



# FLINDERS LIVING

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION





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“I would highly recommend Flinders Living to anyone moving away to study at Flinders University as it’s the most wonderfully supportive, exciting and inclusive accommodation available in Adelaide.”

Mia Zaccardo, Mount Gambier SA



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# WELCOME TO LIFE ON CAMPUS

At Flinders Living, we understand that moving away from home or starting at a new university can be both exciting and a little daunting, which is why we do everything we can to support our students to settle in quickly. Our staff and student leadership teams aim to make University Hall and Deirdre Jordan Village great places to live, learn and grow.

We are committed to maintaining a safe, supportive and comfortable learning environment, and have staff available 24/7 to support our students' wellbeing and academic pursuits. We provide vibrant and community centred spaces where students from all over Australia and from around the world come together to live and study. Flinders Living offers a mixture of catered and self-catered accommodation options and this guide is designed to assist you with making the right choice for your individual circumstances.

Flinders is the only university in Adelaide that gives you the opportunity to live on campus and both University Hall and Deirdre Jordan Village are located within the Bedford Park campus. One of the best ways to enrich your university experience is to live

and learn with others from a range of backgrounds and academic disciplines. The wide range of social, sporting and community activities also enhances the student experience at Flinders Living.

Many students look back on their time at Flinders and comment that living on campus was a highlight of their experience. We look forward to you joining our community and know that you will find the experience enriching and memorable.





# A FLINDERS LIFE

- Make new friends who will last a lifetime
- Live in a safe environment with 24/7 security and staff assistance
- Choose between catered and self-catered accommodation
- Enjoy a wide range of social, sporting, cultural and community activities
- Live within the Bedford Park campus, meaning less travel time and cost
- Receive academic and wellbeing support
- Enjoy hassle-free living with no unexpected costs or utility bills
- Experience a wide range of ideas and cultures
- Develop leadership skills within the community
- Participate in a wide range of philanthropic community service activities.

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“Knowing there would be 200 odd other students in the same position, eager to make friends...turned moving interstate from a daunting situation to something extremely exciting!”

Sine Aberdour



## LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Flinders Living is a great place to live and learn. Our supportive collegiate environment and location close to all services has delivered proven academic benefits for our residents.

Our first-year residents have consistently achieved grade point averages (GPAs) higher than the University average, and a significantly higher percentage of residents complete their degrees than non-residential students.

If you are a first year undergraduate student you may be a little concerned about the prospect of studying at university level. You don't have to worry if you choose Flinders Living because we will provide you with support and assistance to make that transition as smooth as we can. If you live off-campus, you'll only meet students from your course during set times. Live with us and you'll be surrounded by many other students who are studying the same course. This is beneficial because, as research shows, studying with your peers is a contributing factor in student success.

Flinders Living offers a wide range of activities including cultural dinners, sporting events, social events and entertainment, study groups and music nights. You can also participate in other extracurricular activities including inter-collegiate sports, debating, acting and dancing to singing, yoga, meditation and a book club.

Our fun and engaging social program helps you to relax, recharge and excel at your studies, while also providing a great opportunity to develop a skill or passion, network with other colleges and make new friends.

## SAFE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

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Flinders Living is managed by a team of professional staff and experienced student leaders. The Principal of Flinders Living is appointed by the University to oversee the direction and provide leadership to the residential community. The Deputy Principal, as well as the professional staff group and a team of experienced and well-trained student leaders are available to provide you with advice and guidance or to refer you to other University support services, should this be necessary.

As a member of our community you will be encouraged to explore opportunities to gain independence and leadership experiences. You will find that these experiences contribute significantly to your personal growth and development and provide you with solid evidence for future employment.

Flinders Living and the University Security Service work together to ensure our buildings and grounds are as safe as possible for you. No matter the time of the day or night, there will be a staff member available to assist you in the case of an emergency.





15 mins to  
Brighton Beach



20 mins to the  
City Centre



15 mins to the  
Adelaide Hills



## THE PERFECT LOCATION

Perched on top of a hill with panoramic views of the coastline and the city of Adelaide, Flinders Living offers a unique student lifestyle.

University Hall and Deirdre Jordan Village are located at the centre of the Bedford Park campus – within walking distance to the main campus, Sturt buildings, Flinders Medical Centre and Tonsley campus – giving you easy access to lecture theatres and facilities as well as food, shops, health and counselling, and recreational activities.

