

**SEMESTER 1, 2024 ADMISSIONS****Information Sheet – Wednesday, 3 January, 2024**

Thank you for accepting your offer of accommodation for either University Hall or Deirdre Jordan Village at Flinders Living. We look forward to you joining our residential community.

Please take a moment to read through this Information Sheet which contains useful information about your admission, what you should do if you no longer need your accommodation, some key policies and procedures, activities and events and more.

**Cancelling your accommodation**

If you are not offered an academic place at Flinders University and no longer require accommodation you must let us know. The quickest and most efficient way to do so is to send an email to Gary Shaw, Manager, Residential Services at [flinders.living@flinders.edu.au](mailto:flinders.living@flinders.edu.au).

SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre) will release more academic offers on Thursday, 11 January, 2024 with another round to be made on Wednesday, 24 January, 2024. Further offers will then be made every Thursday and Tuesday commencing Thursday, 1 February, 2024 until Thursday, 14 March, 2024.

The following extract from your Accommodation Agreement outlines the timelines.

**5. Cancellation***Commencing Residents -*

*5.1 If after accepting a residential place, a prospective Commencing Resident cancels that place, the prospective Commencing Resident is entitled to:*

- 5.1.1 a full refund of the Advance Fees if cancelled in writing up to, and including, Friday, 19 January, 2024;*
- 5.1.2 a 50% refund of the Advance Fees if cancelled in writing between Saturday, 20 January, 2024 and Friday, 2 February, 2024; or*
- 5.1.3 no refund of Advance Fees if cancelled in writing between Saturday, 3 February, 2024 and Friday, 16 February, 2024.*

*5.2 If after accepting a residential place, a prospective Commencing Resident cancels that place after the commencement of Term (Saturday, 17 February, 2024) but before their arrival and check-in, the prospective Commencing Resident is subject to Section 6 (see below) of this Agreement.*

### *Returning Residents -*

*5.3 If after accepting a residential place, a prospective Returning Resident cancels that place, the prospective Returning Resident is entitled to:*

- 5.3.1 a full refund of the Advance Fees if cancelled in writing up to, and including, Friday, 5 January, 2024;*
- 5.3.2 a 50% refund of the Advance Fees if cancelled in writing between Saturday, 6 January, 2024 and Friday, 2 February, 2024; or*
- 5.3.3 no refund of Advance Fees if cancelled in writing between Saturday, 3 February, 2024 and Friday, 16 February, 2024.*

*5.4 If after accepting a residential place, a prospective Returning Resident cancels that place after the commencement of Term (Saturday, 17 February, 2024) but before their arrival and check-in, the prospective Returning Resident is subject to Section 6 (see below) of this Agreement.*

### COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

The COVID-19 Pandemic has presented many challenges for us at Flinders Living since 2020 but we have worked hard to ensure that our residents are kept as safe as we can. We will continue to do so moving forward.

All residents are required to be fully vaccinated (and provide evidence of same) prior to the commencement of their Accommodation Agreement. Further, all visitors to the living areas of University Hall and Deirdre Jordan Village must also be fully vaccinated and, on request of persons authorised by the Principal, provide evidence of same.

You will find complete copies of the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy and the procedure for providing evidence of vaccination status on the Flinders Living webpage.

It is important for you to know that if you are a commencing resident you will not be permitted to check-in unless you have provided us, in advance, evidence of your vaccination status.

### Full-time enrolment status

Your Accommodation Agreement (see below) specifies that all residents must be enrolled full-time students.

## **2. Eligibility**

- 2.1 To be eligible for a residential place in the Hall or Village, an applicant for residency must be enrolled as a full-time student of the University.*
- 2.2 In exceptional circumstances an applicant for residency who does not meet the eligibility criteria may be permitted to reside at Flinders Living on application and at the discretion of the Principal.*

If for any reason you will not be commencing Semester 1, 2024 as a full-time student then you should request permission by sending an email to the Principal at [james.atkinson@flinders.edu.au](mailto:james.atkinson@flinders.edu.au) outlining your academic or personal circumstances.

### Planning your arrival

If you are a new resident we would ask that you arrive on, or before, 3.00 p.m. on Move-In Day, Saturday, 17 February, 2024. This will ensure that you are on-campus to take full advantage of all orientation and information sessions and to meet your fellow residents for 2024.

If you need to move in earlier than this date please contact Flinders Living Administration via email at [flinders.living@flinders.edu.au](mailto:flinders.living@flinders.edu.au) as soon as possible.

Please note that the Dining Room in University Hall will open on Monday, 12 February, 2024. Early arriving residents will, however, be able to prepare meals/snacks in the kitchenettes located on each floor.

### Where should I go when I arrive?

Details of where to go and who to notify when you arrive may be found on the following webpage:

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/living/before-you-arrive>

Please don't be concerned if you are arriving on a late-night/early-morning flight as there is someone here day and night that can assist you.

