

2025 Student Accommodation Guide



1700+

students living in
on-campus accommodation

7

residences to
choose from

NEW

JCU Townsville on-campus
accommodation

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Why JCU?

- Obtain a world-class education
- Join global leaders in research, marine sciences, biodiversity and tropical ecology
- Develop job-ready skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
- Benefit from small class sizes
- Utilise financial support through JCU Scholarships
- Make friends and enjoy on-campus accommodation options
- Hands-on learning in spectacular, World Heritage listed reefs and rainforests



JCU DAINTREE
RAINFOREST OBSERVATORY

TOP **75**
UNIVERSITIES IN THE
WORLD FOR GEOGRAPHY
AND MINING AND
MINERAL ENGINEERING⁵

NO. **1**
IN AUSTRALIA FOR
FULL-TIME GRADUATE
SALARIES¹

TOP **150**
UNIVERSITIES IN
THE WORLD FOR
LIFE SCIENCES¹⁰



FOR GRADUATE
STARTING SALARY⁶



FIELD AND LAB TIME,
WORK-INTEGRATED
LEARNING PROGRAMS
AND INTERNSHIPS

NO. **5**
IN THE WORLD FOR
THE UNITED NATIONS'
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOAL
OF GOOD HEALTH AND
WELLBEING⁹

ON-CAMPUS
ACCOMMODATION
FOR OVER
1,600
STUDENTS

NO. **1**
IN AUSTRALIA
FOR SUSTAINABLE
EDUCATION³

TOP **100**
IN THE WORLD FOR EARTH
AND MARINE SCIENCES⁴

'WORLD CLASS
OR HIGHER'
IN **83%**
OF RESEARCH FIELDS⁷



MAKE THE MOST OF OUR
WARM, SUNNY CLIMATE
AND ENJOY SUN, BEACH,
RAINFORESTS, AND THE
AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

20,308
STUDENTS



WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES

RESEARCH
CONNECTIONS TO
124
COUNTRIES



HANDS-ON LEARNING

★★★★★
FIVE STARS FOR
FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT⁶



JCU ORPHEUS ISLAND
RESEARCH STATION

NO. **23**
IN THE WORLD FOR
ECLOGY⁵

NO. **1**
IN AUSTRALIA FOR
FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT¹



THE ARC CENTRE OF
EXCELLENCE FOR CORAL
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TOP **150**
UNIVERSITIES IN
THE WORLD FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCES⁴



ACCESS TO LEADING
ACADEMICS

★★★★★
FOR TEACHER
STUDENT RATIO⁶



EXPERIENCE AUSTRALIAN
CULTURE IN A WELCOMING
AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY

TOP **100**
IN THE WORLD FOR
HOSPITALITY AND LEISURE
MANAGEMENT⁴

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST
INTERNET OF THINGS
RESEARCH LAB



