



International House *Brisbane*

A Residential College for Australian and International
students within the University of Queensland



ABOUT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

For over 50 years, International House (IH) has provided a welcoming, supportive and safe environment while offering a rich educational, cross-cultural and social experience.

Our purpose is to provide students from diverse backgrounds with opportunities to live and learn together with respect, empathy and friendship. Friendships and bonds made at IH are made for life!

More than just a place to stay, IH provides residents with opportunities for personal growth, academic excellence, leadership opportunities and professional development.

When you stay at IH you will be embraced by a community of students from all over the world, with varied backgrounds, studying a myriad of subjects and join a kinship of over 6,000 alumni.

If you are moving out of home for the first time, staying at IH is a great way to make the transition to independence.

If you are a mature age student, living on college provides convenience and focus, with the balance of friends and community living.

We invite you to enter this unique cosmopolitan community with a remarkable diversity of backgrounds, cultures, academic interests and nationalities.



WHERE IS IH?

IH is located on The University of Queensland (UQ) St Lucia campus, so getting to class has never been easier! IH is within walking distance of public transport, local shopping, cafés, restaurants, UQ Fitness Centre and library.





LIVING AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Our unique towers are designed to give all residents views of the attractive garden setting. Our lawns, outdoor seating areas and the World Café provide plenty of space for you to relax, study and mix with other residents. Recreational rooms with pool table, piano and music equipment, study areas

and computer lab, plus sporting equipment, a half basketball court and an on-site shop create an environment serving all academic and social needs. All residents have access to free UQ Sport Fitness Centre membership.

FULLY CATERED

As a fully catered resident, you will have a private room and share facilities such as bathroom, laundry and common room. All rooms are fitted with your own telephone and personalised number and high speed wireless internet access.

All rooms have:

- Single bed (with mattress and linen)
- Study desk and ergonomic chair
- Storage/bookshelf
- Full length wardrobe, mirror and shelving

On a weekly basis our professional on-site cleaning team change bed linen, vacuum and empty rubbish. Bathrooms and common rooms are cleaned daily. IH has an on-site, user pays laundry for you to wash, dry and iron personal items.

Fully catered residents are provided with three meals per day, seven days a week, 39 weeks a year. All meals are freshly prepared in-house by professional catering staff. We provide a large selection of healthy options and cater to most dietary requirements.

Packed meals are available for residents with other commitments during meal times. The Side Kitchen can be accessed 24 hours a day for hot drinks and snacks.

SELF-CATERED

IH has two self-catered, shared living towers which are ideal for mature aged residents. A fully equipped kitchen and living area are shared between four residents. We provide 20 complimentary meals per semester and you can join our formal dinner program. Additional meal vouchers or meal plans are available for purchase.

Self-catered residents are provided with:

- Fully furnished private room with ensuite and balcony
- High speed, wireless internet access
- Common space with lounge, kitchen and dining area
- Kitchen equipment
- Laundry facilities within tower (user pays)

“ Let your time at (IH) be a time to explore yourself and other cultures. International House changed my life, I hope it changes yours. ”

Michelle United States



10 REASONS TO LIVE AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

1 Lifelong relationships
Housie for life! When you live at IH you become a “Housie”, a term of endearment used for all past, present and future residents of IH. From day one you are made to feel welcome. If you feel homesick or just want to chat, there are people here who want to help. You will make friends that last a lifetime.

2 Safe living
You are safe at IH. During the day staff are on-hand to assist with any enquiries and after hours residents can seek assistance from the Senior Residents (SR's) on duty. The Director and Deputy Director of IH also reside onsite and are available as well.

3 Academic Support Program
You will have access to tutorials, tutorial rooms, a computer lab, printing and proof reading services. Our free Tutorial Program coordinated by our Deputy Director is available to all residents across many subjects.

4 Pastoral Care Program
IH nurtures the development of a positive self-image, builds resilience and creates a feeling of belonging among all residents.

5 Professional Development & Leadership
Opportunities are organised for you to engage with alumni and industry experts and take on the challenge of leading resident activities and programs.

6 Catering to your needs
We have a fully catered option, supplying three meals a day, seven days a week. Even if study and schedules mean you may miss a meal, we can assist by providing packed meals upon request. We also have 35 rooms devoted to self-catered living which have full kitchen facilities for you to cook at your own leisure.

7 Cross-Cultural Program
Each year, the International House Student Club (IHSC) Inc. elects residents to coordinate our Cross-Cultural Program. Events range from festivals to cultural nights, dances to formal dinners and international feasts.

8 Longer contract
No need to give up your room over winter break! IH has a 39 week contract, which means you do not need to pack up all your belongings and leave your room.

9 Full Lifestyle Package
Unlimited general access to the UQ Sport Fitness Centre for weights, gym and cardio studios, as well as unlimited access to the UQ Aquatic Centre.

10 No hidden costs
For most residents, accommodation, electricity, internet, car parking (limited spots), tutorials, meals, gym access, sporting equipment, computer labs and access to printing are all included in the one fee.

**“Cross-cultural friendship
is an incredible experience
that I think makes International House truly unique.”**

Tim Australia



COLLEGE PARTICIPATION

International House believes in the holistic design of your college life, so we provide varied opportunities for you to create a well-balanced life while staying with us. We recognise each resident has their own unique social, recreational and personal interests to pursue.

There are many opportunities for you to be involved in sports, cross-cultural, cultural and social activities and each year, the IH Student Club (IHSC) provides opportunities for residents to take on leadership roles. One of the goals of the IHSC is to create an enjoyable and sociable atmosphere at IH and to provide ways for residents to participate in events and discover their true potential.

