

Housing information for City/ Brunswick Campus prospective students

The Housing Advisory Service has a very comprehensive website on housing for RMIT students at: <http://www.rmit.edu.au/housing> assist students to search for housing.

Contact details: Email: housing@rmit.edu.au Phone: 03 9925 2963

Transport information

All suburbs listed below are located in Zone 1 of Melbourne's public transport system and are linked to the city by train, tram and/or bus lines.

You can find more information about Zones/ Public Transport in the following website:

<http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/>

Suburbs closest to City campus

Less than 3 kilometres from City campus

Melbourne City, East Melbourne, Southbank, Docklands, Carlton, North Melbourne, West Melbourne, South Melbourne, Parkville, Fitzroy

- Distance to City campus is 0.5–3 kilometres. Suburbs are either within short walking distance or at most 10–15 minutes travel by tram.
- Accommodation in these suburbs can be expensive.
- Most private hostels and student apartment complexes are located in these areas.

Less than 7 kilometres from City campus

Carlton North, Fitzroy North, Richmond, Abbotsford, Collingwood, Clifton Hill, South Yarra, Prahran, Windsor, Toorak, Albert Park, Middle Park, Port Melbourne, St Kilda, Northcote, Brunswick, Flemington, Kensington, Ascot Vale, Footscray

- Distance to City campus is 3–7 kilometres. Travel time is approximately 15–25 minutes on public transport.
- There are very few private hostels or student apartment complexes located in these areas, however most other housing options are available.

Less than 12 kilometres from city campus

Caulfield North, Armadale, Malvern, Glen Iris, Camberwell, Ivanhoe, Fairfield, Thornbury, Croxton, Preston, Coburg, Strathmore, Essendon, Moonee Ponds, Williamstown, Yarraville, Newport, Maribyrnong

- Distance to City campus is 8–10 kilometres. Travel time is approximately 20–35 minutes on public transport.
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OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

1. Australian Homestay Network

Tel: +61 3 9435 6621 **Web site:** www.homestaynetwork.org

2. Share accommodation & Private rental properties

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3. Self-contained student apartment complexes

While allowing students to live independently, these large complexes also provide student facilities and services resulting in a secure and supportive residential environment. Most complexes have a management team and 24 hour on-site security.

<p>RMIT Village 5–17 Flemington Road, North Melbourne Tel: +61 3 8330 2000 Email: info@rmitvillage.com.au www.rmitvillage.com.au</p> <p>Cambridge Court 45 Victoria Parade, Collingwood Tel: + 61 3 9486 0585 www.cambridgecourt.com.au</p> <p>College Square <i>Lygon</i> 570 Lygon Street, Carlton Tel: + 61 3 9349 3600</p> <p><i>Swanston</i> 800 Swanston Street, Carlton Tel: + 61 3 9349 2500 www.collegesquare.ymca.org.au</p> <p>Home @ Flinders 268 Flinders Street, Melbourne Tel: + 61 3 9014 9000 www.homeatflinders.com.au</p> <p>Le Student 8 205 Bell Street, Preston Tel: +61 3 9485 0100 www.lestudent8.com</p> <p>Rooms International 77 Bouverie Street, Carlton Tel: +61 3 9347 3456 www.rooms.net.au</p>	<p>Student Housing Australia(SHA) Tel: + 61 3 8626 7700 Toll free (Australia only): 1300 742 000 www.s-h-a.com.au</p> <p><i>Hayward Lane 68</i> Hayward Lane, Melbourne</p> <p><i>Melbourne Student House</i> Cnr High and Vale Streets, North Melbourne</p> <p><i>Nelson College Apartments</i> Cnr Grattan and Cardigan Streets, Carlton</p> <p><i>Swanston Cottages</i> 864 Swanston Street, Carlton</p> <p><i>Victoria Terraces</i> 1 O'Connell Street, North Melbourne</p> <p><i>Global House</i> 24 Barkly Place, Carlton</p> <p><i>Micasa 8</i> 131 Pelham Street, Carlton (Cnr of Swanston Street)</p> <p><i>Sophia House</i> 127 Leicester Street, Carlton</p> <p><i>University Square</i> 50 Barry Street, Carlton</p> <p><i>Vista 8</i> 593 Elizabeth Street, North Melbourne</p>	<p>Unilodge www.unilodge.com.au</p> <p><i>On Campus</i> 9 Earl Street, Carlton Tel: + 61 3 9001 2300</p> <p><i>D1</i> 39 Bouverie Street, Carlton Tel: + 61 3 8687 7800</p> <p><i>740</i> 740 Swanston Street, Carlton Tel: + 61 3 8317 5350</p> <p><i>On Lonsdale</i> 39 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne Tel: + 61 3 8687 6188</p> <p><i>College House</i> 570 Swanston Street, Carlton Tel: + 61 3 8687 6180</p> <p><i>D2</i> 22 Orr Street, Carlton Tel: + 61 3 8352 5500</p> <p><i>On Flinders</i> 238 Flinders Street, Melbourne Tel: + 61 3 9224 1500</p> <p><i>On Swanston</i> 339–341 Swanston Walk, Melbourne Tel: + 61 3 9224 7888</p>
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4. Student hostels