25
JCU SPECIALISED
RESEARCH CENTRES
& INSTITUTES

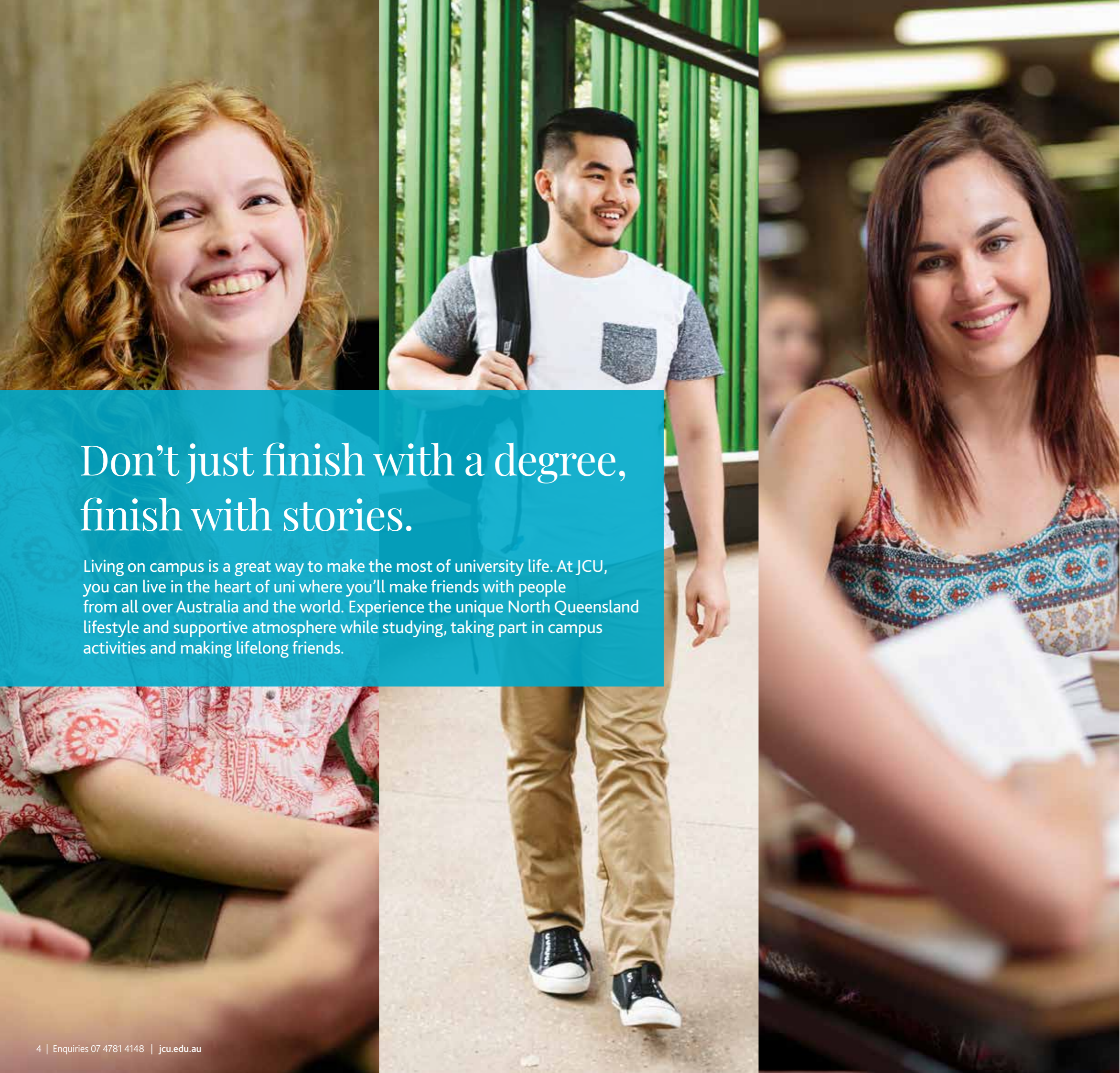
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DISTINGUISHED
PROFESSORSHIPS

8
SCHOLARSHIPS
TO SUPPORT YOUR
SUCCESS



JCU FLETCHERVIEW
RESEARCH STATION

6
HIGHLY CITED
RESEARCHERS⁹



Don't just finish with a degree, finish with stories.

Living on campus is a great way to make the most of university life. At JCU, you can live in the heart of uni where you'll make friends with people from all over Australia and the world. Experience the unique North Queensland lifestyle and supportive atmosphere while studying, taking part in campus activities and making lifelong friends.

