Your guide to

Accommodation Options at the University of Wollongong

Campus East
Graduate House
Gundi
Keiraview
Kooloobong
International House
Weerona College
The Manor
living@UOW
WOLLONGONG IS A PERFECT STUDY ENVIRONMENT—IT HAS FUN WHEN YOU WANT IT AND QUIET WHEN YOU NEED IT.

It’s affordable, easy to get around and just as close to the laidback South Coast as it is to the hustle of Sydney. The Illawarra region makes the most of outdoor living and dining on the coast, offering a wide choice of restaurants, bars and sidewalk cafés; the variety of cuisine reflects Wollongong’s multicultural community. You’ll have the opportunity to take advantage of the city’s shops, hotels, clubs and 17 patrolled beaches. All of the UOW managed residences are within easy reach of the city, the main UOW campus and each other. The UOW campus itself is less than five kilometres from the city centre and beaches, and is easily accessible by public transport. There is a range of local sporting competitions, including netball, cricket, rugby league, rugby union, and AFL available for membership. The Illawarra is also a great location for skydiving, hang-gliding and mountain biking.
WHY LIVE AT UOW?

MANY STUDENTS SAY ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE IS LIVING IN RESIDENCE. RARELY WILL YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT HAS PEOPLE FROM SO MANY WALKS OF LIFE AND COUNTRIES. BY LIVING AT UOW YOU WILL BENEFIT FROM AN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTED TO PROVIDING HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, INVOLVEMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND FUN.

THE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS, THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF, THE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND THE MANY SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING EVENTS THAT ARE HELD ALL ADD TO THE VIBRANT ATMOSPHERE OF LIVING AT UOW.

There are many advantages of living at UOW. Preliminary studies are showing that students living in residence perform better academically than students not living in residence. The studies are also showing that students living in residence are more likely to continue with their studies. Some of the many other advantages include:

- New friendships, lasting beyond university and across countries
- Exposure to a wider range of people, ideas and cultures
- The choice of living in catered, flexi-catered or self-catered styles of housing in a supportive, community based lifestyle
- Social activities including sports, cultural and community based activities
- A comfortable and secure living environment that is hassle free (no electricity or phone bills to pay)
- The convenient locations (all residences are a short distance and most are accessible via free shuttle bus to the Uni; some are walking distance)
- Academic and well-being support with a range of developmental and study support groups
- Value for money, no surprise expenses
- The chance to develop leadership skills through student leader roles

In recognition of the growing demand to live at UOW, Accommodation Services considers growth in the number of beds to be a high priority. It is anticipated that 306 new beds will be available from 2012. More details can be found on the Accommodation Services website as they come to hand.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

From harbour cruises to inter-residence sporting events, there is always something happening. It’s not all about study, and each residence holds a number of events each semester. Some are formal, some are informal and many are organised by the students.

LIVING@UOW BALL • ORIENTATION COOKING LESSONS • GLOBAL HIGHWAY INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR • YOGA CLASSES • INTER-RESIDENCE SPORTS WELCOME TO COUNTRY DINNER TOURIST LOCATION EXCURSIONS MOVIE NIGHTS • HARBOUR CRUISES
Welcome to Our Communities

Living@UOW actively supports the student experience by providing secure, supportive and sustainable communities. We value diversity, personal growth and academic success.

How do we do this? Through our highly experienced residence teams, support network and academic programs.

Residence Teams

Each residence is managed by an experienced Student Residence Manager and supported by trained student leaders and support staff. Student Residence Managers have many years of experience working with students and are passionate about ensuring the residences provide a safe, supportive and diverse community that enables students to grow personally and academically. Student leaders are in each residence and play an important role in ensuring that the community and residence runs smoothly. They are selected carefully and take part in a comprehensive training program that equips them with a range of skills to ensure a harmonious and supportive community.

There is someone on site and available 24 hours a day and the student leader teams are committed to ensuring students can learn and live in a safe community that is conducive to study, personal development and fun. All of the Student Residence Managers are happy to assist with issues such as homesickness, adapting to university life or personal difficulties. They are also well qualified to deal with an emergency and the residence teams are trained in first aid and other emergency procedures.

Academic Programs and Support

A range of academic support programs are available at each residence including peer mentoring programs, formal tutorial sessions and lectures from guest academics.

If a student is concerned about their academic progress, they can talk to staff who can direct them to the appropriate academic advisors.