### Move-In Weekend - Saturday 17/Sunday 18 February, 2024 – Please stay around

We ask that parents don't arrange to take you out for dinner on Saturday evening for their first night in Adelaide or shopping on Sunday. While these are lovely gestures there will be key social events that same evening in both the Hall and Village where new friendships will be made. Students who don't attend often say later that they felt they missed out. You may also be absent from key orientation activities and may find that you are not eligible to receive the \$100 refund of your Community Fee for participation and successful completion of all activities (see below).

Check out our video recording of Move-in Day 2022 which you can find on the Flinders Living homepage - <https://www.flinders.edu.au/living>

### Guests prior to and during Orientation Week

Orientation Week (and the week before and after) is a time for residents, new and returning, to meet and get to know each other in an environment which may be unnecessarily complicated by the presence of guests or parents/family members. For this reason, we will not permit guests to stay during the period Monday, 12 February through to Thursday, 29 February, 2024 (inclusive).

### Orientation Week 2024

Orientation Week at Flinders Living runs from Saturday, 17 February through to Sunday, 25 February, 2024 inclusive and complements the University orientation activities.

Orientation Week (or "O Week") is the best opportunity for you to meet your fellow residents and become familiar with the accommodation, academic, cultural and social opportunities available to you on campus and within Flinders Living. Don't be too anxious about the week as experience tells us that the best way to fend off homesickness and to begin to feel comfortable here in Adelaide is to jump in and get involved.

For new residents who are taking part in orientation activities you will be provided with Dinner on Saturday (17<sup>th</sup>) and Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>) at no charge.

On successful completion of all prescribed orientation sessions (for example, Community Living, Sexual Consent & Ethical Bystander Behaviour, Alcohol & Drugs Education, Fire Safety & Evacuation Procedures, Meet & Greet), \$100 of the Community Fee of \$275.00 you paid as part of your Advance Fee as a commencing resident will be refunded to your residential fees account.

We will send you a draft Orientation Week programme during the week commencing Monday, 5 February, 2024 with details of any revisions the next week.

#### Advice for parents

We have prepared some advice for the parents/family members of incoming students which we hope will be helpful to you. It may be found at the following URL:

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/content/dam/documents/campus/bedford-park/flinders-living/flinders-living-parent-advice.pdf>

We will also be holding Information Sessions for Parents/Family Members on –

- Saturday, 17 February, 2024                      3.00 p.m.  
or
- Sunday, 18 February, 2024                      9.00 a.m.

#### What to bring

For a comprehensive listing of things to bring (or not to bring) please follow this URL:

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/living/before-you-arrive>

#### Let's talk a little about our communities

As a resident you should expect to be able to live, work and study in a safe environment. At Flinders Living we work hard to create a strong sense of community through a variety of academic, cultural, social and sporting programs giving you the opportunity to engage on many different levels to gain a better understanding of your fellow residents and collegial obligations. In this way we promote acceptance and respect for individual and cultural differences, building a foundation of acceptance and open-mindedness.

The University expects that you will always act with the best interests of your fellow residents in mind. Respect for others, their rights and freedoms should be your primary concern as should their health and personal safety.

In past years there have been media reports about initiation rites, inappropriate activities or poor behaviour occurring during various universities' orientation weeks. I can assure you that this does not occur in either the Hall or Village. At Flinders Living such behaviours are prohibited and we have a detailed policy against which all our events and activities are assessed for compliance.

### Sharing information to assist us to support you

As a new or returning resident there may be personal information that you would like us to know that would assist us in supporting you during your time with us. This could be a medical issue, such as Epilepsy, Diabetes, severe allergy or any other serious ongoing medical condition. Disclosing this information in the medical information section of your confidential record would allow us to share this information with appropriate medical professionals should you require emergency medical intervention.

Sharing personal information could also include letting us know that you have an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis or about a mental health issue you experience such as Anxiety, Depression or Bipolar Disorder. Letting us know about the impacts on you, as well as the ways we might be able to assist you, will result in you feeling more supported during your time at Flinders Living.

These may include information about sensory issues, dietary requirements, or a regular catch-up with our Deputy Principal to check-in with how you are managing in your new environment.

If you wish to share such information you may do so in an email marked “Confidential” and addressed to our Deputy Principal, Andrea Rohde at [andrea.rohde@flinders.edu.au](mailto:andrea.rohde@flinders.edu.au).

You should be assured that any information you share will be managed in accordance with the University’s Privacy Policy, a copy of which may be found at the following URL:

<http://www.flinders.edu.au/ppmanual/governance/privacy-policy.cfm>

### Taking a look around

Our new residents may wish to take a look at their new surroundings. If you haven’t previously had the chance to visit us on-campus you can check out photographs and floor plans posted on the Flinders Living webpage.

*Hall –*

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/living/university-hall>

*Village -*

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/living/deirdre-jordan-village>

### Flinders Living Handbook 2024

The Handbook is a treasure trove of information about Flinders Living. Not only does it contain advice and guidance on living in a shared community it also outlines our important policies.

