

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG LIVING



Ms. Alison Hemsley has been the Student Residence Manager of International House for 10 years. In addition to International House, Alison leads the Manor and in 2011 Alison also took up the management and leadership of the Kooloobong residence. She has worked to establish residential communities rich with the spirit of international friendship, community service and global awareness. Alison lives on site with her husband Lindsay (former co-Head of International House) and their two young sons Bodhi and Jai. In 2008 both Alison and Lindsay were awarded a Vice-Chancellors General Staff Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching and Learning for the iLive Program at International House. In 2011 International House was awarded the Vice-Chancellors Community Engagement award for the vast array of volunteer and philanthropic activities undertaken by the students living in residence.

Alison is a registered psychologist, has 12 years of counselling experience, particularly with young people and students between of 17 and 25 years. She has significant professional practice managing the sensitive and complex issues relevant to the transition from teenager to young adult; including academic, social and personal issues. Her qualifications include a BA, University of Adelaide, MSc (Mental Health) and a Graduate Certificate of Business Coaching University of Wollongong and a Graduate Diploma in Family Therapy. All International House, the Manor and Kooloobong residents have the opportunity of consulting with Alison around a broad range of issues.

As a previous student resident, Alison has first-hand experience in successfully balancing academic challenges and the often abundant social opportunities that University and Residences offer its students. Furthermore, as a keen traveller, she has a proven and dedicated commitment to multi-cultural awareness and celebration: her experiences include work and leisure travel to destinations including United Kingdom, France, Ireland, Spain, United Arab Emirates, Nepal, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, USA, Canada, South America, Fiji and New Zealand.

Alison's interests are wide ranging (women's rights, scuba diving, and sports), however first and foremost is her passion for youth, and at the top of that list are her two young sons. She is particularly passionate about the opportunity to role model professional and personal responsibilities at the residences she leads. The whole family's presence in and around the hallways and dining area is always welcome and much loved.