Settling In

When you arrive at your residence you will immediately be made to feel at home. All of the residences either hold an Orientation Week or similar program to ensure that you not only get to know the residents but also have a chance to get familiar with your new surrounds and the city. Activities such as movie nights, beach barbecues, tenpin bowling, hikes and bike rides all allow new students a chance to get to know their residence and Wollongong a bit better.

Visiting the Residences

Choosing the right residence to live in is an important part of your university experience. One of the best ways for parents and students to find out about a residence is to visit and take a tour of the grounds. You will be able to look at the rooms, see the dining room and other facilities and talk to the staff.

If you would like to organise a tour of any of the residences contact UniAdvice
Tel: 1800 367 869 or Email: uniaadvice@uow.edu.au

Types of Residences

Catered Accommodation

Fully catered accommodation includes 19 meals per week and is available at:
- Weerona College
- International House

Flexi-Catered Accommodation

Available at Campus East only, residents purchase their meals via a pre-paid debit card. This style is the ultimate in flexibility. You can eat breakfast, lunch and dinner in the dining room seven days per week or pack a sandwich or salad lunch to take with you to the University’s main campus on weekdays. You only pay for what you eat.

Self-Catered Accommodation

The following residences are self catered and have shared cooking facilities. In some cases utensils are provided:
- Campus East Self-catered
- Keiraview
- Kooloobong
- Graduate House
- Gundi
- The Manor
CAMPUS EAST IS LOCATED IN FAIRY MEADOW, LESS THAN 10 MINUTES’ DRIVE NORTH OF THE MAIN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.

It is across the road from one of Wollongong’s best surfing beaches and students have access to playing fields, running tracks and bike paths. Shops, supermarkets and take-away food outlets are within walking distance. Other amenities include Café TWO FIVE 19, BBQ facilities, Games Room, TV Lounges, a number of meeting rooms and two computer laboratories.

Undergraduate first-year students are usually allocated to flexi-catered units, allowing them to focus on what matters: settling in and getting ready for uni life. There’s no need to worry about cooking or shopping as students use a pre-paid debit card to buy their meals in the Campus East Food Court. Students only pay for what they eat and can use the card to buy snacks and drinks from the café. Self-catered units for undergraduate students are generally allocated to returning students and have shared cooking facilities and living areas. If cooking seems like too much work, then they can still buy snacks, drinks or meals from the Food Court or Café.

Postgraduate students can live in either dedicated five bedroom flexi-catered or self-catered units, all constructed within the last five years. A smaller number of older-style one and two bedroom self-catered units are also available.

THE COMMUNITY
At Campus East, you will meet undergraduate and postgraduate students from all walks of life. As the largest of the residences, there is always something happening and students can take part in study groups, social and sporting activities, and community service opportunities.

Postgraduate students now make up a significant component of the Campus East community. Postgraduate coursework and research students are able to join a wide range of social, sporting, cultural and personal development activities specifically designed to their needs.

Find out what it’s really like to live at Campus East by viewing the video on the Campus East website: www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/residences/campuseast/overview
FLEXI-CATERED & SELF-CATERED UNITS • ALL ROOMS HAVE PHONE AND INTERNET ACCESS
2 – 5 BEDROOMS PER UNIT, SHARED BATHROOMS • NO. OF RESIDENTS: 615

ALEX SENG
PHD, ICT RESEARCH INSTITUTE
NATIONALITY: MALAYSIAN

Campus East has been a home away from home for me. The comfortable housing, friendly and helpful staff, secure environment and its convenient location (to the beach, public transport and shops) have always been very welcoming. My stay here has also allowed me to meet great people and learn new things that I have never thought about before. The diverse social activities available are part of a never-ending list of events that provided great participation and fun for everyone.

My laptop is a must-have for me at Campus East. With the wireless network available I can stay in touch with friends and keep up with my work.
WEERONA COLLEGE

WWW.UOW.EDU.AU/ABOUT/ACCOMMODATION/RESIDENCES/WEERONA/OVERVIEW

WEERONA COLLEGE IS A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, THE BEACH AND WOLLONGONG CITY.

It is located next door to Beaton Park, a large sporting complex with an indoor pool, gymnasium, tennis courts and running track. Weerona’s facilities include a dining room, a popular outdoor courtyard and BBQ area, native gardens, indoor TV and games room with plasma TV and small kitchenettes.