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Important dates

Study dates 2025 (Cairns and Townsville)

Semester One 2025 Orientation: 17-21 February Classes begin: 24 February Mid semester break: 21-25 April Classes end: 1 June Exam period: 7-20 June	Trimester One 2025 Orientation: 20-24 January Classes begin: 28 January Mid trimester break: 3-7 March Classes end: 14 April Exam period: 22-29 April
Semester Two 2025 Orientation: 21-25 July Classes begin: 28 July Mid semester break: 22-26 September Classes end: 2 November Exam period: 8-21 November	Trimester Two 2025 Orientation: 12-16 May Classes begin: 19 May Mid trimester break: 23 June - 4 July Classes end: 10 August Exam period: 16-23 August
	Trimester Three 2025 Orientation: 8-12 September Classes begin: 15 September Mid trimester break: 20-24 October Classes end: 30 November Exam period: 6-13 December

For more upcoming events, please visit jcu.edu.au/events

To register for a campus tour, please visit experience.jcu.edu.au/jcu-campus-tours



James Cook University (JCU) is committed to building strong and mutually beneficial partnerships that work towards closing the employment, health and education gap for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our students come from many backgrounds, promoting a rich cultural and experiential diversity on campus.

We acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters where our staff and students live, learn and work. We honour the unique cultural and spiritual relationship to the land, waters and seas of First Australian peoples and their continuing and rich contribution to James Cook University and Australian society. We also pay respect to ancestors and Elders past, present and future.

Start your own story. Live on campus.

Finding the right accommodation to suit your individual needs is an important step in preparing for life at JCU. Living somewhere comfortable and convenient while you are a student will improve your overall university experience, so it's important to get it right. There are many accommodation options available and our Accommodation Team can help you find a place that suits your needs.

JCU Townsville

Choose from six different residences, all located at JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas:

- Burrallga Yumba
- George Roberts Hall
- Rotary International House
- University Hall (Townhouses)
- Saints Catholic College
- The John Flynn College

JCU Cairns

John Grey Hall residence is located on JCU Cairns, Nguma-bada campus, Smithfield.

If on campus living isn't for you, there are plenty of other options. We can assist you in finding homestays, community living, share housing, or a place of your own near JCU. With so many accommodation options available, you'll be able to find something that suits your lifestyle and budget.

As regional cities, Cairns and Townsville offer many of the facilities of larger cities, but without the traffic and congestion. The locals are friendly and the region's natural attractions are easily accessible.

You can experience the wonders of the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef and be inspired by the ancient tropical rainforests of the Wet Tropics. With warm, sunny weather almost all year, Cairns and Townsville provide the perfect locations for you to combine study with adventure, and a relaxed, tropical lifestyle.

Whether you need somewhere to stay for a short block mode subject or for your whole degree, there are a number of options available.

With a variety of sporting, recreational and fun events on offer, campus life provides a busy social program for students. During your years at JCU you'll develop friendships and memories that will last long after you graduate.



Contact information

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W jcu.edu.au/accommodation

Ask us about our Accommodation
Scholarships OR visit jcu.edu.au/scholarships

The right option for you

Living on campus is so much more than just a room. It's an experience. It's your family. It's friends that you'll have for life. Each of our residences provides academic and wellbeing support, as well as a variety of social activities.

All rooms at our on-campus residences are single board, with a bed, desk, chair, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. At JCU your room is your own private space and should reflect your individuality, so you are welcome to add photos or personal touches to feel at home. You can also choose to live in fully catered or self-catered housing.

Each residence has a different style of living, culture and atmosphere. You can take virtual tours of each residence on our website jcu.edu.au/accommodation

One of the most exciting things about moving to a JCU residence will be meeting the other students. We organise activities in the first week to help you get to know other residents, particularly those who are studying the same course as you. Throughout the year there are lots of fun social activities including movie nights, sporting events, festivals, outings and much more.

Safe and secure

Relocating to attend university is a big thing, which is why our on-campus team are there to talk when you need support, check up on you throughout your studies and make sure that your health and wellbeing are on track for you to achieve your academic goals.

You will be welcomed by one of our friendly team who will help you settle into university and campus life. Our Residential Advisors will be your point of call for any after hours matters.

During your first week on campus you will complete an orientation process. This is your opportunity to learn about on-campus facilities, support resources, and local amenities such as public transport, shops and medical services.