Our appealing hilltop precinct offers expanses of park-like surroundings, native forests, a historical garden and peaceful bushland to relax and reinvigorate you as you go about your study. It's truly one of the best-kept secrets among Australian universities.

Being so close to everything our university has to offer, Flinders Living residents are more actively engaged in campus life and integrated into the Flinders University community. This positively impacts the likelihood of our students completing their study and achieving higher academic outcomes.

While living on campus means there's no need to travel to and from class, Flinders is located only 15 minutes to Adelaide's stunning metropolitan beaches, 20 minutes to the city, and 20 minutes to the picturesque McLaren Vale region. Flinders is also conveniently positioned 10 minutes from a major shopping centre and the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre. You'll soon find that public transport runs frequently to and from Flinders, connecting the University with everything Adelaide has to offer.

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**“I decided to stay at Flinders Living after the first year because of the convenience and proximity to campus. It's really easy to travel back and forth from campus – and I was able to room with other people in my degree.”**

Josh Rush, Kentucky USA





## ACCOMMODATION

There are a variety of accommodation options available at Flinders Living to suit your needs. Accommodation is available in our self-contained units in Deirdre Jordan Village or in University Hall, our catered hall of residence.

Our fees cover the majority of living expenses including water, gas, electricity, internet connection, furniture, laundry, kitchen facilities, some housekeeping, and access to many functions and activities. There are no hidden costs and our payment options are easy, especially with direct debit.

By staying at Flinders Living you are only contracted for a 40-week period (February to November), so if you travel or return home over summer you don't pay rent. You will find that this arrangement will be considerably less expensive than entering into a private rental agreement which will generally be for a full 52-week period.

Flinders Living also offers a short-term accommodation service for visitors over the summer break. Check our website or get in touch with us to check availability.

## HOW TO APPLY

Information regarding the application process can be accessed by contacting the Flinders Living team or by visiting [www.flinders.edu.au/living](http://www.flinders.edu.au/living), selecting Apply Online and viewing the Application Instructions.

This page is updated before Open Day each year to provide key dates including the application closing date and offer dates for accommodation in the following academic year.

Our staff are also very happy to discuss the application process for students who may be studying a non-standard academic year.

To complete your application you will be asked, step by step, to provide the following information:

- Where you want to live – University Hall or Deirdre Jordan Village
- Personal and contact details
- Whether you have any special needs
- Your international student details (if applicable)
- Your intended course of academic study

To have your application processed there is a small non-refundable Application Fee - payment can be made online.

If you would like to visit and organise a tour please contact the Flinders Living office.

## FEES

For the current fees, please refer to the website at: [\*\*flinders.edu.au/living\*\*](http://flinders.edu.au/living)

“If you’re scared, if you are unsure, if you don’t think you could live with strangers, if you don’t think you will fit in...the best thing you can do is just take the leap and apply. It will be one of the best decisions you make in this part of your young life and you’ll never forget your time here.”

Jason Hannigan, Broken Hill NSW

“It’s truly a great experience and a lot of fun, and there’s nothing that you can compare to living on campus. It has been the best two years of my life.”

Christian Thiel, Darwin NT





# DEIRDRE JORDAN VILLAGE

Deirdre Jordan Village features 90 fully equipped, self-contained units accommodating 354 students. This enables you to enjoy an independent lifestyle within a vibrant and supportive community.

The Village features outdoor recreation spaces including three barbecue areas and a modern community centre with a large common room, seminar rooms, a music room and decking with sea views.

As a resident of Deirdre Jordan Village you will enjoy the greater privacy and self-sufficiency that comes with independent living. Individual needs can be catered for, with units available for postgraduate students or for students requiring single-sex accommodation due to cultural or religious reasons.

The residential staff take a proactive role in engaging with residents and organising Village events throughout the year as well as nurturing a communal respect for cultural diversity. Opportunities for social interaction will help you develop your personal interests and skills while building lasting friendships.

Living independently is an exciting experience and a great opportunity to take on new responsibilities and develop life skills. As a resident of the Village you will contribute to a clean and friendly environment in which you and your housemates can study and socialise. Staff are available to offer advice about maintaining your living space, or to assist with house meetings.