Weerona offers a strong community culture with a vibrant social and sporting program for residents while being conducive to study. Residents are from all over the world and Weerona is an ideal place for first-years or other students who want fully catered accommodation. Many students choose to stay at Weerona for several years.

The college places a strong emphasis on community engagement, encouraging students to get involved with the local community and charities. An example is the Community Awareness Week (CAW), which is aimed at raising awareness and money for many good charities and community services. A significant amount of money is raised at these events and the students have a great time participating.

A recent addition to the Weerona community is Gidget the dog. Gidget is being trained by one of the Weerona staff members to be an Australian assistance or companion dog and a benefit that Weerona can provide is having lots of people contact. There is never any shortage of students happy to take Gidget for a walk and assist with the training.

Find out what it’s really like to live at Weerona College by viewing the video on the Weerona College website: www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/residences/weerona/overview

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FULLY CATERED – 19 MEALS A WEEK • ALL ROOMS HAVE PHONE AND INTERNET ACCESS
35 TWIN-SHARE ROOMS • 134 SINGLE ROOMS • NO. OF RESIDENTS: 204

MARIADEZHU
BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
NATIONALITY: CHINESE

I will look back at my time at Weerona College with fond memories. Weerona College is a diverse community, which enabled me to form friendships with students from all walks of life. It has a strong community atmosphere brought about through social, sporting, cultural and academic activities. College life differs every day, and it’s great to be able to come back from a long hard day at university to a place I can call my second home.

I enjoy reading during my leisure time. I love to lie down in the back garden during a sunny afternoon, it helps me to relax.
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE IS WALKING DISTANCE TO NORTH WOLLONGONG STATION, CLOSE TO THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND ABOUT A 15-MINUTE WALK TO THE BEACH.

The mission of International House is to promote global wellbeing by enabling its residents to be intercultural leaders. Intercultural leaders understand cultural differences and help others to understand their differences and build international friendships.

The modern dining room and outdoor courtyard provide a relaxing environment for students to socialise, eat or study. Other facilities include a music room, basketball court, community garden, games room, library and art studio, arthouse @ ihouse. The award-winning iLIVE program of activities includes activities such as Tuesday Topicals, iFeast, Global Visions, Faculty Face Off, and iStrength Personal Effectiveness Coaching Program. These activities contribute to the International House vision of global wellbeing.

Many first-years choose to enjoy the diverse culture at International House, with a large proportion staying on for several years.

Find out what it’s really like to live at International House by viewing the video on the International House website: www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/residences/ihouse/overview

GLOBAL WELLBEING STARTS HERE!

International House and its vision of global community is part of the International Houses Worldwide (IHWW) network, which celebrated its 100th Anniversary in Philadelphia in June 2010. Residents and alumni gain valuable linkages through IHWW.

Strong international friendships are formed here as students meet people from all over the world and have the opportunity to learn about different cultures and customs. An established alumni connection has resulted from this culture.

www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/residences/ihouse/overview

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE IS PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSES WORLDWIDE NETWORK
FULLY CATERED – 19 MEALS A WEEK • ALL ROOMS HAVE PHONE AND INTERNET ACCESS
14 TWIN-SHARE ROOMS • 190 SINGLE ROOMS • NO. OF RESIDENTS: 218

I have been living at I-House for the past three years and it has been the greatest cultural experience I have had. There are few places where one can interact with over 30 nationalities and cultures under one roof. Being an international student, new to the country, I settled in comfortably thanks to the friendly staff and enthusiastic student leader team at I-House.

The seahorse was one of the very first presents I received living at I-House. It was in my first year and a friend made it for my birthday. It reminds me every day of the connections and friends I have made all over the world in these past few years.
Keiraview is located on the fringe of Wollongong CBD and is walking distance to the shops, the beach and some of the best cafes in Wollongong.

Getting to uni is easy. There’s the free Gong Shuttle which takes about 10 minutes in peak times, or the free North Gong Shuttle from North Wollongong train station, which will take slightly longer. If walking the whole way to uni is your preference, it will take about 40 minutes.

Keiraview is ideal for students seeking a bit of independence. All student rooms are single and have their own ensuite, TV, desk and cupboard; and some have balconies. The shared kitchenettes have TVs, fridges, cooking facilities and students are provided with their own lockable storage cupboard.

Students at Keiraview can relax in the outdoor courtyard, enjoy the recreation room and use the internet café. With an active student development team, regular social events are organised that range from pizza nights to short trips to nearby attractions. If academic support is required then suitable assistance can be arranged.