Your safety and security is a priority to us, so each bedroom has an individual lock that only you and our staff can access, and there are CCTV cameras throughout the buildings. After-hours access to on-campus accommodation is for residents only and JCU Security patrol 24/7. They can even escort you back to your residence if you are studying late at night.

"My best memories of living on campus come from the overpowering enthusiasm and support the students show to one another during inter-college activities."

Luke McCarthy
Bachelor Electrical and Electronic Engineering/
Bachelor of Science (Physics)



Living on campus is so much more than just a safe room in a secure building. Students who live on campus have been proven to outperform non-residents.*

*JCU Planning, Performance and Analytics, 2020

Townsville on-campus accommodation

JCU Halls of Residence

The JCU Halls of Residence provide a variety of living styles with a strong support structure offering residents quiet areas, single gender floors/units and catering to all dietary requirements.

Burrallga Yumba

Burrallga Yumba is JCU’s newest purpose-built student accommodation where students can thrive. The seven-storey, 403-bedroom building is located in the heart of the campus.

Designed to provide contemporary and affordable student accommodation in a secure, safe, and environmentally sustainable environment, this fully self-catered facility features a master chef style kitchen and dining with gas cooktops, ovens, and individual (and lockable) fridges and freezers.

It has a range of high-quality communal facilities including study rooms, a sports lounge, a theatre room and a music room.

The facility is managed by UniLodge and an on-site manager and administrative support team. Residential advisors help to provide pastoral care to students.

www.unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-townsville/burrallga-yumba

George Roberts Hall

George Roberts Hall consists of eight blocks, each with up to 15 units consisting of three or four bedrooms. Each unit has a communal lounge, bathroom and kitchenette. A large common room and BBQ area are also available adjacent to the fully catered dining hall.

www.unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-townsville/george-roberts-hall

Rotary International House

This is fully self-catered accommodation with kitchen, living room, dining room and balcony shared between seven students. Each bedroom offers standard facilities, including a hand wash basin. For something different, students can access the community garden for fresh produce. With 118 students, this is one of the smallest colleges and is surrounded by bushland, which provides a quiet setting.

The facilities are managed by UniLodge with an on-site manager and administrative support team. Residential Advisors help to provide pastoral care to students.

www.unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-townsville/rotary-international-house

University Hall (Townhouses)

The Townhouses are located at the centre of campus. These shared townhouses accommodate 62 residents in a fully self-catered environment. The Townhouses are surrounded by a lovely, communal courtyard with a rotunda, BBQ facilities and a volleyball court.

www.unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-townsville/townhouses



Features and services

All halls provide the following:

PRIVATE ROOM WITH

- King single bed
- Study desk and chair
- Bookshelves
- Spacious wardrobe and drawers
- Air conditioning
- Fan
- Wi-Fi
- Secure swipe lock system

COMMON AREAS

- TV rooms
- Common rooms
- Study areas
- Kitchenettes
- Outdoor seating
- BBQ
- Laundry
- Security cameras

SERVICES INCLUDE

- Daily cleaning of communal areas and fortnightly bedroom cleans
- Maintenance
- Administration
- Security
- On-site staff support 24/7
- Car parking and bicycle storage and repair facilities
- Bicycle hire program
- Accessible rooms available through JCU

CONTRACT TERMS INCLUDE

- Full academic year
- Ability to stay during mid-year break
- Early arrival to assist with induction
- Ability to arrive early or extend contract term
- Membership to JCU Fitness Centre (George Roberts Hall residents only)



JCU Townsville on-campus Halls of Residence

	BURRALGA YUMBA		GEORGE ROBERTS HALL	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HOUSE	UNIVERSITY HALL
	Standard	Private ensuite			
Cost per week from*	\$278	\$344	\$382	\$229	\$229
Contract length	Up to 47 weeks	Up to 47 weeks	Up to 47 weeks	Up to 47 weeks	Up to 47 weeks
Number of rooms	314	72	244	118	67
Accessible rooms	5	12	8	0	0
Wi-Fi in bedroom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Air conditioning	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fully catered (3 meals per day)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Bathroom amenities	Shared	Private ensuite	Shared	Shared	Shared
Linen provided	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Shared kitchenette	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Single sex wings	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗

*2025 full academic year prices are quoted and may change prior to application. Please see individual residence website for any rebates or additions.

