

# Accommodation

JCU offers an accommodation service to support students with applications to on-campus accommodation, as well as providing information to students wanting to live off campus. A wide range of quality housing is available for rent near JCU campuses. [www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation](http://www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation)

## Cairns Accommodation

The following accommodation options are located near the Cairns campus and are independently owned and operated. In addition, there are other accommodation rental options in the area. It is expected that from 2016 accommodation will be available on the Cairns campus for an initial 300 students.

**Cairns Student Lodge** provides fully catered accommodation and is situated 400 metres from the JCU Cairns campus. Services include internet access, recreational facilities, dining room, conference facilities and an on-site manager. Cairns Student Lodge is linked to the JCU campus by a pedestrian walkway/bicycle path. [www.studentlodge.com.au](http://www.studentlodge.com.au)

**The Beaches Apartments** are a 10-minute walk from the JCU Cairns campus. Two bedroom/two bathroom furnished apartments in a secure, resort style complex with an on-site manager. The Beaches Apartments has a study area and recreational facilities. [www.the-beaches.com.au](http://www.the-beaches.com.au)

**Cairns Lodge** also provides affordable accommodation and is only minutes from the James Cook University Campus with a cycling track at the rear, giving easy access. [www.cairnslodge.net.au](http://www.cairnslodge.net.au)

## Living costs

The following provides a guide to the approximate cost of living in Cairns and Townsville.

Expense	Approximate cost (A\$)
Rent (share only)	\$120–\$170
Food	\$100–\$150
Electricity	\$30–\$40
Transport/Travel	\$30–\$40
Miscellaneous	\$50
<b>TOTAL PER WEEK</b>	<b>\$330–\$460</b>
<b>TOTAL PER YEAR</b>	<b>\$17,160–\$23,920</b>

All costs are approximate and are subject to change. Rent is based on sharing a privately rented house. Students will need to factor in additional costs, such as the cost of text books. Costs vary depending on the subject.



Students have a variety of affordable housing options to choose from, including on-campus accommodation or living options close to campus.

### Townsville Accommodation

On-campus accommodation is available at the Townsville campus for Australian and international students, with options for all female or mixed boarding. Student colleges and halls provide a single furnished bedroom with a phone connection and internet access. Additional facilities may include computer rooms, televisions, laundry, sport and recreation resources, and tutorial support.

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JCU colleges and halls of residence include

- Saints Catholic College
- Saint Mark's College
- The John Flynn College
- University Hall
- George Roberts Hall
- Western Courts
- Rotary International House

Accommodation applications are open from 1 September for the first teaching period/semester of the following year, and from 1 May for the second teaching period/semester. Students are advised to submit an application as soon as they receive their offer. A \$55 application fee applies for all students. Applications can be submitted at [www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation](http://www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation)

*Please note that students do not need to belong to any particular faith in order to stay at any of the JCU residential colleges.*

### Singapore Accommodation

JCU's Singapore campus does not have accommodation on campus. Students have the choice of off-campus hostels or apartments, which can be arranged via the JCU Singapore campus accommodation service. For more information visit [www.jcu.edu.sg/Home/CampusLife](http://www.jcu.edu.sg/Home/CampusLife)

### Examples of housing options and costs

Type of Accommodation	Cairns and Townsville A\$/week
<b>Off Campus</b>	
1 bedroom flat/unit	\$210–\$250
2 bedroom flat/unit	\$265–\$280
3 bedroom flat/unit	\$340–\$375
3 bedroom house	\$320–\$350
4 bedroom house	\$380–\$420
2 bedroom townhouse	\$260–\$270

All costs are average weekly rents and are correct for Sept 2014 in suburbs nearest JCU campuses only and subject to increase. Based on information from the Residential Tenancies Authority Queensland. [www.rta.qld.gov.au/Resources/Median-rents](http://www.rta.qld.gov.au/Resources/Median-rents)

### On Campus

Full-board	\$274–\$304
Self-catering	\$186–\$206

[www.jcu.edu.au/jcuhalls/money](http://www.jcu.edu.au/jcuhalls/money)

### Please note

Students who have booked accommodation on campus may have to find independent accommodation off campus for one or two nights if arriving before the college residence opens. The International Student Support team assist students with booking temporary accommodation. The JCU Orientation program, introducing new students to life at the university, is held the week before classes commence each teaching period. All international students are required to attend.