Residents organise their own telephone and each room has an internet connection. Wireless is available in communal areas.

Find out what it’s really like to live at Keiraview by viewing the video on the Keiraview website: www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/residences/keiraview
Being a relatively independent person, I was initially drawn to Keiraview by its unique capability to support a self-sufficient lifestyle whilst still maintaining all the social benefits of moving into a university college. Keiraview allows you the opportunity to form new friendships at your own pace, a prospect made much easier by the small, close-knit network.

I have a Keiraview T-shirt for each of the years that I have been here. Each year’s design is unique, and holds memories of my time here.
Getting around

Getting to and around Wollongong is a breeze.

**Walk**
Most destinations in Wollongong are an easy hike away. Plus, it’s cheap.

**Bike**
UOW is introducing lots of new bike racks, and the undergrad students’ association runs free bike repair clinics. There are plenty of second-hand bikes up for sale or adoption if you’re on a budget.

**Train**
North Wollongong station is a fifteen-minute walk away from the main UOW campus and two minutes from International House. For the time-pressed, there’s a free shuttle bus from station to campus.

**Bus**
Wollongong is well connected with city buses going to all its suburbs; and there’s a free ‘city loop’ shuttle service that runs all day and into the night, linking UOW with the town’s hotspots.

**Car**
Save the money, save the world. UOW runs a carpooling program, so get two or more buddies in your car with you and you get free parking.

For more info on transport, see www.uow.edu.au/about/transport
Kooloobong units are conveniently located on the University campus in a bushland setting. Students have easy access to all university facilities including sporting grounds, outdoor swimming pool and lecture rooms.

Students can live independently in five-bedroom units and do all their own cooking, cleaning and grocery shopping while still benefiting from the development programs and social events offered through the residences.

Kooloobong is ideal for both undergraduate and postgraduate students from all over the world, adding to its diverse community.

Kooloobong holds a number of social events on a regular basis and students look forward to the regular BBQs.

The bushland setting gives students access to lots of open space and on the grounds there is an outdoor volleyball court. A real plus for students is the convenience of walking to lectures and having full use of University facilities, especially on the weekends.

Find out what it’s really like to live at Kooloobong by viewing the video on the Kooloobong website: [www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/residences/kooloobong/overview](http://www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/residences/kooloobong/overview)
Originally from Coffs Harbour on the north coast of NSW, moving away from home was a big deal; having to face the everyday reality of looking after myself. Thankfully, all the staff and residents at Kooloobong were very helpful, always willing to give you a hand whenever you need it. When first arriving at Kooloobong you’re greeted by the Senior Residents and staff who show you around and they’re always willing to answer any questions.

Growing up on the coast I pretty much lived at the beach, so naturally when I came to Wollongong there was no excuse, the surfboard had to come too.
GRADUATE HOUSE IS LOCATED DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE UNIVERSITY AND PROVIDES INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR STUDENTS (AND THEIR FAMILIES) UNDERTAKING POSTGRADUATE STUDY. THE BOTANIC GARDENS ARE NEXT DOOR AND WOLLONGONG CITY IS A FIVE-MINUTE DRIVE.

Residents in Graduate House can easily access all of the facilities available on the University campus. This postgraduate community is diverse and includes singles, couples and families from around the world. The close community has regular social activities, many of which are focussed towards families.

Units are bedsit, (single and couple) two-bedroom and three-bedroom configurations with cooking facilities provided along with furniture, fridge and stoves. Residents organise their own telephone and internet connections.

Find out what it’s really like to live at Graduate House by viewing the video on the Graduate House website: 
www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/residences/graduatehouse/overview
Being a postgraduate student at UOW and enjoying life at Graduate House is one of the best experiences I’ve had. Graduate House is situated at a very convenient location, just across the road from the University.

The feeling I have by being a member of such a global family as an international student, certainly tells me that Graduate House is “the place to be” in Wollongong.

My bike has allowed me to explore Wollongong on all the great cycle paths around the city.

CHULAMTHA JAYAWARDENA
PHD IN EARTH SCIENCES
NATIONALITY: SRI LANKAN

Show and Tell
Gundi is located in north Wollongong and is a short walk to the beach and shops. Public transport to the university is easily accessible and the free Gong Shuttle is close by.