Townsville on-campus accommodation

Saints Catholic College

Saints Catholic College is focused on bringing a resident led, resident centric culture and is a community-based environment with accommodation for 298 students across three wings. The College focuses on the 'additional benefits' of being a student at Saints, including an all you can eat full meal & drinks package with three meals a day, morning and afternoon tea, and even barista made coffees every morning, all included in your room rates.

We have a complimentary courtesy car for you to use and are the only college with multiple on-site sporting facilities such as a full gymnasium and wellness centre with multiple group fitness classes, a mini football oval, a beach volleyball court, and we provide new equipment each year for all the JCU sporting competitions.

We also have you covered for all your entertainment needs with a PS4 and large 75inch UHD TV in every common room, with every main streaming channel and the Playstation network. We also have the communal Bongo Bar with pool table and table tennis table etc, that also features as a nightclub run by our Student Association on weekends for those fun nights out.

We have our own overnight security on-site and our inclusive community ensures the academic, sporting, cultural and social development of all students with a 24/7 support network. We provide every new student with an Academic Mentor and also provide Private Tutoring, again, all included in your room rate. We also look after your mental and emotional health with our live-in Resident Pastoral Care Team, Chaplain, Professional Counselling, and we even provide free short-stays for family and friends in our complimentary family room.

The Saints community has students from a myriad of different religious, cultural and social backgrounds providing every resident the opportunity to meet and make life-long friends with other students from all over the world, and even provides financial support with our annual bursary program.

Saints really is more than just a place to live.

www.cathcollegesjcu.edu.au

Features and services

Saints Catholic College provides the following:

PRIVATE ROOM WITH

- King single bed
- Study desk, Qi charging lamp and chair
- Bookshelves
- Linen
- Spacious wardrobe
- Air conditioning (optional)
- Fan
- Wi-Fi
- Secure living facilities

COMMON AREAS

- UHD 75" TVs with all main streaming platforms, PS4s & PS5+
- Computer labs and printers
- Bongo Bar and games room
- Common rooms
- Soundproof music rooms
- Study areas
- Kitchens and kitchenettes
- Outdoor seating
- BBQ
- Laundry
- Security cameras and after hours security guards

SERVICES INCLUDE

- Three meals per day
- Weekly room clean and daily cleaning of communal areas
- Weekly linen services
- Maintenance
- Administration
- Security
- Free academic tutoring
- Pastoral care 24 hours/day and professional counselling services
- Car parking
- Bicycle storage and repair facilities
- Accessible rooms available
- Communal car available for student use
- On-site gym and group fitness studio

CONTRACT TERMS INCLUDE

- Full academic year
- Rebates available if you don't stay for mid-year break
- Early arrival to assist with induction
- Ability to arrive early or extend contract term

"It has literally been my home away from home. We are a college that is very supportive of each other in as many ways as possible - this includes academically, socially, culturally and on the sporting field."

Nicole Brebner
Bachelor of Education (Primary)



Saints Catholic College

	Standard No AC	Standard	Shared ensuite	Private ensuite
Cost per week from	\$364	\$469	\$539	\$581
Contract length	40-47 weeks	40-47 weeks	40-47 weeks	40-47 weeks
Cost per academic year	\$12,390-\$14,560	\$16,590-\$18,760	\$19,390-\$21,560	\$21,070-\$23,240
Number of rooms	115	108	52	21
Wi-Fi in bedroom	✓	✓	✓	✓
Air conditioning	✗	✓	✓	✓
Fully catered (3 meals per day)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bathroom amenities	Communal	Communal	Shared ensuite, same gender	Private ensuite
Linen provided	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shared kitchenette	✓	✓	✓	✓
Single sex wings	✓	✓	✓	N/A

*2024 full academic year prices are quoted and may change prior to application. Pricing indicative of lowest and highest possible charges for each category of room, based on 41 or 47 week contracts excluding referral discounts. Please see individual residence website for any bursaries, rebates or additions.

