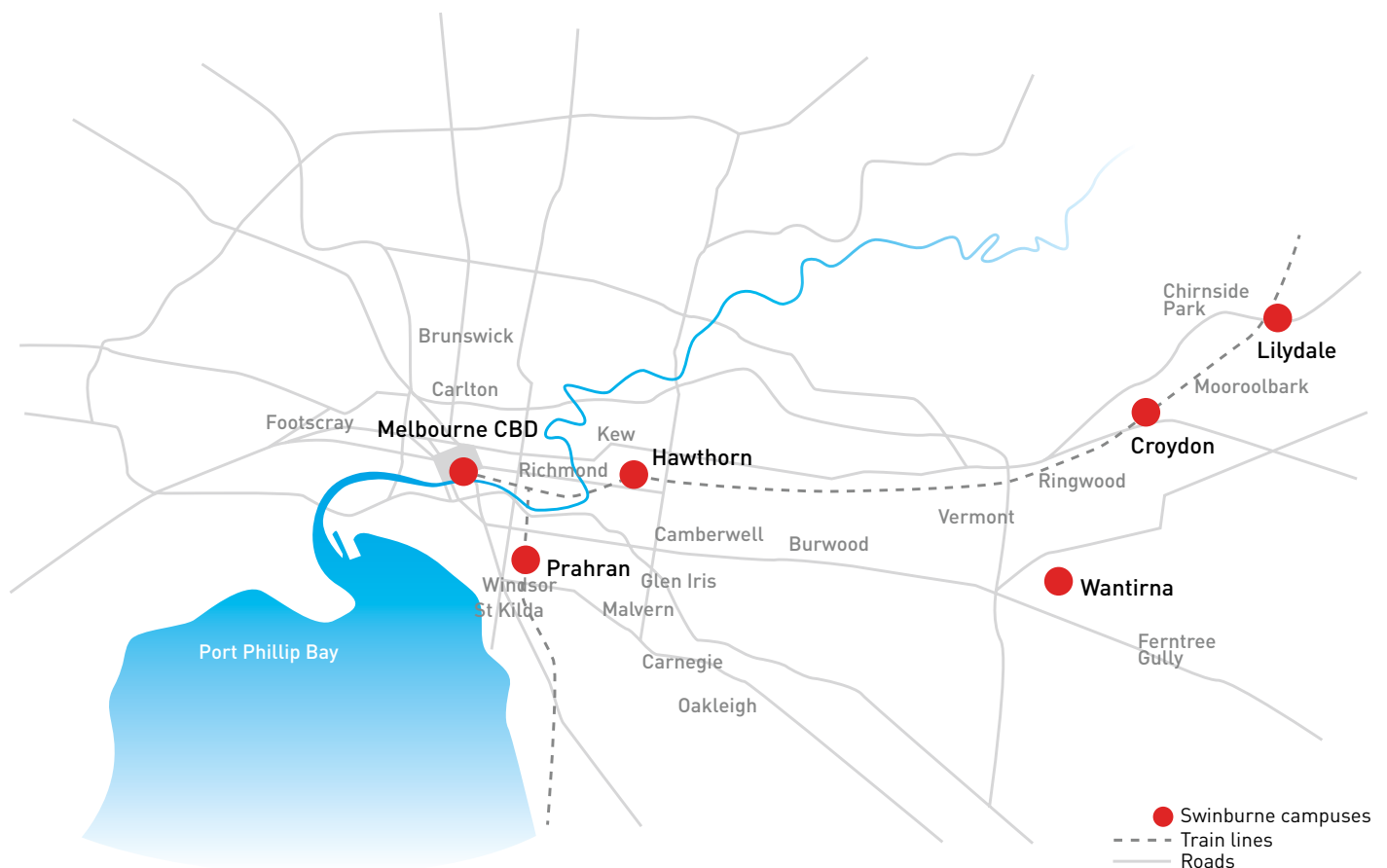


Accommodation Guide for international students



Where to live? Some popular suburbs where Swinburne students choose to live

Campus	Hawthorn	Prahran	Lilydale	Wantirna	Croydon
Travelling distance by public transport less than 30 minutes (approximate only)	Hawthorn, Melbourne, Kew, Camberwell, South Bank, Richmond, Glen Iris, Carlton, Glenhuntly, Carnegie, Murrumbeena, Footscray	Prahran, Windsor, Melbourne, South Bank, St Kilda, Balaclava, Richmond, Ripponlea, Malvern, Caulfield, Carnegie, Chadstone, Ormond	Lilydale, Mitcham, Mooroolbark, Croydon, Ringwood, Chirnside Park	Wantirna, Vermont	Croydon, Mooroolbark, Chirnside Park
More than 30 minutes	Box Hill, Burwood, Clayton, Preston, Ashburton, Coburg, Glenroy, Dandenong	Clayton, Springvale, Dandenong	Blackburn, Box Hill	Burwood, Blackburn, Forest Hill	Ferntree Gully



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Please note

The housing information provided here for students should be treated as a guide only. Except for the Swinburne Residences and Apartments, the accommodation facilities referred to in this publication and elsewhere on our website are not owned or operated by Swinburne University of Technology (Swinburne), nor do they have any affiliation with the university.

It is students' responsibility to make contact with providers, arrange inspections and to satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the accommodation being offered. Swinburne will not be responsible or held liable in any way to tenancy or any other agreements or negotiations between the provider and the student.