The postgraduate community at Gundi is small and enjoys the environment that is social but also allows students to focus on their study. Gundi residents can also access the many programs that are offered by accommodation services such as academic support or wellbeing.

All units are furnished, have cooking facilities, fridges and shared bathroom and living area. Students enjoy the use of a TV and DVD player, which are supplied in all units. There are two units that are two bedroom and the others have six bedrooms.

Find out what it’s really like to live at Gundi by visiting: www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/residences/gundi/overview
BRONWYN EMILY LANG
MASTER OF CREATIVE ARTS – RESEARCH
NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN

Living at Gundi is great. It is a welcoming community where postgraduate students from diverse disciplines and cultures are able to develop friendships, share experiences and ideas.

My house mates and I regularly collect and share newspapers. Once they have been read by everyone, I use them for making collages and paste articles of interest into my journal.
THE MANOR SPECIALISES IN MEETING THE LIVING NEEDS OF SINGLE HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH (HDR) AND POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS. THE MANOR IS A SMALL, PREMIUM QUALITY RESIDENCE THAT PROVIDES A UNIQUE LIVING EXPERIENCE TO NINE HDR STUDENTS, FORMING A CLOSE AND VIBRANT INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY.

Located across the road from North Wollongong train station, students living at The Manor can access the free shuttle bus to the main campus which is only five minutes away.

The Manor is newly refurbished with modern facilities including large bedrooms, new kitchen and cooking facilities and a communal area that is conducive to study and socialising. Internet access is available in all rooms.

International and domestic students live at The Manor, representing a range of research areas and disciplines. A key benefit for students living at The Manor will be the encouragement and fostering of specialised programs for HDR students, contributing to the goal of enabling faculty collaboration and potentially joint research initiatives.

As The Manor will be managed by International House, students will have access to all of the programs and facilities at nearby International House including the award winning iLive program and meals in the dining room. Students will be able to participate in as many or as little programs as they choose. A mutual benefit for students living at The Manor and students living at International House will be joint initiatives and activities between students from both residences.
The Manor is really geared towards the needs of postgraduate and Higher Degree Research student needs. Because of its location, design and structure and the fact that it collaborates with International House, postgraduate students can benefit in a really unique way. There is a high level of support and students have access to all of the programs and facilities at International House and can participate in as many or as little programs as they choose. Everyone has their own room and the community is small and supportive. Being so close to the free shuttle to the uni (across the road) and having really close access to transport to Wollongong and Sydney is also a real plus.
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*The Manor has access to all facilities available at International House.*

Please go to our website for updated information on fees: [www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation](http://www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation)
UOW FACILITIES
APPLYING - LIVING@UOW

To apply to live @ UOW there are a number of steps that need to be followed and a few things the applicant should bear in mind:

1. Applications must be made online at the following site: apply-accom.uow.edu.au

2. A non-refundable application fee must accompany the application for accommodation. Applications will not be processed unless accompanied by the appropriate fee.

3. Due to the high demand for places in the residences, we strongly recommend that you apply online as early as possible, and before the following dates:

   - Autumn Semester: 30 November of the previous year
   - Spring Semester: 1 May of the same year

Information regarding fees may be found on our website at: www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/fees

For more information please go to the Accommodation Services website: accommodation.uow.edu.au or phone: 02 4221 5467 / 02 4221 5468

OTHER OPTIONS

A range of other living options are always available in Wollongong and below are some suggestions. From time to time Accommodation Services will partner with other accommodation providers in the area. During peak periods in the lead up to enrolment, accommodation services has a housing officer available to assist students with seeking private or rental accommodation. For more about this, please go to the Accommodation Services website: accommodation.uow.edu.au

HOMESTAY

You will have the opportunity to enjoy the company of children, family pets (if you wish) and other extended family members. Your host family will generally keep similar hours to you, and meals are provided. Homestay can be a fun option for International students who are already enrolled in a University course.

For further information contact: Maryann Philips Leisure Coast Homestays
Tel: 61 2 9555 4609 Fax: 61 2 9818 5142 Mobile: 0438 831246 Email: lchomestays@ozemail.com.au

PRIVATE / SHARE ACCOMMODATION

If you like a truly independent lifestyle, an option you might like to consider is private, shared or single accommodation.

Detailed information about these options, your rights as a tenant and general hints and tips can be found on the Accommodation Services website at: accommodation.uow.edu.au

It is strongly recommended that you review the information available on the website before entering into any arrangements.
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