“Deirdre Jordan Village has spacious living areas...we have bright bedrooms, with huge table space and big common areas.”

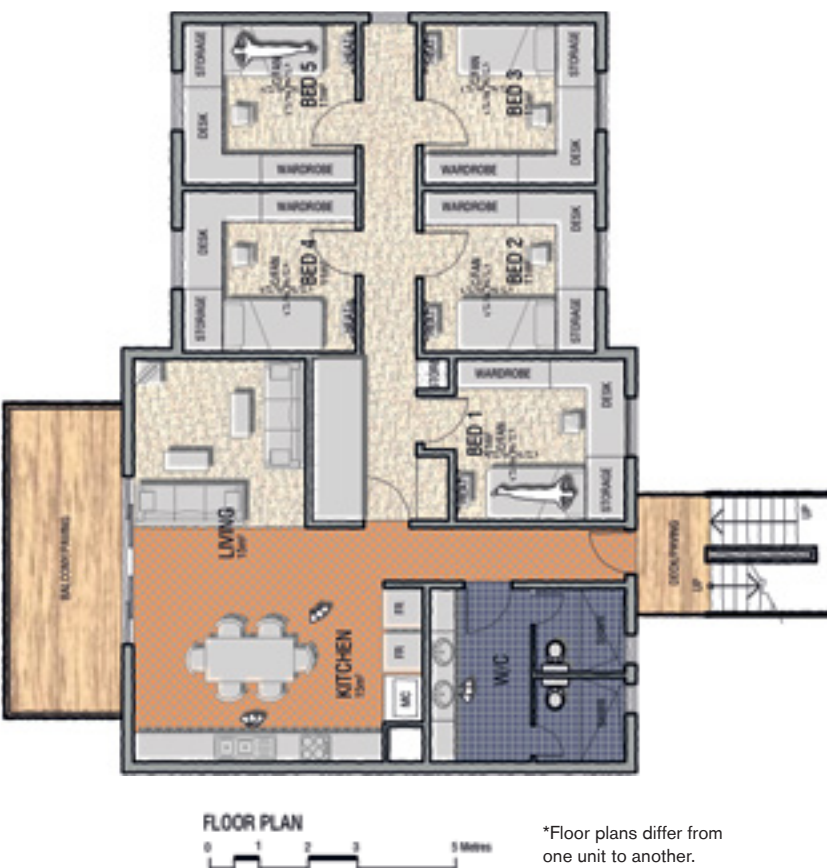
Shraddha Adhikari, Nepal

Example layout for a three-bedroom unit. Typical Unit 1-22\*



\*Floor plans differ from one unit to another.

Example layout for a five-bedroom unit. Typical Unit 43-82\*



\*Floor plans differ from one unit to another.

## OVERVIEW

- 354 bedrooms
- Undergraduate and postgraduate
- Self-catered
- Each unit has a full size kitchen with oven, microwave, fridge, freezer, toaster and kettle
- Free Wi-Fi access
- Free on-site laundry and enclosed drying areas plus washing machines in all 2 and 3 bedroom units
- Onsite carparking (with the purchase of a resident parking permit)
- Landscaped barbecue areas, private lounge and living areas, patios/balconies and grassed areas, fully equipped music room, seminar rooms, pool table, foosball table, community centre with Wi-Fi and home cinema, extensive verandahs and panoramic views
- Air conditioning in common areas including community centre, seminar rooms, unit living areas. Note: Village Annexe units are not air-conditioned.
- 40-week contract with the option to extend to 52 weeks
- One semester (20-week) contracts for study abroad, exchange and graduating students
- Lockable storage areas
- 24-hour security
- Free access to sport and fitness centre (gym)

## YOUR ROOM

Deirdre Jordan Village offers a variety of accommodation including two bedroom, three bedroom or five bedroom units. You'll also have use of all community living areas, which are great spaces for relaxing and socialising.

Each standard bedroom comes equipped with:

- A single bed, mattress and mattress protector
- Desk and desk chair
- Wardrobe, shelving and pinboard
- Heating and ceiling fan
- Mirror and towel rail
- Secure entry with unique key access to each bedroom

Layout examples may be found by visiting our website.

“The best thing about Flinders Living is the social closeness; it's a friendly, energetic environment...everyone cares for one another.”