Accommodation options for international students

Type	Rental accommodation	Share accommodation	Full Homestay	On-campus accommodation
Approximate cost	Hawthorn/Inner suburbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$200–\$350pw (1BR) ■ \$300–\$450pw (2BR) ■ plus bills (\$20–\$30pw) Outer suburbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$180–\$250pw (1BR) ■ \$200–\$350pw (2BR) 	Hawthorn/Inner city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$140–\$180pw plus bills Outer city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$110–\$150pw plus bills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$270pw incl. breakfast and dinner Mon–Fri as well as lunch on Sat & Sun ■ Furnished private room ■ Utilities (except ph & internet) ■ Placement fees \$230 ■ Minimum stay 1 month 	Hawthorn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$282–\$297pw for college ■ 219–\$371pw per person for apartment Lilydale Student Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$160–\$255pw
Contract	Minimum 12 months	Varies	Minimum 4 weeks	Varies
Description	Renting a vacant unfurnished apartment/house	Room in a flat/house shared with other tenants	Furnished room in a flat/house sharing with a local family	Single furnished room in a apartment or college
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Independent ■ Can choose what you want 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cheaper ■ Independent ■ Meet new friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Learn Australian lifestyle ■ Family orientated environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Close location ■ Meet friends ■ Access to Uni facilities ■ Save on transportation
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Must buy furniture ■ May have to find share mate ■ Very difficult to break lease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Living with other people who you don't know and may have different lifestyle from you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Limited privacy ■ Have to fit in with the family lifestyle 	More expensive than other options
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Locate property 2. Inspect property 3. Lodge application 4. Sign the lease contract 5. Connect utilities 6. Move in 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Locate property 2. Inspect property 3. Sign the lease contract 4. Move in 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply online 2. Pay fees 3. Move in 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply directly to the accommodation 2. Receive an offer 3. Move in
Contact	www.realestateview.com.au www.domain.com.au www.realestate.com.au	http://swinburne.studystays.com.au www.realestate.com.au	www.international.swinburne.edu/arrival/booking/homestay.html	www.swin.edu.au/housing

Overview

Looking for accommodation can sometimes be a tiring and demanding process, but be patient. It is not unusual for it to take four weeks to find the accommodation that might be right for you.

It is better for you to take your time now and settle into a comfortable place rather than quickly move into a place that you won't enjoy. We recommend you examine all the various options before you sign a lease or pay any money.

Get advice: Do not sign anything if you do not understand it. Get advice first.

The housing options that students typically choose from include:

- On-campus accommodation
- Homestay
- Share house accommodation
- Student hostels and apartments
- Rental accommodation

Which housing option best suits you and where should you live?

Although accommodation around campus may not be the cheapest in Melbourne, there are many advantages and cost savings in living close to campus: Access to the library, computer labs and other support services; and you save on time and transport costs.

Students often rush to find accommodation when they first arrive. Sometimes they commit themselves to contracts that they later regret. Think carefully before you choose your accommodation. Find out as much as possible about:

- Cost – properties close to the city and university can be more expensive
- Size of the dwelling – will it suit your needs?
- Location – closer to your campus and work can save time and money
- Facilities offered – does it have everything you want and need, close to transport?
- Transport costs – daily cost, travel time or parking cost
- Right for your study or work needs and lifestyle
- People you will be living with

Keeping safe in Melbourne

Melbourne is a great place in which to live. However, like any other large city, it is important that you consider your health, safety and wellbeing at all times.

For student safety information please go to:

www.international.swinburne.edu.au/student-life/safety/

On-campus accommodation

Swinburne offers accommodation at its Hawthorn and Lilydale campuses. Accommodation options range from single furnished apartments to multi-bedroom units. The complexes are integrated into the campuses and provide friendly and supportive community living, with many amenities and opportunities.

The obvious advantage of this type of accommodation is the proximity to the university and its facilities, and avoids travel time and cost that may exist if living off-campus.

The available on-campus options are as follows:

Swinburne Place Apartments

Hawthorn campus

- Provides single furnished rooms in a 1, 2, 3 or 4 room apartment
- Rates from \$219–\$371 per week

Tel: 9914 2900

Email: swinburne.place@unilodge.com.au

www.swinburneplace.com.au

Swinburne Student Residential College

Hawthorn campus

- Provides single furnished rooms, breakfast, shared bathroom, kitchen and lounge
- Rates from \$282–\$297 per week

Tel: 9214 5555

Email: residences@swin.edu.au

www.swin.edu.au/stuserv/residential/index

Swinburne Student Apartments

Hawthorn campus

- Provides single furnished room in a 2 or 3 bedroom apartment with kitchen and bathroom
- Rates from \$222–\$268 per week

Tel: 9214 5555

Email: residences@swin.edu.au

www.swin.edu.au/stuserv/residential

Lilydale Student Village

Lilydale campus

- Provides single furnished room in a 4 or 5 bedroom apartment with or without an en suite bathroom
- Rates: \$160–\$255

Tel: 9735 9309

Email: village@swin.edu.au

www.ld.swin.edu.au/village

Off-campus recommended housing providers

Recommended housing providers are student apartments which have been assessed by the university based on a set of mandatory and desirable criteria before being endorsed by the university.

Unilodge Vivida

367 Burwood Road, Hawthorn (2 minutes from campus)

- Provides new fully furnished studio apartments
- Rates from \$279–\$299

Tel: 9006 5200

Email: vivida@unilodge.com.au

www.unilodge.com.au/Melbourne/Vivida/

Homestay

Homestay means living with a local family or resident. It is a cultural exchange between a local individual or family (called a Host) and a visiting international student.

Swinburne is proud of our partnership with the Australian Homestay Network (AHN) for all short and long term Homestay options. AHN is an industry leader in providing compliant Homestay offerings to students throughout Australia. AHN meets all industry standards and not only provides accommodation solutions but enhances the cultural experience for all visiting international students.

