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 touch with our friendly staff at Study@RMIT.

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

— 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.

— Student hostels

Student hostels offer a furnished bedroom with access to shared facilities such as bathrooms, laundry, lounge and recreational facilities. For more information on Accommodation options: rmit.edu.au/accommodation

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 offer, 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.

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

Find out more about Runu

rmit.edu.au/Runu

Domestic

International

(As at May 2019)
Contact details

**Atira La Trobe Street**
- 50 La Trobe Street Melbourne
- 1300 848 888
- atira.com/location/la-trobe/
  Located down the street from the City campus, offering great city views.

**Atira Peel Street**
- 247 Peel Street, North Melbourne
- 1300 848 888
- atira.com/location/peel-st/
  Provides easy access to North Melbourne's art and culture scene.

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Travel time

**Atira La Trobe Street**
- City campus: 5 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 30 minute tram

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

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Room type

- Private 1 bed studios
- Twin share rooms
- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 bed apartments

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Transport access

- Trains, trams, buses, and shared bikes.

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Stay type

- Short and long term (6 and 12 month)

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No. of beds

- La Trobe Street: 771
- Peel Street: 576

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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

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Atira Accommodation Support Scholarships

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

rmit.edu.au/atirasupportscholarship

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Located on Melbourne Polytechnic’s Fairfield campus, heritage listed Yarra House is surrounded by parklands with the city down the road.

**Transport access**
- City campus: 40 minute bus
- Brunswick campus: 20 minute drive
- Bundoora campus: 30 minute bus

**Stay type**
- Flexible short and long term (6 and 12 month)

**No. of beds**
- 153

**Amenities and Facilities**
- Fully inclusive rates, with unlimited WiFi and free on-site parking
- BBQ areas with tables and chairs
- Study areas for group and private sessions
- Gym facilities, pool tables, table tennis and games
- 24/7 Communal cooking facilities
- 24/7 Coin-operated laundry
- Student lounge with widescreen tv and Foxtel
- Reverse cycle air conditioning with temperature control panel in all rooms
- Interactive Residential Life and Support Program
- 24/7 security and an onsite live-in manager

**Travel time**
- City campus: 40 minute bus
- Brunswick campus: 20 minute drive
- Bundoora campus: 30 minute bus

**Room type**
- 1 bed single room (standard/deluxe) (ensuite or shared facilities)
- Twin share rooms (ensuite)
- Cottage single room (shared facilities)
- Disabled Facilities Room (ensuite)
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.

Travel time

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

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

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)

Transport access

Trams, buses, and shared bikes.

Stay type

6 and 12 months (flexible contracts available)

No. of beds

616

Stay type

6 and 12 months (flexible contracts available)
Iglu Student Accommodation

Contact details
Iglu Melbourne City
229 Franklin Street, Melbourne
03 9002 5600
iglu.com.au/rmit

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

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Travel time
- City campus: 4 minute bike, 8 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 15 minute bike, 20 minute tram or 30 minute train

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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

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

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No. of beds
594

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Transport access
Trains, trams, buses, and shared bikes

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

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Journal Student Living

Contact details

Journal Uni Place
18 Leicester Street, Carlton
03 9001 0694
journal@studentliving.com.au

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

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Transport access
Trams, buses, and shared bikes.

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

No. of beds
804

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

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

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

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Journal Accommodation
Support Scholarships
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rmit.edu.au/journalsupportscholarship
Roll out of bed and into uni at this student accommodation right across the road from RMIT’s City campus.

**Travel time**
- City campus: 2 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 25 minute tram or train

**Room type**
- Studio apartments with kitchenette and private en-suite
- Twin share studio apartment with kitchenette and private ensuite

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

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

**No. of beds**
- 754

**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

**Two new locations**
- **Scape Carlton**
  opening Semester 1 2021
- **Scape Franklin**
  opening Semester 2 2021

**Contact details**
- **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.
The Student Housing Company

Travel time

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

Park Avenue
- City campus: 15 minute tram
- Brunswick campus: 15 minute tram

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

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

Transport access
- Trams, buses, and bike storage

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

No. of beds
- Infinity Place: 335
- Park Avenue: 369
- University Square: 345

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

Infinity Place
- 145 Berkeley Street, Melbourne
- 03 9052 3202
- thestudenthousingcompany.com.au
  /locations/melbourne/infinity-place/

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

Park Avenue
- 8 Leonard Street, Parkville
- 03 9966 5420
- thestudenthousingcompany.com.au
  /locations/melbourne/park-ave/

Surrounded by parklands on Royal Parade, Park Avenue provides an oasis away from the hustle and bussle of the CBD. Park Avenue is a quick tram ride away from classes.

University Square
- 85 Barry Street, Carlton
- 03 9918 3910
- thestudenthousingcompany.com.au
  /locations/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.
UniLodge @ RMIT Bundoora – Walert House
Accommodation Scholarship
For students moving to Melbourne to commence study at RMIT.
rmit.edu.au/unilodgebundoaraivalent
housescholarship

Cedar Pacific Indigenous
Accommodation Scholarship – RMIT University
The RMIT Indigenous student accommodation scholarship will provide a subsidy in UniLodge Royal Melbourne in a single studio.
rmit.edu.au/cedarpacifichscholarship

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rmit.edu.au/unilodgebundoaraivalent
housescholarship

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housescholarship

Contact details
UniLodge @ RMIT Bundoora – Walert House
345 McKimmies Road, Bundoora
03 9998 8400
unilodge.com.au
Located on 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
UniLodge Royal Melbourne is a low-rise apartment complex with a close residential community.

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

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: rmit.edu.au/bundoorabuss

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

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

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.
Urbanest Student Accommodation

Contact details

Urbanest Swanston Street
599 Swanston Street, Carlton
urbanest.com.au/melbourne/swanston-street/

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

Urbanest 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.

Urbanest Carlton
105 Berkeley Street, Carlton
urbanest.com.au/melbourne/carlton/

Benefit from this friendly community and enjoy some of the best coffee and food in the city from neighbouring cafes.

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.

Travel time

Swanston Street
- City campus: 5 minute walk
- Brunswick campus: 30 minute tram

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

Carlton
- 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

Stay type

Short and long term (6 and 12 month)

No. of beds
Swanston Street: 581
Melbourne Central: 462
Carlton: 509

Transport access
Trains, trams, buses.

General enquiries
1800 260 801
enquiries@urbanest.com.au

Note: Amenities and facilities may vary with each property.
Transport Information

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

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.


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/bundoorabus

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

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

rmit.edu.au/bundoora

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
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 calculator

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


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/finances

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

RMIT Accommodation scholarships

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

rmit.edu.au/courseworkscholarships

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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?

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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.
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- [03 9925 2260](tel:03 9925 2260)
- [rmit.edu.au/contact-us](http://rmit.edu.au/contact-us)

Acknowledgement of country

RMIT University acknowledges the people of the Woiwurrung 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.