Townsville on-campus accommodation

The John Flynn College

The John Flynn College is a family of students and staff who care for one another. It is committed to excellence in academia, sport and life, and encourages you to be who you want to be. Four room types exist for 251 students; standard, cluster, shared ensuite and private ensuite.

A multi-purpose hall provides a large air-conditioned space for formal occasions, cultural activities and study. Academic tutorials, a music room, high speed Wi-Fi, JCU fitness centre access and a business centre are included in the fee structure. The College is known for its pastoral care and student leadership programs.

www.johnflynn.org.au

Features and services

John Flynn College provides the following:

PRIVATE ROOM WITH

- King single bed
- Study desk and chair
- Bookshelves
- Linen
- Spacious wardrobe
- Air conditioning
- Fan
- Wi-Fi
- Secure living facilities

COMMON AREAS

- TV rooms
- Computer labs and printers
- Theatres
- Junior and senior common rooms
- Soundproof music rooms
- Study areas
- Kitchenettes
- Outdoor seating
- BBQ
- Laundry
- Security

SERVICES INCLUDE

- Three meals per day
- Weekly room clean and daily cleaning of communal areas
- Washing of linen
- Maintenance
- Administration
- Security
- Free academic tutoring
- Pastoral care 24 hours/day
- Car parking
- Bicycle storage and repair facilities
- Accessible rooms available

CONTRACT TERMS INCLUDE

- Full academic year
- Ability to stay during mid-year break
- Early arrival to assist with induction
- Ability to arrive early or extend contract term



John Flynn College

	Standard room	Cluster room	Shared ensuite	Private ensuite
Cost per week from*	\$528 [#]	\$553 [#]	\$584 [#]	\$596 [#]
Contract length	35 / 41 weeks	35 / 41 weeks	35 / 41 weeks	35 / 41 weeks
Cost per academic year	\$18,480 / \$21,648	\$19,355 / \$22,673	\$20,440 / \$23,944	\$20,860 / \$24,436
Number of rooms	128	68	50	5
Wi-Fi in bedroom	✓	✓	✓	✓
Air conditioning	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fully catered (3 meals per day)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bathroom amenities	Communal	Shared	Shared ensuite same gender	Private ensuite
Linen provided	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shared kitchenette	✓	✓	✓	✓
Single sex wings	✗	✗	✗	✗

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[#] For a 35 week contract. Residents may extend their contract to study during the mid year break.



Cairns on-campus

Make the most of the Far North Queensland tropical lifestyle in contemporary accommodation at JCU Cairns, Smithfield.

John Grey Hall

This seven-storey, 300-bedroom octagonal building offers a variety of apartment style living options. Choose from ensuite studio apartments, six bedroomed apartments with individual ensuites or six bedroomed apartments with shared bathroom facilities.

All apartments are self-catering and are equipped with modern cooking facilities including cooktop, microwave and refrigerator. Each individual bedroom is lockable and includes air conditioning and Wi-Fi.

John Grey Hall was officially opened in 2018 and provides a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The 42-metre-long internal grass courtyard features shared BBQ facilities and is the perfect place to relax.

The facility is managed by UniLodge with an on-site manager and administrative support team. Residential Advisors help to provide pastoral care to students.