The student lives as a guest in the Host's home. Homestay is a great way for students to learn English and experience the Australian lifestyle. Homestay is the safest and most successful way that a visiting student can begin their time in Australia.

What's included in Homestay?

- Furnished private room in a caring family environment
- Traditional homestay includes Monday–Friday 2 meals (breakfast & dinner) per day and 3 meals on Saturday/ Sunday
- Household utilities (electricity, gas, etc)
- Homestay Host and student support
- AHN 24/7 professional phone support
- AHN insurance as per AHN Insurance Policy www.homestaynetwork.org/public/ahn-insurance

More options are available to over 18s after the initial 28 day stay. For full options see <http://www.homestaynetwork.org/public/melbourne-fee-structure>

Students are matched by a fully trained AHN supervisor to a suitable Australian host according to the specific student needs and education provider location.

The visiting student will have access to bathroom and laundry facilities as well. Students are welcome to extend their original homestay placement and can choose a range of AHN meal service options.

For further details go to <http://www.homestaynetwork.org/swinburne-students>

Homestay conditions

- Homestay bookings should be made at least ten days prior to arrival
- Placement fee – A\$230 (host training, system support, application process etc.)
- Homestay fees vary depending on the type of meal and room options chosen by the student
- If you're over 18, you can expect to pay \$270 per week for the first 28 days. Under 18 \$290 per week. For full options see <http://www.homestaynetwork.org/public/melbourne-fee-structure>
- Minimum 28 day/4-week Homestay and Placement fee – paid in advance prior to placement

More information about Homestay accommodation

- Students' frequently asked questions www.homestaynetwork.org/public/student-faqs
- Make a Homestay booking by students www.homestaynetwork.org/student/join
- Make a Homestay booking by Agents www.homestaynetwork.org/public/swinburne-agents

Email: info@homestaynetwork.org

Telephone (calling from overseas): +61 2 8905 0321

Telephone (in Australia): 1300 MY STAY (1300 69 7829)

Be clear about what you are getting yourself into

Housing scams exist: Be aware of fraudulent ads and false landlords in internet classifieds. We advise all students not to hand over money or sign any kind of rental contract before physically sighting the property. Email: accommodation@swin.edu.au if you are unsure of the validity of any advertisement on the internet.

For information and advice on accommodation visit: www.consumer.vic.gov.au/

Share accommodation

Share accommodation is where you jointly rent a private property with others (all the people who rent the property are called co-tenants). The property is usually unfurnished and rent is paid to the landlord/real estate agent.

Alternatively, you move into an already established share household (where you are called a sub-tenant). The property is usually already furnished and rent is paid to the head-tenant. If you are moving into an established share house, you should ask to see a written consent from the landlord or the real estate agent for you to move into the property.

In a share house, you have your own bedroom but share facilities and furnishings. To share successfully it is important to establish some house rules with those with whom you will be sharing. Having things in writing before you move in can avoid arguments and disputes later on. You should always ask for a receipt whenever you hand over any money.

Sharing a house or apartment with other students or local residents is a popular option for many students because it provides an opportunity for an independent lifestyle, meeting new friends and to learn about new culture while some costs like rent are shared. However, it can also be challenging and unsettling for some people and is therefore not the best option for everyone.

Inspect the property – We strongly advise that all accommodation be inspected prior to the payment of any monies or the signing of any documents. Each student must make his or her own enquiries and satisfy himself or herself as to the integrity of the accommodation provider and whether the condition of accommodation is appropriate.

How to arrange share accommodation?

1. Gather all relevant information and get accurate advice

Swinburne student housing database located at:
www.swin.edu.au/housing

You will need to register at <http://swinburne.studystays.com.au/Students/Register> as a current or a future student to get full access to this database.

If you need help with registration please contact our housing officer: bgraham@swin.edu.au

Share accommodation websites (not operated by Swinburne)

<http://melbourne.gumtree.com.au/> www.flatmatefinders.com.au
www.domain.com.au www.share-accommodation.net
www.realestate.com.au www.share-house.com.au
www.flatmates.com.au <http://au.easyroommate.com/>

Other information sources

- Check notice boards around your campus and around community notice boards
- Contact student clubs and societies (see SSAA website www.swinburne.edu.au/ssaa)
- Newspapers – look in The Age and the Herald Sun on Saturday
- Check the local community newspaper in the area where you would like to live

2. Make contact to arrange a time to meet and inspect the property

3. Things to think about when choosing a share house

- Do you have a written agreement about how the household will operate?
- Do you want to live with male or female or both?
- Do you want to live with international students or Australian residents?
- Consider religious/cultural differences
- Consider smoking/alcohol
- How are the bills shared and how will the money be collected?
- How should the bills be divided and paid?
- Cooking arrangements shared/separate
- Other house duties (cleaning, shopping etc) – especially shared spaces

- Having friends visit/stay over.
- Sharing bathrooms
- Use of other's furniture and belongings
- Use of music or television
- What is an acceptable level of noise?

Important matters to consider

- Do they have the same likes and dislikes (e.g. food, hobbies)?
- Do you think you would be comfortable living with these people?
- Will the accommodation be a good environment for you to study?

4. Signing a lease, paying bond and rent

- Go to the agent/landlord with the other tenants and make sure all of your names are on the lease.
- If you are a sub-tenant or licensee, you should still have a signed written agreement with the landlord or the head tenant.
- Keep a copy of the lease/agreement for yourself.
- Make sure your bond is paid to the RTBA (Residential Tenancy Bond Authority), check with your agent, landlord or head-tenant. (see RTBA website www.rtba.vic.gov.au)
- If you pay bond to the previous tenant, make sure the bond is transferred into your name so that you can get your money back when you leave.
- Make sure you get a receipt for all monies you pay for bond and rent.