Student hostels are a popular option for students. A small, furnished shared bedroom is provided with access to shared bathrooms, living and recreational areas plus share kitchen facilities for self-catering. Gas, electricity and water costs are included in the overall price. Internet connection and usage is often an additional cost.

Carlton Melbourne College 743–751 Swanston Street, Carlton Tel: + 61 3 9347 3238 carltonmelbournecollege.com.au	Kew Student Residences 25 Mary Street, Kew Tel: +61 3 9853 5402 www.kbsh.org	Rooms International Bouverie Residence / Monet Residence / Walsh Residences Tel: +61 3 9347 3456 www.rooms.net.au
Carlton Student Accommodation 92 Grattan Street, Carlton Tel: + 61 3 9347 2670 studentaccommodation.com.au	Madre Nazarena House 311 Church Street, Richmond Tel: + 61 3 9429 9620 fdz.com.au	Unilodge at Melbourne 746 Swanston Street, Carlton Tel: +61 3 8317 5350 Fax: +61 3 8317 5351 www.unilodge.com.au/Melbourne
Don Bosco Youth Centre 715 Sydney Road, Brunswick Tel: + 61 3 9383 5333 Mobile: 0412 131462 www.donbosco.org.au	O'Connell Residence 15–19 O'Connell Street, North Melbourne Tel: +61 3 9560 1718 www.oconnellresidence.com.au	Yarra House 10 Yarra Bend Rd, Fairfield Tel: +61 3 9269 8990 www.yarrahouse.com.au
Hillside Court 155–159 Hoddle Street, West Richmond Tel: + 61 3 9428 6698 hillsidecourthostel.com		

Read SCAM Watch: <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/741233>

Most importantly, you should never send money in advance for any shared or private rental accommodation you find on the internet before you have visited the property and had the opportunity to meet your new housemates.

Housing information for Bundoora prospective students

Bundoora campus is located approximately 20 kilometres north-east of Melbourne's central business district. The RMIT Housing Advisory Service has a very comprehensive website on housing for RMIT students at: <http://www.rmit.edu.au/housing> to assist students to search for housing.

Transport information

Trams

Tram service no. 86 runs from Docklands (via Bourke Street in the city) to RMIT Bundoora. The tram route passes through Fitzroy, Clifton Hill, Northcote, Thornbury and Preston via High Street, and then along Plenty Road to Kingsbury and Bundoora. Students need only to purchase a Zone 1 ticket for travel right along the no. 86 tramline.

Trains

Take the Epping or Hurstbridge train lines to the Thomastown, Lalor, Epping or Greensborough train stations. There are direct bus services from these stations to RMIT Bundoora. Students will need to purchase a Zone 1 & 2 ticket for travel by train.

Buses

Bus services run direct from Greensborough, South Morang, Whittlesea and Northland Shopping Centre to RMIT Bundoora. Students would only need to purchase a Zone 2 ticket for the bus services in Zone 2 suburbs

Suburbs closest to Bundoora campus

Walking distance to campus

Bundoora and Mill Park

- Close proximity to campus – within walking distance or quick bus or tram ride.
- Serviced by tram route 86 and bus no. 564, 570 and 572.

Less than 8 kilometres from Bundoora campus

South Morang, Doreen, Lorimer, Whittlesea, Epping, Thomastown, Lalor, Watsonia, Greensborough, Macleod, Rosanna, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe

- Distance to campus 2–8 kilometres or 15–30 minutes travel on public transport.
- Service by bus no. 562, 563, 564, 566 and 570.

Less than 12 kilometres from Bundoora campus

Kingsbury, Reservoir, Preston, Thornbury, Croxton, Northcote, Fairfield

- These suburbs are along the no. 86 tram route, about halfway between the CBD and Bundoora.
- Distance from campus 10–12 kilometres. Travel time to campus is approximately 20–35 minutes on public transport.
- Tram route 86 and bus no. 563.

OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

1. Self-contained student apartment complexes

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- **KINGSBURY GARDENS:** 116 – 130 Main Road, Macleod
Tel: 03 8626 7700 **Toll free (Australia only):** 1300 742 000
Email: info@s-h-a.com.au **Web site:** www.s-h-a.com.au
- **LE STUDENT 8:** 205 Bell Street, Preston
Tel: 03 9485 0100 **Email:** info@lestudent8.com **Web site:** www.lestudent8.com
- **PLENTY ROAD STUDENT TOWNHOUSES:** 1115 – 1131 Plenty Road, Bundoora
Contact: Charl Joubert **Tel:** 03 9420 0777 **Fax:** 03 9533 9700
Email: cjoubert@maprealestate.com.au **Web site:** www.maprealestate.com.au
- **UNIVERSITY MEWS:** 1251 Plenty Road, Bundoora
Tel: 03 9466 8215 **Fax:** 03 9466 8522
Email: info@universitymews.com.au **Web site:** www.universitymews.com.au

2. Student hostels

Bundoora campus has only a few hostels within close proximity. Hostels are a popular option for students. A small, furnished bedroom is provided with access to shared bathrooms, living and recreational areas plus share kitchen facilities for self-catering. Gas, electricity and water costs are included in the overall price.

- **METRO STUDENT ACCOMMODATION:** 711 Plenty Road, Reservoir
Tel: 03 9826 6555 **Mobile:** 0413 757353 (Arthur) or 0413 757357 (Peter)
Email: rothmanspg@bigpond.com **Web site:** www.metrostudent.com.au/
- **BM GUEST HOUSE:** 70 Springthorpe Boulevard, Macleod
Tel: 03 9458 5875 **Mobile:** 0404 087695
Email: manager@bmquesthouse.com.au **Web site:** www.bmquesthouse.com.au

3. La Trobe University has on-campus residential college accommodation available to RMIT students at their Bundoora campus. However, RMIT students are only offered a place if there are still vacancies available at the start of the academic semester.

For further information:- www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation/bundoora

- **GLENN COLLEGE:** Kingsbury Drive, Bundoora **Tel:** 03 9479 5100
Email: glenn@latrobe.edu.au **Web site:** www.latrobe.edu.au/glenn
- **CHISHOLM COLLEGE:** Kingsbury Drive, Bundoora **Tel:** 03 9479 2875
Email: chisholm@latrobe.edu.au
Web site: <http://chisweb.chisholm.latrobe.edu.au/webapps/xslt/index.html>
- **MENZIES COLLEGE:** Kingsbury Drive, Bundoora **Tel:** 03 9479 1071
Email: menzies@latrobe.edu.au **Web site:** www.latrobe.edu.au/menzies

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Cost of living

The tables on this page provide expenses for a **single student**. All amounts included are **estimates only** and may vary according to your circumstances and lifestyle.

Establishment costs

Establishment costs are the monies you will have to pay to set up a house if you are moving from overseas.

	Single student living in share accommodation.	Hint
Furniture and household items	\$400-\$1000	This cost range assumes that whitegoods are provided
Utilities/phone – connection	\$150-\$200	This will vary depending on the provider
Rental bond (refundable)	\$600-\$1,000 City/Brunswick \$430- \$600 Bundoora	Rental bond is usually one calendar month's rent and is therefore more than 4 weeks' calculation
One month's rent in advance	\$600-\$1,000 City/Brunswick \$430-\$600 Bundoora	Advance rent as a lump sum payment is common

Living costs

	Single student living in shared accommodation per week	Hint
Rent*	\$150-\$250 City/Brunswick \$110-\$150 Bundoora	The campus you attend and the type of accommodation you are living in will affect the price
Electricity, gas and water	\$30-\$45	Different utility providers charge different rates
Phone (fixed line)	\$10-\$15 (fixed only)	Mobile phone bills will vary depending on your plan
Internet	\$0 – pre-paid arrangement or plan	may be included in your accommodation or it may be part of your mobile phone plan
Food	\$80-\$100	Discount supermarkets and local markets can reduce your food bill
Transport costs	\$30-\$50 \$100 for car	Car costs include registration, insurance, fuel, parking and maintenance
Public transport	\$30 Zone 1 \$50 Zone 1 & 2	Based on a full fare weekly ticket. Concession fares are available to Undergraduate & TAFE Exchange students only.
Recreation/entertainment	\$50-\$100	Highly variable and depend on personal choices