Features and services

John Grey Hall provides the following:

PRIVATE ROOM WITH

- King single bed
- Study desk and chair
- Bookshelves
- Spacious wardrobe and drawers
- Air conditioning
- Fan
- Wi-Fi
- Secure swipe lock system
- Balcony

FULLY SELF-CATERED APARTMENTS HAVE

- Modern kitchen with cooktop, benches and microwave
- Fridge
- Common room

COMMON AREAS

- Media room/Music room
- Computer lab and printer
- Recreational rooms
- Study areas
- Large outdoor communal spaces
- BBQs
- Laundry
- Security cameras

SERVICES INCLUDE

- Maintenance
- Administration
- Daily cleaning of communal areas, fortnightly cleaning of common areas in share apartments
- Security cameras
- Pastoral care 24 hours/day
- Study groups and mentoring
- Car parking and bicycle storage
- Communal car available for student use
- Access to community garden
- Gymnasium
- Accessible rooms available

CONTRACT TERMS INCLUDE

- Full academic year
- Ability to stay during mid-year break
- Early arrival to assist with induction
- Scholarship available
- Ability to arrive early or extend contract term
- Membership to JCU Fit 101



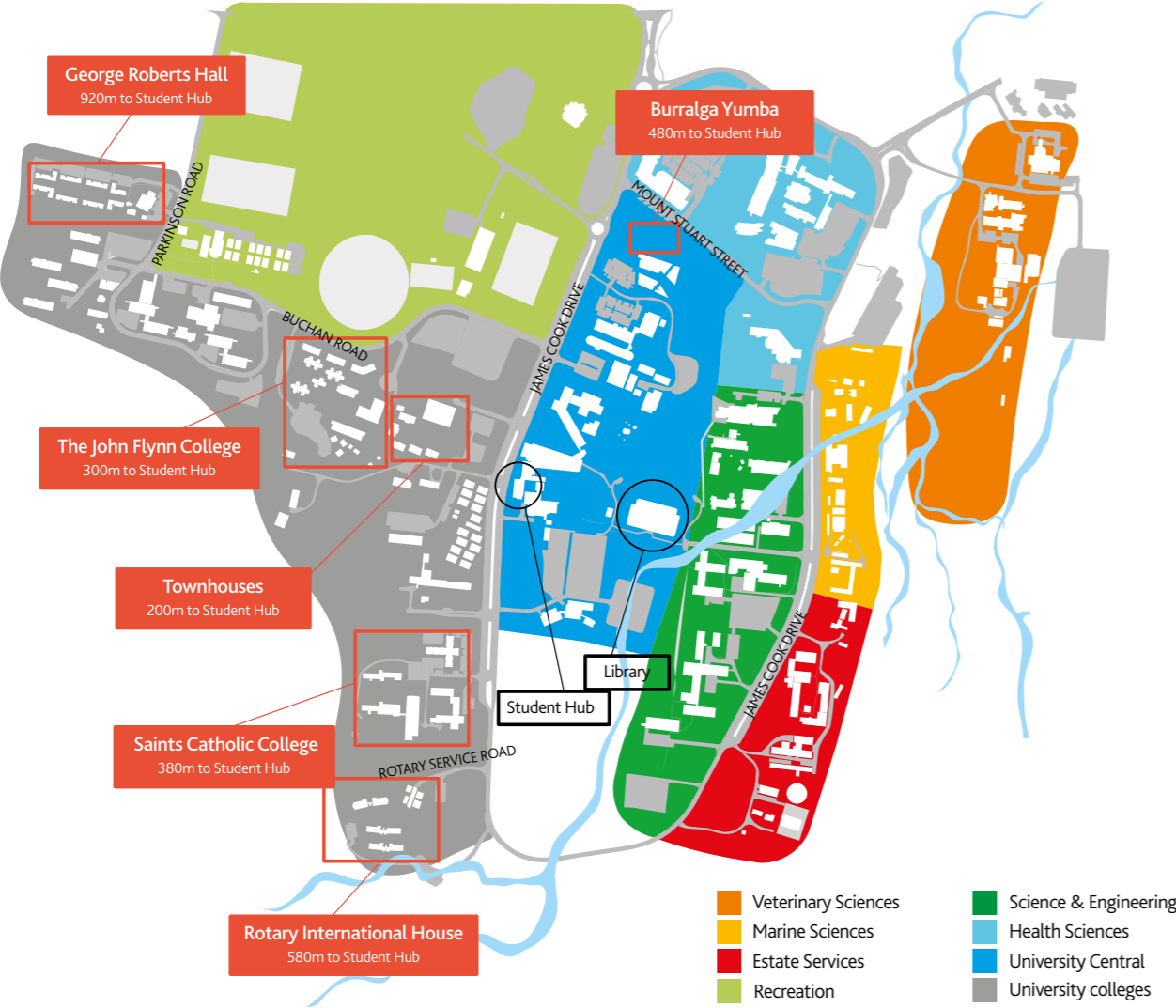
John Grey Hall (on-campus at JCU Cairns)