Legal forms with bonds – If you are asked to pay a bond, then you must be given a Bond Lodgement Form and two (2) signed Condition Reports (one copy for them and one copy for you signed by both of you)

5. Moving in

Condition report: Before you move in, it is very important that you complete a condition report – a report that lists the condition of the property before you move in.

Make a note of anything that is broken or dirty or you could be blamed for its condition at the end of your lease.

Buy furniture: If your share accommodation is unfurnished, you may need to buy furniture (bed, desk, chair?) before you move in.

See the back of this booklet for information on where to buy cheap furniture

Share accommodation checklist

- Is your name on the lease contract?
- Do you have a copy of the lease contract?
- Has the bond been transferred into your name?
- Have you completed a condition report on the room?

For more information regarding shared accommodation please refer to the Swinburne website at: www.swin.edu.au/stuserv/housing/share.html

OR telephone the **Tenants Union Advice Line:** 9416 2577 for advice on a tenancy contract before you sign.

Rental accommodation

You can rent a vacant house, unit or apartment from a landlord or a real estate agent on your own or with a friend(s).

Rental properties are usually unfurnished and require a 12-month lease contract. You will be generally asked to sign a tenancy agreement which is a legal document between you as a tenant and the landlord or agent. This agreement is also called a lease agreement and it covers the amount of rent to be paid, the length of renting, security amount and other conditions and rules.

How do I arrange rental accommodation?

1. Do your research

Websites

www.realestateview.com.au

www.domain.com.au

www.realestate.com.au

Rental listings from real estate agents

- For a list of the real estate agents near the campuses see page 18

Newspapers

- The most useful listings are in 'The Age' and 'Herald Sun' on Wednesdays and Saturdays

2. Inspect the property

The property you are interested in can be viewed at 'Open for Inspection' times, which are advertised by real estate agents at a set time (usually half an hour) or at a pre-arranged time. At these times, the landlord or the agent opens the property, and many people may be looking at the same property.

It is your opportunity to inspect the property thoroughly.

If the property is vacant, it may also be possible to borrow the key from the real estate agent and inspect the property by yourself.

To borrow the key from the agent you must show some photo ID and leave a key deposit (\$50-\$100 refundable on return)

If inspection is only available "BY APPOINTMENT", you must give your contact details to the agent and they will advise you of the next inspection time.

You need to be in contact – A mobile phone is very useful while house-hunting, so that agents can easily contact you.

Locating the property – If you don't know where the properties are www.whereis.com.au is a useful website that will show you the property locations.

Property inspection checklist

- Does the property have heating and cooling? (not legal requirement)
- Is the carpet and paint in good condition?
- Are there smoke detectors? (smoke detectors must be installed by law)
- Does the property have a communal laundry?
- Are the appliances gas or electric? Gas is cheaper.
- Are there signs of water leakage? Does it smell OK?
- Is it close to campus/ close to transport?
- Do the doors/windows close properly?
- Is there telephone/TV antenna outlet connection line?

3. Lodge an application form

- Get an application form from the agent or print from their website
- Fill out the form carefully and neatly
- Attach as many supporting documents as possible:
 - copy of passport
 - bank statements
 - evidence of financial support
 - Swinburne offer letter
 - reference letter from Swinburne International (see Accommodation Officer)
 - references from previous landlords and employers
 - any other documents that support your application.
- Follow up your application with a telephone call to enquire on its progress.

4. If your application is successful

The real estate agent will telephone you if your application is accepted by the landlord – make sure you give your best telephone number so they can contact you. If they cannot contact you quickly, they may offer the property to somebody else.

If you have not received a call within two days of submitting your application, you should call the agent and enquire about your application.

6. Sign the lease and receive the key

The lease

Once your application has been successful, a lease on the property will also need to be signed. Before you sign the lease, read it very carefully to make sure you agree with all the details.

The lease contains all details regarding your rent and occupying the property.

Include all tenants on the lease – all the people who will be occupying the property should be mentioned in the lease. This means that everyone will be responsible for the rent. If you are the only name on the lease, you can be held responsible for all the rent.

The bond

When you sign the lease, you will be asked to pay your first month's rent plus a bond which is a security deposit (usually equal to one month's rent). The bond is held to ensure that when you move out the landlord can cover the costs such as cleaning, repairing damage to the property etc. However, the bond is fully refunded if the landlord makes no claims.

You must fill in the Bond Lodgement Form when you pay your bond. The landlord or agent must lodge the bond money and the Bond Lodgement Form with the RTBA (Residential Tenancy Bond Authority) within ten business days of you paying the money.

What the agent will supply

Once you have paid the bond and one month rent in advance, and signed the lease, you should receive the following documents from the agent:

- An information booklet called *Renting a Home – A Guide for Tenants and Landlord*. The booklet outlines your rights as a tenant and also the rights of the landlord. The booklet is available from the Department of Consumer Affairs in various languages – www.consumer.vic.gov.au
- A copy of the agreement or lease and a copy of the bond lodgement form.
- A condition report (a list stating the condition of all rooms and their contents).
- A receipt for the bond and a receipt for the rent you have paid.
- A set of keys to the property.
- The landlord or agent's full name, address, telephone and fax number.
- A statement setting out the agent's power to authorise urgent repairs, and the agent's telephone and fax numbers for urgent repairs.

7. Connecting utilities (gas, electricity and telephone)

Most agents offer a free connection service for new tenants. This is an easy way to have all your utilities connected for you.