The Handbook may be found on the Flinders Living webpage in a section towards the bottom of the landing page headed “What are Flinders Living policies?” or at the following URL:

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/content/dam/documents/campus/bedford-park/flinders-living/flinders-living-handbook.pdf>

### Electrical appliances

The electricity supply in Australia is 230-250 volts/AC 50 Hertz. Electrical goods from other countries usually need a conversion adaptor and 100 volt appliances such as shavers or hairdryers cannot be used without a transformer which can be purchased either overseas or in Australia.

You **must not use** a power board on the University's campus that has (a) been manufactured outside Australia, or (b) does not show this Australian Regulatory Compliance Mark.



We also *strongly advise against* bringing items of cooking equipment (rice cookers, for example) manufactured outside Australia as they tend to set off the electrical safety switches.

### Non-university furniture

We ask that you exercise caution as to what items of non-University furniture you plan to bring into the Hall or the Village with you. Just remember, anything you bring you'll have to take home! More importantly, your favourite armchair from home could be made from a non-fire-retardant material which might ignite more rapidly than more modern furniture or give off noxious emissions. Additional furniture may also unnecessarily crowd or detract from the appearance of a shared living area in which you intend to place it.

There is insufficient storage space for large numbers of the University's own furniture to be stored where residents bring in their own furniture. The University's furniture cannot be stored in corridors or common spaces. Charges will apply for any furniture removal that needs to be undertaken to correct inappropriate removal or placement of University furniture.

A *Request for Approval of Non-University Furniture* must be submitted. Instructions are listed on the first page of the form. A copy of the form may be found at the following URL:

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/content/dam/documents/campus/bedford-park/flinders-living/non-uni-furniture-approval.pdf>

Please print out and complete the relevant pages and either scan them back to us at [flinders.living@flinders.edu.au](mailto:flinders.living@flinders.edu.au) or bring them with you. Most small items of non-university furniture (such as a small refrigerator or table) will not cause difficulty. For anything else you should lodge the form at least seven days in advance of your arrival.

### Pets

The only pets allowed are fish or other aquatic animals which live continuously under water in a small tank. We would suggest around 20 litres but no larger than 55 litres.

## Linen

In your offer letter you will have received your room allocation. If you look at this you will be able to tell the size of the bed/mattress in your room and therefore what size linen you will require.

If you are living in the Village with room numbers commencing V25x to V42x then you will have a Standard Single Bed (1.88 m x 0.92 m). All other Village rooms and all Hall rooms have Long Single Beds (2.03 m x 0.92 m).

Non-standard sized rooms in the Hall are usually allocated to more senior students all of whom will already be aware of bed/mattress sizes.

## Dietary requirements

If you are a new resident in University Hall we can advise that all meat (with the exception of non-Halal meat products) served in the Dining Room is Halal. Our kitchen equipment, cooking services and utensils however are not. A vegetarian option is always provided.

We will make every effort to assist Hall residents who have specific dietary requirements however there are some constraints in place. If you would like to inform us of any dietary requirements please send us an email to Andy Roberts, Chef/Manager at [residential.services@flinders.edu.au](mailto:residential.services@flinders.edu.au).

Residents who have dietary requirements will be able to make an appointment during Orientation Week to sit down with Chef Andy to discuss their requirements face-to-face in more detail.

## Flinders Sport and Fitness – Free Membership

Research shows that physical activity can help improve academic achievement. This is why at Flinders Living all our residents can become members of Flinders Sport and Fitness for FREE. [The cost to other students would be over \$300 per year so this is a substantial benefit for all our residents.]

All you need to join is to collect a simple form from Flinders Living (which confirms your current residency status), complete an online membership form and then take it and your Student ID Card to Flinders Sport and Fitness in the Alan Mitchell Building to verify your details and have your Student ID Card programmed for 24/7 access.

Find out more about Flinders Sports and Fitness here -

<https://www.facebook.com/onesportandfitness>

## Car Parking

Anyone who brings a motor vehicle onto the University's campus between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Monday to Friday will need to pay for parking. The car parks and parking permit system are managed by the Property, Facilities and Development Division not Flinders Living. The University uses licence plate recognition technology removing the need to display physical permits and tickets.

Residents have access to Car Parks 11, 17 and 19 which are for your exclusive use. As Car Park 11 is a gated car park you will need to have your Student ID Card processed at Flinders Living Administration for access to this facility.

Whilst Car Park 11 is nominally the car park for the Hall and Village Units 83-90 and Car Parks 17 and 19 are the Village Car Parks, your Resident Permit will allow you to park in any of these three facilities. You are also able to park in Car Park 22 (an unsealed car park) but this is not exclusive for residents. Residents living in Units 75-82 however often find this a convenient place to park.

Comprehensive information on the University's parking system is available at the following URL:

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/campus/bedford-park/parking>

Residents should obtain a vPermit (a virtual parking permit) at the following URL:

<https://vpermit.com.au/flinders>

### Questions

If you have any questions please be sure to contact us either by:

- Email: [flinders.living@flinders.edu.au](mailto:flinders.living@flinders.edu.au)
- Telephone: (+61 8) 7221 8900  
Mondays to Fridays, 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

With thanks and best wishes for the 2024 Academic Year.

**James Atkinson**  
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