au/royal-melbourne

UniLodge Royal Melbourne is a low-rise apartment complex with a close residential community.

UniLodge Melbourne City
- 480 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
- 03 9118 4000

Located in the heart of the city, close to city campus, cafes, shopping centres and public transport.

Travel time

UniLodge @ RMIT Bundoora – Walert House
- Bundoora campus West: 2 minute walk
- Bundoora campus East: 14 minute walk or take the free courtesy bus.

UniLodge Royal Melbourne
- City campus: 15 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 15 minute tram

UniLodge Melbourne City
- City campus: 5-minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 20-minute tram or train

Room type

- **UniLodge @ RMIT Bundoora – Walert House**: Studio, studio large, 3 and 4 bedroom multi share apartments.
- **UniLodge Royal Melbourne**: Studio and 5 bedroom multi-share apartments
- **UniLodge Melbourne City**: Studio and 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 bedroom multi-share apartments.

*Note: Accessible rooms are available at each property.*

Transport access

- Trams, buses, trains

Stay type

- Short and long term (6 and 12 month)

No. of beds

- UniLodge @ RMIT Bundoora – Walert House: 367
- UniLodge Royal Melbourne: 411
- UniLodge Melbourne City: 909
UniLodge @ RMIT Bundoora – Walert House Accommodation Scholarship

For students moving to Melbourne to commence study at RMIT.
[link](rmit.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/scholarships/coursework/unilodge)

Cedar Pacific Indigenous Accommodation Scholarship

The RMIT Indigenous student accommodation scholarship will provide a subsidy in UniLodge Royal Melbourne in a single studio.
[link](rmit.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/scholarships/coursework/unilodge)

Cedar Pacific Elizabeth Accommodation Scholarship

For students who need to relocate to study at RMIT in Melbourne.
[link](rmit.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/scholarships/coursework/elizabeth-accom)

Amenities and Facilities

- Spacious study rooms
- Outdoor BBQ area with herb garden
- Communal kitchens
- Pool table and games rooms
- On-site laundry
- Media room and music room
- Outdoor courtyard and rooftop terrace
- Electronic key card access to all areas
- CCTV security monitoring
- Residential Life Program

Note: Amenities and facilities may vary with each property.
Communal area

Basketball court

4 Bedroom Apartment

On-campus student support

Studio apartment
Conveniently located within the heart of the CBD, enjoy SVM's facilities including heated pool, gym, basketball court and multiple common spaces.

Transport access
- Trams, trains, buses, and shared bikes.

Stay type
- Short and long term, including flexible.

No. of beds
- 648

Travel time
- City campus: 11-minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 11-minute train or tram

Room type
- 4 Bedroom Apartment
- 4 Bedroom En Suite
- Studio Apartment
- Large Studio Apartment
- 1 Bedroom Apartment
- Superior Studio Apartment

Amenities and Facilities
- Laundry Room
- Bicycle Storage
- 24/7 Gym
- Swimming Pool
- Study Rooms
- Games Room
- Large Common Area
- All utilities included in one weekly price
- 24/7 Onsite Support
- Unlimited High Speed Internet
- Outdoor Courtyard and BBQ Area
- Music and Gaming Room
Getting around on public transport is easy and convenient with your Myki card. A network of trams, trains and buses can take you where you need to go.

rmit.edu.au/about/moving-to-melbourne/public-transport

Brunswick campus

Brunswick campus is located in Dawson Street, Brunswick and is situated approximately 5 kilometres north of Melbourne’s Central Business District.

Suburbs less than 3km to Brunswick campus are approximately 5-15 minutes travel by tram.

Suburbs less than 5km to Brunswick campus are approximately 15–25 minutes by train or tram.

rmit.edu.au/brunswick

City campus

Situated over a six block area of roughly 720,000 m2, the City campus is located in the city centre of Melbourne.

Suburbs less than 3km to City campus are either within short walking distance or at most 10–15 minutes travel by tram.

Suburbs less than 7km to City campus are approximately 15–25 minutes on public transport.

rmit.edu.au/city
Bundoora campus

Bundoora campus West and Bundoora campus East are located approximately 20 kilometres north-east of Melbourne’s central business district.

There is student accommodation available on-campus at Bundoora, known as Walert House.


General, paid car parking is available on both campuses for students.

rmit.edu.au/bundoora

Free Courtesy bus

There’s a free bus service for students that travels around Bundoora campus and the surrounding areas until late at night.

rmit.edu.au/about/our-locations-and-facilities/safety-security/courtesy-bus

Where to live around Melbourne

For a full list of surrounding suburbs, train stations and tram lines near RMIT campuses and Point Cook, Hamilton, Bendigo sites refer to:

rmit.edu.au/melbourneliving

Suburbs less than 3km to Bundoora campus are either within short walking or riding distance, or quick bus or tram ride.

Suburbs less than 8km to Bundoora campus are 15–30 minutes travel on public transport.

Suburbs less than 12km to Bundoora campus are approximately 20–35 minutes on public transport.
Cost of living

You will have new and ongoing expenses during your time in Melbourne. Knowing the average living cost will help you prepare for life here and develop a suitable budget for day to day expenses.

rmit.edu.au/costofliving

Cost of living calculation

To help you discover how much it would cost to have the lifestyle you choose in Melbourne, try this Cost of Living Calculator.


Earning money

Jobs on Campus gives you the opportunity to gain paid part-time, or casual work employment on campus. The program advertises over 500 employment opportunities for RMIT students each year.

rmit.edu.au/jobsoncampus

Managing your money

Find out where to go for financial support. Also learn about how to manage everything to do with money, from income, to budgeting, to managing debt.

rmit.edu.au/students/supportservices/financial-legal-support/financial-welfare-advice

RMIT Accommodation scholarship

Consider applying for an accommodation scholarship which could provide you with financial assistance.

rmit.edu.au/courseworkscholarships

Take a tour before you decide

Accommodation providers run tours of student accommodation rooms and facilities. Also check out their website, as some have online tours of rooms and facilities.
Things to consider

- Which RMIT campus or site will I be studying at?
- How much can I afford for rent?
- What type of accommodation suits me?
- How close is it to my RMIT campus?
- How do I plan to travel to campus?
- How close is it to public transport?
- What is nearby, shops, cafes, medical assistance, parks, police station?
- Is it noisy?
- What facilities and amenities are available to me?
- When do my classes start to ensure I can be settle in?
- What if I’m not made an offer to RMIT, can I get a refund?
- What are the costs for the different rooms?
- Do I have a safety plan for travelling to and from the accommodation at night?
- When do I need to look for accommodation?
- When do I need to pay by?
Need help with housing?

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rmit.edu.au/accommodation

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Acknowledgement of country

RMIT University acknowledges the people of the Woi wurrung and Boon wurrung language groups of the eastern Kulin Nations on whose unceded lands we conduct the business of the University. RMIT University respectfully acknowledges their Ancestors and Elders, past and present. RMIT also acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Ancestors of the lands and waters across Australia where we conduct our business.

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