If you require a fixed-line telephone service, most telephone companies have a connection fee (paid once only), plus telephone rental fee and service fee, which are charged monthly on the account. The account set up fee will come on the first bill.

8. Moving in

Condition report

When you move in, you must complete a Condition Report. This report documents the condition of the property before you move in. This report protects you from being blamed for damages to the property that occurred before you moved in.

When completing a Condition Report, be very careful to record any marks or damage eg: stains on the carpet, holes in plaster, cracked windows, broken lights or door handles. Taking digital photos is another way to keep an accurate record of the condition.

The Condition Report should be sent to your agent within three days. Once you return it, they will send one copy back to you, signed by the landlord.

Rental accommodation (continued)

Furniture

You can buy new or used furniture from specialist retailers, second-hand shops or from other students.

- The notice boards on campus are a good place to check what other students are selling.
- Local markets and The Trading Post (www.tradingpost.com.au) are other good places to look for and buy second-hand household goods.
- If you need to move furniture from another house there are furniture movers who specialise in student removals.
- There is a list of furniture and homewares shops at the back of this booklet.

9. Moving out

Before you leave the apartment make sure you have:

- Given adequate written notice to the agent of your intention to leave (usually 28 days). This condition applies even if your lease is expiring.
- Advised the electricity, telephone and gas authorities that you are leaving.
- Cleaned the flat – most agents require you to have the carpet steam cleaned.
- Advised the university of your new address.

When you have moved out, the real estate agent will inspect the property. If that inspection finds that all is in good order (similar to your initial Condition Report), your bond will be refunded to you. For your benefit you should try to attend this inspection with the agent.

Problems retrieving your bond – If you have any problems with retrieving your bond from the real estate agent, contact the Swinburne International Accommodation Adviser immediately on 9214 5551 or the Student Services Housing Officer on 9214 8882.

For information about renting vacant property:
www.swin.edu.au/stuserv/housing/renting.html

Off-campus student hostels and hotels

There is a wide variety of hostels, hotels, rooming houses and guest houses also available for long-term accommodation. These vary widely in price and quality. The following are popular with Swinburne students:

Hotels

Claremont Hotel

- Single furnished room, share bathroom and kitchen facilities
- Rates from \$60 per night

189 Toorak Road, South Yarra
Tel: 9826 8000
Email: info@hotelclaremont.com
www.hotelclaremont.com

Hostels

Hawthorn House

- High-standard college or apartment accommodation at a reasonable rate
- A one-minute walk to Hawthorn campus
- \$220 per week single room with private bathroom, \$280 per week for single room apartment, \$335 per week for twin sharing one bedroom apartment

3 Launder Street, Hawthorn
Tel: 0403 329 813
Jasmine Tan (manager)
www.studenthostel.net

Student Accommodation Victoria

- High-quality student hostel with fully furnished rooms, share kitchen and bathrooms
- Travel to campus: 25 minutes to Hawthorn, 40 minutes to Prahran or Lilydale campus
- Rates from \$175–\$450 per week

32-34 Kangerong Road, Box Hill
Tel: 9890 2812
Email: admin@sa-vic.com.au
www.sa-vic.com.au

Kew Student Residence

- Twin-share rooms, full board (all meals), shared bathroom and 24-hour internet facilities
- Rates from \$260 per week twin share

25 Mary Street, Kew
Tel: 9853 5402
Fax: 9853 6714
Email: manager@kbsh.org
www.kewstudentresidence.com.au

Student Apartments

Hawthorn campus area

Varsity Apartments

- Very nice new student 80-apartment facility
- Fully furnished and equipped
- A five-minute walk to Hawthorn campus
- Rates from \$200 per week

1 Queens Avenue, Hawthorn
Tel: 9373 6800 or 1300 742 000
www.s-h-a.com.au

Eastern Place

- New fully furnished 80-apartment facility for students
- A 10-minute walk to Hawthorn campus
- Rates from \$200 per week

1 Montrose Place, Hawthorn East
Tel: 9373 6800 or 1300 742 000
www.s-h-a.com.au

The Quad

- New fully furnished 109-apartment facility for students.
- A 15-minute walk to Hawthorn campus
- Rates from \$210 per week

71 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn
Tel: 9373 6800 or 1300 742 000
www.s-h-a.com.au

383 Burwood Road Apartment, Hawthorn

- Purpose-built student apartments
- Fully furnished and equipped
- A one-minute walk to Hawthorn campus
- Rates from \$230 per week

Tel: 8809 5555
Email: property@little.com.au
www.littleresidential.com.au

17 Park Street Apartment, Hawthorn

- Fully furnished apartment with 2–4 beds
- A one-minute walk to Hawthorn campus
- Rates from \$265–\$375 per week

Tel: 8809 5555
Email: property@little.com.au
www.littleresidential.com.au

589 Glenferrie Road Apartment, Hawthorn

- Fully furnished one bedroom
- Rates from \$300 per week

Tel: 8809 5555
Email: property@little.com.au
www.littleresidential.com.au

29-35 Lynch Street Apartment, Hawthorn

- Fully furnished
- A one-minute walk to Hawthorn campus
- Brand new student apartment
- Rates from \$220–\$280 per week

Tel: 8809 5555
Email: property@little.com.au
www.littleresidential.com.au

Off-campus student hostels and hotels (continued)

60 Auburn Road Apartment, Hawthorn

- Furnished
- A five-minute walk to Hawthorn campus
- Modern student living
- Rates from \$300 per week