Charles Chiam, Malaysia



“Flinders Living offers a great multicultural environment where you can meet and learn from many students...Flinders Hall provides me with a home in a safe community environment, accompanied by astonishing food, numerous friendships and some awesome memories. To me, these are all invaluable....Flinders Living presents itself as the place to be, where virtually any student can enrich their lifestyle.”

Haidarr Jones



## University Hall is our catered, collegiate hall of residence.

It hosts a community of 209 residents in a friendly and accepting environment. You can take advantage of the common rooms, music room, grassed central courtyard, gardens, barbecue areas and gazebos during your stay, all while experiencing a strong sense of community.

We recommend students who are transitioning into higher education soon after high school, choose the more collegiate and supportive environment of the Hall for their first year experience, before considering moving to the Village for a more independent lifestyle in later years.

You will be provided with easy access to academic and wellbeing guidance through a team of student leaders living on site. In addition, the elected House Committee strengthens the sense of community through the organisation of many intercollegiate sporting competitions and a wide range of social and cultural events.

## YOUR ROOM

University Hall offers single rooms, and a small number of shared rooms, with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities. You'll also have the added bonus of all communal living and dining areas, which are great spaces for relaxing and socialising.

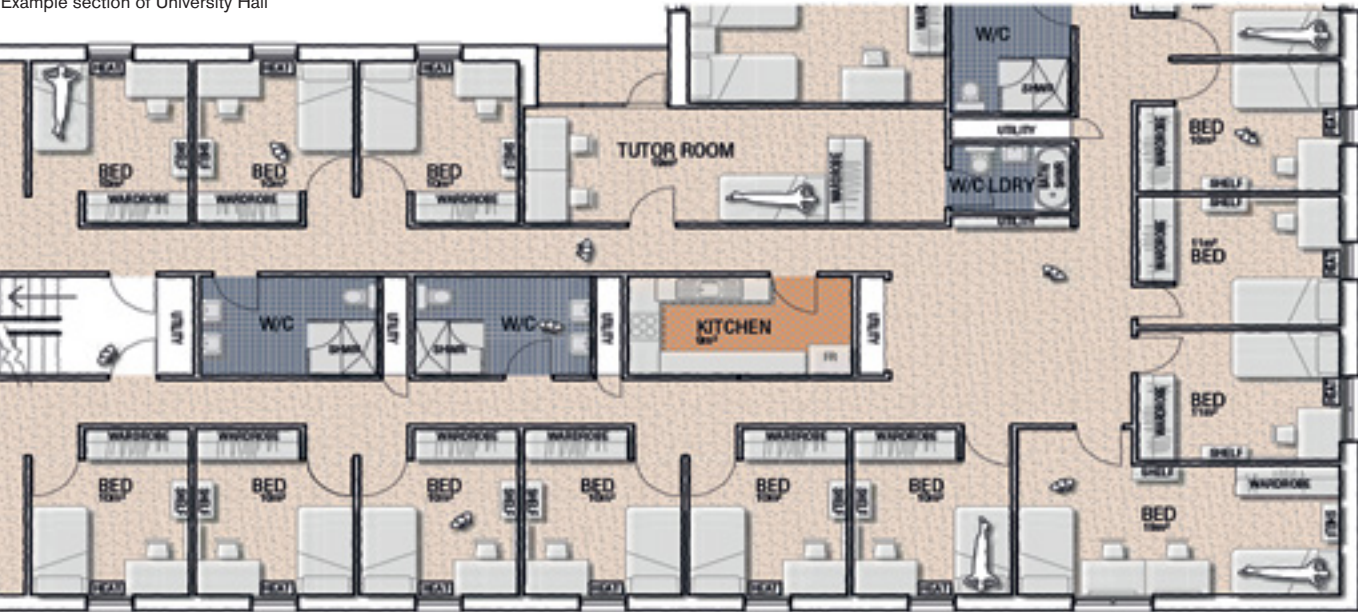
Each standard bedroom comes equipped with:

- A single bed, mattress and
- mattress protector (long single)
- Desk and desk chair
- Wardrobe, shelving and pinboard
- Heating and fan
- Mirror and towel rail
- Secure entry with unique key access to each bedroom

