





Living in Melbourne

Melbourne is a city boasting 3.5 million people. It is much renowned for its music, cultural festivals, many quality restaurants, entertainment venues, beautiful parks and gardens and excellent shopping. It also boasts a strong sport culture which includes international events in tennis, golf, cricket, yachting, football and motor racing.

Following a two year survey, Melbourne was judged "the world's most liveable city" by a United States research group. Melbourne ranked first out of more than a hundred cities surveyed because it was clean, safe, with quality housing, education and cost of living.

These sites also offer more advice on living in Melbourne.

About Victoria	www.visitvictoria.com 
Lonely Planet	www.lonelyplanet.com.au/dest/aust/melb.htm 
Melbourne	www.melbourne.com.au 
City Search	www.melbourne.citysearch.com.au 
VicNet	www.vicnet.net.au/travel 

Accommodation Options

Homestays

Homestay can generally be found in a reasonable travelling distance from the campus. Homestays offer a safe, caring environment in which to study while you become immersed in the Australian way of life. Homestays cost around A\$200–220 per week, paid to the Homestay host. Living in Homestays is a good way to know more about Australia culture and lifestyle.

Private Apartments

Private Apartments can be found easily especially in the CBD area. Please note that private apartments are not an option for students who are under 18 years of age and it is also not possible to arrange private share accommodation in advance. It is therefore best to arrive one to two weeks in advance before classes begin to inspect apartments.

Generally real estate agent requires one month rent in advance plus a refundable security deposit (bond). You will be responsible for your share of rent for the time of your lease, which is normally 12 months. Most of the private apartment is unfurnished. It is therefore important to allow for establishment costs including purchase of furniture and equipments. The costs of electricity, gas and telephone are additional.

Student Hotels

Each hostel is within walking distance or a short tram ride to the Collins Street campus. Most hostels provide meals so cooking skills are not needed. Facilities vary from hostel to hostel. Places are limited so early application is advisable.

The table below lists some of the options available.

Name	Places	Meals	Location	Transport	Heating	Type
<u>Albert House</u>	36-50	Meals Supplied	Carlton	Not required	Heated	Co-ed
<u>Arrow On Swanston</u>	200	Meals Supplied	Carlton	Not required	Heated	Co-ed
<u>Asian Student Accommodation</u>	17	Meals Supplied	Brunswick	Tram	Heated	Girls Only
<u>Bouverie Residence</u>	35	Available	Carlton	Not required	Heated	Co-ed
<u>Cardigan House</u>	6	Self Catering	Carlton	Not required	Heated	Co-ed
<u>Carlton Student Accommodation (CSA)</u>	25	Self Catering	Carlton	Not required	Heated	Co-ed
<u>Carlton-Melbourne College (CMC)</u>	53	Available	Carlton	Not required	Heated	Co-ed
<u>Grattan House Ground Level</u>	9	Self Catering	Carlton	Not required	Partly	Co-ed
<u>Grattan House 1st Floor Level</u>	9	Self Catering	Carlton	Not required	Partly	Girls Only
<u>Jane King's Homestyle Accommodation</u>	30	Meals Supplied	Brunswick & Northcote	Tram	Heated	Co-ed
<u>Madre Nazarena</u>	29	Meals Supplied	Richmond	Tram/Train	Heated	Girls Only
<u>Merlin Apartments</u>	43	Available	Melbourne	Tram/Walking	Heated	Co-ed
<u>Palmerston House</u>	36	Meals Supplied	Carlton	Not required	Heated	Co-ed
<u>Queensberry St House</u>	15	Self Catering	North Melbourne	Not required	Heated	Co-ed
<u>UniLodge @ Melbourne</u>	280	Self Catering	Carlton	Not required	Heated	Co-ed