Tel: 8809 5555

Email: property@little.com.au

www.littleresidential.com.au

Riversdale Residence

- Fully furnished and bills included
- Rates from \$225 per week

378 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn East

Tel: 9560 1718 or 0403 040 324

Email: info@riversdaleresidence.com.au

28 Queens Avenue Apartment

- Fully furnished apartment with 2-4 beds
- A five-minute walk to Hawthorn campus
- Rates from \$260 per week

28 Queens Avenue, Hawthorn

Tel: 9826 8788

Email: jgillespie@castrangilbert.com.au

www.castrangilbert.com.au

Prahran campus area

South Yarra Central

- One-bedroom student apartment facility
- All fully furnished and with private balcony
- A ten-minute walk to Prahran campus
- Rates from \$230 per week

51 Garden Street, Prahran

Tel: 9373 6800 or 1300 742 000

Email: info@s-h-a.com.au

www.s-h-a.com.au

St Edmonds Apartments

- New student apartment facility
- All fully furnished with balcony
- A two-minute walk to Prahran campus
- Rates from \$235 per week

32 St Edmonds Street, Prahran

Tel: 9373 6800 or 1300 742 000

Email: info@s-h-a.com.au

www.s-h-a.com.au

Porter Apartments

- New fully furnished student apartment facility
- A five-minute walk to Prahran campus
- Rates from \$235 per week

8 Porter Street, Prahran

Tel: 9373 6800 or 1300 742 000

Email: info@s-h-a.com.au

www.s-h-a.com.au

Prahran Mews Apartments

- New fully furnished student apartment facility
- A five-minute walk to Prahran campus
- Rates from \$235 per week

1-5 Donald Street, Prahran

Tel: 9373 6800 or 1300 742 000

Email: info@s-h-a.com.au

www.s-h-a.com.au

72 High Street Apartment

- Fully furnished apartment with 2-4 beds
- A two-minute walk to Prahran campus
- Rates from \$260 per week

72 High Street, Prahran

Tel: 9826 8788

Email: jgillespie@castrangilbert.com.au

www.castrangilbert.com.au

Melbourne city area

Global Village

- New fully furnished, student apartment facility
- 20 minutes by tram/train to Hawthorn or Prahran campus
- Rates: \$270 per week studio, \$300 per week 1+study, \$340 per week twin

39 Lonsdale Street, City

Tel: 8687 6188

Email: bookings@globalvillageaccom.com.au

www.globalvillageaccom.com.au

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Arrow on Swanston

- Purpose-built student apartments in the heart of the city centre
- 25 minutes by tram/train to Hawthorn or Prahran campuses
- Studio from \$297 per week

488 Swanston Street, Carlton

Tel: 9225 9026

www.arrowonswanston.com.au

Other Melbourne

Le Student 8 Melbourne

- Spacious studio rooms – single, double or twin
- 45 minutes by tram/train to Hawthorn or Prahran campus
- Rates from \$215– \$390 per week depending on single/double studio and length of stay

205 Bell Street, Preston

Tel: 9485 0200

www.lestudent8.com

Temporary accommodation

Short-term accommodation could be an option on arrival.

Hawthorn campus area

Unilodge @ Swinburne Place

- Located on Hawthorn campus
- Single rooms in a 3- or 4-room fully furnished apartment
- Trial period rate \$288 per week, 1–4 weeks
- Rates from \$294– \$371 per week for more than 12 weeks

Hawthorn campus

Tel: 9914 2900

Email: swinburne.place@unilodge.com.au

www.swinburneplace.com.au

Swinburne Residential College

Short-term accommodation available during January and February only.

- Located on Hawthorn campus, a one-minute walk to Glenferrie railway station.
- Individual rooms furnished with a single bed, built-in study desk and bookshelf, chairs, wash basin and electric kettle. Shared bathroom, kitchen and lounge facilities.
- Rates: \$50 per night or \$340 per week (includes continental breakfast daily)

21 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn

Tel: 9214 5555

Email: residences@swin.edu.au

www.swin.edu.au/stuserv/residential

Glenferrie Hotel

- A five-minute walk from Hawthorn campus
- Rates from \$155 per night (\$120 long-term)

324 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

Tel: 9818 6530

Email: glenferriehotel@ozemail.com.au

www.glenferriehotel.com.au

Quest Hotel

- A two-minute walk from Hawthorn campus
- 4.5 star fully-serviced studio apartment, queen/king size bed
- Rate: from \$199 per night

616 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

Tel: 8803 7700

Email: questhawthorn@questapartments.com.au

www.questhawthorn.com.au

Lilydale campus area

Lilydale Student Village

- Fully furnished apartment with or without an ensuite bathroom
- Rates from \$165– \$190

Lilydale campus

Tel: 9735 9309

Email: village@swin.edu.au

www.ld.swin.edu.au/village

Prahran campus area

Claremont Hotel

- Single furnished room, share bathroom and kitchen facilities
- 10 minutes by train to Prahran campus and 20 minutes to Hawthorn campus
- Rates: dormitory from \$34 and single room from \$60 per night

189 Toorak Road, South Yarra

Tel: 9826 8000

Email: info@hotelclaremont.com

www.hotelclaremont.com

Back of Chapel – Backpackers Hostel

- Newly renovated hostel including lounge with cable TV and DVD, communal kitchen and dining room
- A one-minute walk to Prahran campus
- Rates around \$25 per night (6 bed dorm)

50 Green Street, Prahran.

Tel: 9521 5338

Email: backofchapel@optusnet.com.au

www.backofchapel.com.au

Base Backpackers Hostel

- New hostel that features fish swimming under the floor!!
- A five-minute walk to beach and tourist district
- Hostel has a female only section
- 15 minutes by tram to Prahran campus
- Rates from \$34 dormitory (4–10 beds), \$99–\$105 double per night