## OVERVIEW

- 209 rooms
- Undergraduate focus
- Catered for Monday to Friday for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Shared kitchenettes with oven, microwave, fridge and freezer
- Free Wi-Fi access
- Free on-site communal laundry and enclosed drying areas
- Onsite carparking (with the purchase of a resident parking permit)
- Landscaped barbecue and relaxation areas/ central courtyard, dining hall, library, reading room, computer room, 2 common rooms with TV/DVD, fully equipped music room, sports court, table tennis and pool tables, multi-purpose function rooms
- Air conditioning in common rooms, dining hall, library, computer room, reading room
- 40-week contract with the option to extend to 52 weeks
- One semester 20-week contracts for study abroad, exchange and graduating students
- Lockable storage areas
- 24-hour security
- Free access to sport and fitness centre (gym)

Example section of University Hall







# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Can anyone apply to live at Flinders Living?

To be eligible to reside at Flinders Living, you must be enrolled on a full time basis in a course of study with Flinders University.

## Should I apply to live at Flinders Living if I have not received an offer to study at Flinders University?

Yes. There is a high demand for on campus accommodation and we encourage you to apply for your accommodation as early as possible. If you do not receive an offer to study at Flinders, you can withdraw your accommodation application, or decline the offer.

## What happens if I defer my study?

If you have received an offer of accommodation and you decide to defer your study, your accommodation offer can be carried over to the following academic year. You will be required to pay the Advance Fee to secure the place.

## If I need to stay longer than the contract end date, what happens? How long is my contract?

A standard contract is 40 weeks which runs for the academic year from February to November. In some circumstances, such as students only studying for a semester or international students, will be eligible to apply for a 20 week (semester) contract. If you need to stay outside of your contract period, the Flinders Living staff will be happy to negotiate a longer stay.

## How much does internet access cost?

Free internet (Wi-Fi) access is available across University Hall and Deirdre Jordan Village. In all other areas, you can choose to access 3/4G services.

## I want to live with specific people or have a specific room type request; can I do this?

You can request to live with specific other residents but this cannot be guaranteed as room allocations occur on the basis of availability, merit and appropriateness of a room. If you have special circumstances, such as disability or cultural requirements, please contact Flinders Living to discuss.

## Do you have rooms for couples or children?

No, we do not cater for couples or children. We can assist you in locating private accommodation off-campus.

## Can I bring my pet?

With the exception of small fish, pets are not permitted in the accommodation for health and safety reasons.

## Can I bring my car/motorbike/bicycle?

Parking is available for cars and motorbikes within the Flinders Living precinct and a parking permit can be purchased online at [www.flinders.edu.au/campus/bedford-park/parking](http://www.flinders.edu.au/campus/bedford-park/parking). Flinders Living provides a bike store within the University Hall area, and many Deirdre Jordan Village residents choose to keep their bikes on their verandah/patio.

## Is there a TV in my room?

Flinders Living doesn't supply a TV in each room or unit, but you are welcome to bring and use your own.

## Who will do the cleaning and laundry?

Communal areas such as stairwells, grounds, dining hall, common rooms are maintained by Flinders Living. You will be responsible for maintaining your bedroom, and if you live in a Village unit then you and your housemates will be responsible for shared areas of the residence. You will also be responsible for doing your own laundry in our free laundry facilities, with your own detergent.

## I have special dietary needs. How will these be catered for?

If you are residing in University Hall, our catering staff are well trained and equipped to deal with dietary needs and allergies. If you have special requirements, please email us at [living@flinders.edu.au](mailto:living@flinders.edu.au) so we can ensure this is catered for. If you are residing in Deirdre Jordan Village, you will be self-catering, however please include this information with your application so we can ensure the Deputy Principal is aware in case of emergency.

## Can I have post sent to me? Where do I collect it from?

All postal items are brought to the Flinders Living office. If a large item is received, you will be emailed and asked to collect the item from the office during business hours. For small items and letters, these are placed in the mail pigeon holes for your collection at University Hall or your locked letterbox at the Village.

## Can I personalise my room?

You may decorate your room to your own liking, however you are responsible for ensuring you leave the room or flat in the same condition that it was given to you. An inventory and condition report will be completed at the conclusion of your contract and before any bond is returned. Painting the room and other permanent changes are not permitted.

## Can I view the accommodation options?

Yes, please contact the Flinders Living staff to make a time for a tour and our team will be happy to show you around.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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