

Things to consider when choosing Accommodation:

Cost

How much rent you can afford?

Meals

Do I want meals to be provided?

Will I be able to buy the food I am accustomed to eating?

Location

Will I be able to travel easily to and from University, shops, Sports centres, schools and other amenities I require?

Transport

What transport is available and how much will it cost?

Is transport available at night or on weekends?

Will I be able to travel to and from university safely if I have night classes?

Will I have access to a car?

Share houses

Do I want to stay with friends?

Can I afford to live on my own?

Bills

Do I want the responsibility/financial liability of telephone, electricity and gas bills?

Furniture

Do I want furnished or unfurnished accommodation?

For further information

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Homestay

and off Campus Accommodation



Griffith University Homestay Program

Homestay is accommodation offered to international students by families who live within commuting distance of Griffith University's Nathan, Mt Gravatt, Logan and Southbank campuses (Queensland College of Art and Queensland Conservatorium of Music).

Homestay enables students to gain an insight into Australian life and offers a unique opportunity to experience Australian culture first hand by participating in the daily routine of the host family's life. In Australia, families are all different. Some Homestay families will be made up of a mother, father and children, where as others might be a mother and child or a couple with no children. Some families live with extended family members such as grandparents and others don't. Many families have pets such as dogs and cats.

Living with an Australian family can be a wonderful way of experiencing life as a member of a family whose structure is very different from your own. Homestay students are met at the airport by representatives from Griffith University and during their first days in Australia they are given an orientation session which explains the culture and customs of Australian life. Host families take an active interest in their students and assist them to assimilate into their new environment. This helps to facilitate a smooth transition into the students' formal studies.

Homestay Accommodation Options

Homestay Option 1 - Fully Catered (21 meals per week)

Homestay application charge Accommodation includes:

- Fully furnished private room.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.
- Internet, telephone (Price negotiable with Homestay family).
- Students are responsible for their own washing, ironing and transport.

Option 2 - Semi Catered (5 meals per week)

(not available for students under 18 years of age)

Homestay application charge Accommodation includes:

- Self contained flat or area attached to house.
- Furniture, linen, cooking facilities and bathroom facilities.
- 5 meals per week.
- Internet, telephone (Price negotiable with Homestay family).
- Students are responsible for their own washing, ironing and transport.

Off Campus Accommodation

There is a range of off-campus accommodation options available for students. The most popular are rental accommodation, share houses, and townhouse estates. For rental advice and more information visit www.rta.qld.gov.au

Griffith University operates the Off-Campus Accommodation Service at the start of each university semester (January-February and June - July). The service can provide students with up-to-date listings of accommodation ranging from rooms to shared houses including information on transport and costs. In peak periods the service has many listings and the Off-Campus Accommodation Officer will be able to assist students in finding accommodation in the local areas.

The cost of renting a property varies considerably. It is important to work out what you can afford to spend each week and then look for a place within your budget. Renting by yourself can be very expensive – it's cheaper if you share a place with other people. Check www.griffith.edu.au/campuslife/ocs for more information.

Share Accommodation

Share houses are when 2 or more tenants share a property and the costs associated with renting the property. For more information about setting up a rental share house and the rights and responsibilities of each person in a share house, visit the Queensland Rental Tenancy Authority website at www.rta.qld.gov.au

Student Hostels/Boarding houses

In a boarding house or hostel you usually rent a bedroom and share a bathroom, kitchen, laundry and lounge room. Some provide meals; however, places with meals tend to cost more. This type of accommodation is often a good way to meet other students. Some negative aspects with this type of accommodation can relate to a lack of private space, noise and having to share facilities. For rental advice and more information visit the RTA website at www.rta.qld.gov.au or www.griffith.edu.au/off-campus

“My host family were generous, open minded and eager to learn about different cultures. They were warm hearted people and happy to help me”