17 Carlisle Street, St Kilda

Tel: 8598 6200

Email: stkilda@basebackpackers.com

www.basebackpackers.com

Chapel Street Backpackers Hostel

- Small hostel, include breakfast, requires credit card to secure booking
- A five-minute walk to Prahran campus
- Rates from \$28 (4 bed dormitory) or \$30–\$35 twin share or private room from \$75 per night

22 Chapel Street, Windsor

Tel: 9533 6855

Email: info@csbackpackers.com.au

www.csbackpackers.com.au

Pint on Punt

- Bar and bistro with backpacker accommodation
- A 10-minute walk to Prahran campus
- Rates from \$24 dormitory to \$65 twin/double

42 Punt Road, Windsor

Tel: 9510 4273 or 1800 835 000

Email: stay@pintonpunt.com.au.au

www.pintonpunt.com.au

Melbourne city area

Victoria Hotel

- Hotel-style rooms with share bathroom
- Coin operated laundry. Indoor swimming pool. No cooking facilities
- Rooms with private bathroom also available at a higher rate
- 20 minutes by train to Hawthorn or Prahran campus. One hour or more to Lilydale campus.
- Rates from \$86 single to \$100 twin per night

Note: Identify yourself as a Swinburne student to get student rates.

215 Little Collins Street, Melbourne

Tel: 9669 0000 or 1800 331 147

Email: stay@victoriahotel.com.au

www.victoriahotel.com.au

Greenhouse Backpackers Hostel

- Backpacker-style dormitory accommodation with up to six beds in a room
- Share bathroom, kitchen and lounge facilities
- Rates include breakfast and 30 minutes internet each day, free luggage storage
- 20 minutes by train to Hawthorn or Prahran campus. One hour or more to Lilydale campus
- Rates from \$30 dormitory (4–6 beds), \$78 twins/doubles, \$70 single per night

Level 6, 228 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Tel: 9639 6400

Email: greenhouse@friendlygroup.com.au

www.friendlygroup.com.au

Richmond Hill Hotel

- 3-star hotel offering comfort and personalised services including complimentary buffet breakfast.
- Rates: from \$88 one person to \$112 two person per night

353 Church Street, Richmond

Tel: 1800 801 618

Email: rhhotel@bigpond.net.au

www.richmondhillhotel.com

Southern Cross Backpacker

- Rates from 4-bed dormitory \$20, twin room (2 single beds) \$80, double room (double bed) \$80 per night

2 Spencer Street, Melbourne

Tel: 9620 1022

Email: info@allnations.com

Other Melbourne

Student Accommodation Victoria

- High-quality student hostel with fully furnished rooms, share kitchen and bathrooms
- 25 minutes by train to Hawthorn, 40 minutes by train to Prahran or Lilydale campuses
- Rates per night: from \$280 per week

32-34 Kangerong Road, Box Hill

Tel: 9890 2812

Email: admin@sa-vic.com.au

www.sa-vic.com.au

Useful websites and contacts

Rental properties

www.realestate.com.au

www.domain.com.au

www.realestateview.com.au

www.property.com.au

Share accommodation

Be aware of fraudulent ads and false landlords in internet classified.

www.domain.com.au

www.realestate.com.au

www.flatmates.com.au

www.melbourne.gumtree.com.au

www.flatmatefinders.com.au

www.nextroommate.com

www.yourestate.com.au

Or *Google* 'Share Accommodation'

Temporary accommodation

www.visitvictoria.com/

www.backpackmelbourne.com/

www.serviced-apartments.com.au

www.shortstayapartments.com.au

www.rent-a-home.com.au

www.wotif.com.au

www.hotelclub.com.au

www.ozhotels.com.au

www.lastminute.com.au

Useful contacts

Swinburne housing officers

Sam Tsering

International Student Advisor (Accommodation)

Swinburne International

Tel: 9214 5551

Email: accommodation@swin.edu.au

Location: Level 1, 20 Wakefield St

Beth Graham

Student Housing Officer (Hawthorn campus)

Student Services

Tel: 9214 8882

Email: bgraham@swin.edu.au / sbarnes@swin.edu.au

Location: Student Information Centre, Ground Floor, 20 Wakefield Street

Benjamin Hutton

Student Housing Officer (Pahran campus)

Student Services

Tel: 9214 6728

Email: bhutton@swin.edu.au

Location: PK Building, Level 2

Jan Simmons

Student Housing Officer (Lilydale campus)

Student Services

Tel: 9214 7105

Email: jansimmons@swin.edu.au

Location: LA Building, Room LA102.g

Glenda Rebeiro

Student Housing Officer (Wantirna campus)

Student Services

Tel: 9214 1905

Email: grebeiro@swin.edu.au

Location: W258

Sarah Gowan

Student Housing Officer (Croydon campus)

Student Services

Tel: 9214 1712

Email: sgowan@swin.edu.au

Location: A129

Swinburne clubs and societies

Swinburne has several clubs and societies such as the Indian Club, the Malaysian Association and the Vietnamese Society

These can be a good source of information for accommodation and resources

For more information visit the SSAA website at:
www.swin.edu.au/ssaa/clubs.htm

Other organisations

Consumer Affairs Victoria

Tel: 1300 558 181
www.consumer.vic.gov.au/students

The Tenants Union of Victoria

Offers free advice on tenant's rights

Tel: 9416 2577
www.tuv.org.au

Residential Tenancy Bond Authority

The government department responsible for holding tenants bond

Tel: 1300 137 164
www.rtba.vic.gov.au

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission

Tel: 9281 7111 or 1800 134 142
Email: information@veohrc.vic.gov.au
www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/Home.asp