SPORT

Organised by the Inter-College Council (ICC), sporting events are an important part of college life. Residents represent their college, going head to head with the 9 other UQ colleges. You can participate in a number of team challenges, across a range of sports including Soccer, Table Tennis, Athletics, Cross-Country, Swimming, Badminton, Water Polo and Volleyball, just to name a few.

CROSS-CULTURAL

We have residents from all over the world, creating a rich cultural environment. A vibrant Cross-Cultural Program means a variety of international festivals are celebrated. Events and activities include foreign language classes, themed cultural dinners and variety nights. Plus, not to be missed is “Soirée”, our very own unique, annual international festival which has been held since 1968.

SOCIAL

From small parties to large Gala Balls you can form great friendships through participating in regular social events throughout the year. Many of these events allow all ten colleges at UQ to take part and socialise with one another.

CULTURAL

Get involved, showcase your talents and participate in a variety of competitions with fellow Housies at College Idol, One Act Play, Debating, Art Show, Oratory, Choral fest, Dancefest and our very own Bandfest held annually at IH.

“The real gem of IH is the people.
I can't believe how close and open you can become with someone in such a short period of time. ”

Katherine United States



SCHOLARSHIPS

International House offers scholarships, bursaries and prizes for current and future residents. Scholarships are not just awarded to high achievers, there is opportunity for everyone to apply.

Scholarships and bursaries are awarded on the basis of academic merit, financial need, service to college and college participation.

INDIGENOUS & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

International House is dedicated to providing an environment that celebrates our Indigenous culture and supports the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The IH Indigenous Scholarship and Indigenous Youth Leadership Camp are programs aimed at improving indigenous aspirations.

FEES

For a full fee schedule visit our website. Fees are set on an annual basis.

International House provides a 39 week fully catered contract which includes the winter break.

Self-catered residents are provided with a 50 week contract.

YES, I WANT TO LIVE AT IH

Take the first steps to becoming an IH resident and apply today. Applications are open all year round. To become an International House resident you must apply online, through the Residential College's portal.

DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED

- Include one passport sized photograph in your application
- Include a copy of your latest academic results (secondary school or tertiary institution)
- Include your Statement of Participation and Personal Statement
- Application Fee

IMPORTANT

- You may only apply to one UQ Residential College at a time. If you are not successful in gaining a place at your preferred college you may transfer your application to another college
- International Students must provide a copy of your University Unconditional Offer from your university and a copy of your Student Visa



Who lives at IH?

IH is a co-ed college with a philosophy of housing an equal number of Australian and International students enrolled in Undergraduate or Postgraduate courses.

Can I live at IH if I study at another university?

Yes, we consider students studying at other universities including QUT, ACU and Griffith University.

Are there any religious affiliations within IH?

No, we are not linked to any particular religion or religious organisation.

What support is offered to students over their stay?

Coming to IH involves big changes in a young person's life. O-Week facilitates the many adjustments that have to be made. A year long program of events introduces new residents to the college, the University and Brisbane. Our programs create a 'home away from home' for new residents.

What happens if a resident gets sick?

Residents are encouraged to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing. Medical, dental and counselling services are available on UQ campus. It is very important for residents to organise their own health cover and insurance. When residents are too ill to organise medical assistance for themselves, IH can book an appointment at the local medical provider. If they are too unwell to travel, an ambulance may be called. Senior Residents and staff have first aid training.

What size are the rooms?

Average room size for a single room is 12 square metres, which is the largest average room size of all colleges.

How does IH manage intoxicated or offensive behaviour?

As a condition of occupancy, residents are required to comply with both the 'Resident Code of Conduct' and 'Alcohol Policy'. These policies ensure community standards of behaviour are observed at all times.

What sense of collegiality is there?

College spirit develops quickly and easily through organised sporting, cross-cultural, academic and social activities. Residents become "Housies" for life with ease through the support of new friends.

Are all meals included in the fees?

All meals are included for the fully catered contract period of 39 weeks, including packed lunches and dinners. self-catered options receive 40 complimentary meals per year.

What if I have special dietary needs?

We offer vegetarian, gluten free and lactose free options where possible. For severe allergies and special medical needs, please advise our office at time of enrolment.

Can I request a specific room?

IH allocates rooms each year based on gender and nationality to ensure a mix of residents within each tower.

Can residents remain at IH during vacation breaks?

Unlike some colleges, IH allows you to remain in residence during winter break at no extra charge. You must vacate in November (summer break) but have an option to extend your stay at an additional charge.

Can personal possessions be left at college during summer break?

Unfortunately, IH does not allow for items to be left at college during summer break periods.

Is it possible for parents to stay overnight in their child's room?

Occasionally parents (and siblings) would like to stay overnight when they visit. IH can supply an overnight pack for visitors for a small charge. Please note visitors are not permitted to stay prior to or during O-Week.

How close is IH to public transport?

IH is within walking distance of two bus stations (Chancellors Place and UQ Lakes), the UQ and Guyatt Park CityCat Terminal, and a number of City Cycle stations where you can hire a bicycle from as little as \$2 a day! The closest train station is Toowong Station, which is a quick bus ride away.

How will I know if my application is successful?

All applicants will be notified of their application outcome via email. IH does not advise applicants of the status of their application.

Do I need to pay a deposit?

Yes. A deposit of \$2,500 is required to accept your offer at IH. This amount will be subtracted from your first payment.

Can I tour IH before I apply?

Absolutely! You and your parents are encouraged to tour the facilities, meet current residents and talk with our staff.

Can I still participate in IH activities if I'm not a resident?

Yes. The Associate Membership Program provides access to tutorials and other college life activities for non-residents to experience college life.

*Winter break: June to July

*Summer break: November to February

“Living with both domestic students and students from so many different cultures enriched my daughter's life immensely and she made very strong friendships during her time at IH”

Chrissy Parent



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