Dispute Settlement Centre

4/456 Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Tel: 9603 8370 or 1800 658 528
Email: dscv@justice.vic.gov.au

Study Melbourne

www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

International Students Care Service

4/456 Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Tel: 1800 056 449
19-21 Argyle Place South, Carlton, Victoria 3053
Email: info@iscs.vic.gov.au
www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/iscs

Real estate agents

Hawthorn campus area

McInnes Management

773 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn 3122
Tel: 9818 7838
www.mcinnes.com.au

Jellis Craig

818 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn 3122
Tel: 9818 2222
www.jellisrcraig.com.au

Collins Simms

860 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn 3122
Tel: 9816 5000
www.collinssimms.com.au

Barry & Matthew Iles Pty Ltd

793 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn 3122
Tel: 9818 3580
www.iles.com.au

Little Residential

41 Burwood Road, Hawthorn 3122
Tel: 9810 2000
property@little.com.au

Run Property

328 Burwood Road, Hawthorn 3122
Tel: 8809 5000
www.run.com.au

Noel Jones Real Estate

150 Cotham Road, Kew 3101
Tel: 9817 4535
www.noeljones.com.au

Noel Jones Real Estate

Cnr Burke and Toorak Roads,
Camberwell 3124
Tel: 9809 2000
www.noeljones.com.au

Woodards

273 Camberwell Road,
Camberwell 3124
Tel: 9805 1111
www.woodards.com.au

Hocking Stuart Hawthorn

1153-1157 Burke Road, Kew 3101
Tel: 9944 3888
www.hockingstuart.com.au

Hocking Stuart Hawthorn Property

617 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn 3122
Tel: 9818 1800
www.hockingstuart.com.au

L J Hooker Kew

296 High Street, Kew 3101
Tel: 9853 5000
www.ljhooker.com.au

Prahran campus area

Hocking Stuart (Armadale) Pty Ltd

835 High Street, Armadale 3143
Tel: 95090411
www.hockingstuart.com.au

Castran Gilbert (Aust) Pty Ltd

276 Toorak Road, South Yarra 3141
Tel: 9827 1177
www.castrangilbert.com.au

Beller Real Estate Pty Ltd

92 Chapel Street, Windsor 3181
Tel: 9510 1966
www.realestateview.com.au

M Estate Agents

Level 1, 459 Toorak Road, Toorak 3142
Tel: 9296 2010
www.mestateagents.com.au

Century 21 Wilson Pride (Prahran)

2 Chatham Street, Prahran 3181
Tel: 9529 1100
www.century21.com.au

Biggin & Scott (Toorak/Prahran)

305 High Street, Prahran 3181
Tel: 9520 9000
www.bigginscott.com.au/

Marshall White & Co Pty Ltd

1111 High Street, Armadale 3143
Tel: 9822 8711
www.marshallwhite.com.au

Noel Jones

61-63 Commercial Road, South Yarra
Tel: 98676777
www.noeljones.com.au

Jellis Craig (Stonnington)

1st Floor, 1121 High Street,
Armadale 3143
Tel: 9832 0500
www.jellisrcraig.com.au

Hodges

Suite 1, 657 Chapel Street,
South Yarra 3141
Tel: 9827 7494
www.hodges.com.au

Apartment Superstore

522 Church Street, Richmond 3121
Tel: 1800 272 786
www.apartmentsuperstore.com.au

Furniture, homewares and food shops

Target

Station Street, Camberwell
Tel: 9934 6600
www.target.com.au

K-Mart

Victoria Gardens Shopping Centre
524 Victoria Street, Richmond (cnr Burnley Street)
Tel: 9421 0100
www.k-mart.com.au

Dimmey's

140 Swan Street, Richmond (close to Richmond station)
Tel: 9427 0442
www.dimmeys.com.au

Ikea

Victoria Gardens Shopping Centre
524 Victoria Street, Richmond (cnr Burnley Street)
www.ikea.com.au

Freedom Furniture

625 Chapel Street, South Yarra
Tel: 9826 0033
www.freedom.com.au

Markets

Camberwell Sunday Market (good for used furniture)

Safeway Carpark
Camberwell Junction Shopping Centre
Every Sunday morning, 7am–2.30pm
www.sundaymarket.com.au

Queen Victoria Market

513 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
(cheap food shopping)
Open Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun.
www.qvm.com.au

Prahran Market

163 Commercial Road, South Yarra
Open Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun.
www.prahranmarket.com.au

Used furniture shops

St Vincent De Paul

254 Auburn Road, Hawthorn
Tel: 9818 5456
www.vinnies.org.au

Salvation Army

529 Riversdale Road, Camberwell
Tel: 9882 3774
www.salvos.org.au

Swan Street Auctions

365 Swan Street, Richmond
Tel: 9428 0677
www.swanstreet.com.au

Salvation Army Family Store

81 Victoria Crescent, Abbotsford
Tel: 9419 7410

Trading Post

A newspaper that advertises second hand goods, can be bought from news agencies, or can be viewed online at:
www.melbournetradingpost.com.au

Electrical appliances

Betta Electrical

479-481 Bridge Road, Richmond
Tel: 9428 0333

Rent-a-Vision

326 Chapel Street, Prahran
Tel: 9510 2013

The Warehouse

Shop 2/33 Hutchinson Street, Lilydale
Tel: 9739 7577
www.thewarehouse.com.au

Student furniture movers

Mini Movers

Tel: 1300 882 440
www.minimovers.com.au

Man with a Van

Tel: 9417 3443

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+61 3 8676 7002 (worldwide)
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