	Six bedroom apartment with standard room	Six bedroom apartment with ensuite room	Studio apartment
Cost per week*	\$214	\$284	\$294
Contract length	Up to 47 weeks	Up to 47 weeks	Up to 47 weeks
Number of rooms	162	38	87
Accessible rooms	6	4	3
Wi-Fi in bedroom	✓	✓	✓
Air conditioning	✓	✓	✓
Bathroom amenities	Shared	Private ensuite	Private ensuite
Shared kitchen	✓	✓	Private kitchen
Single sex apartments (depends on demand)	✓	✓	N/A

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JCU Townsville campus map



Off-campus accommodation

Off-campus housing can come in the form of sharing a house with other students, purpose-built student accommodation or renting an entire property.

Please don't hesitate to contact the JCU Accommodation team for any support or to answer any questions you have in relation to the property or location you are considering living in during your time at JCU.

Homestay

A homestay is when you are matched with a family in the local area to live with. All homestay hosts have been screened by the University's homestay provider, and are required to undergo training in order to provide a high level of service and comfort to the student.

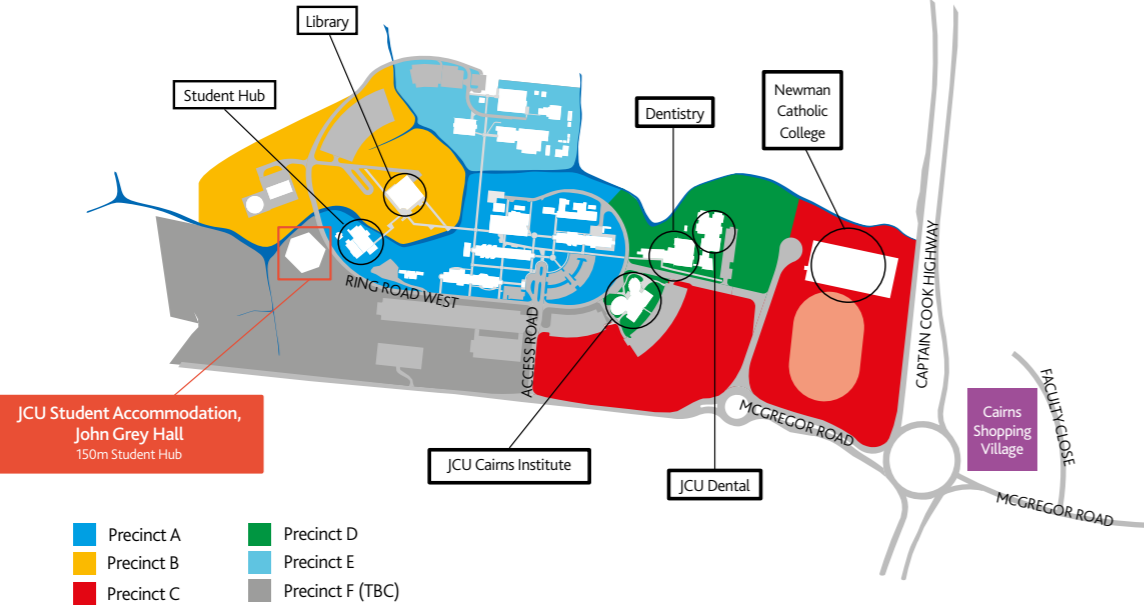
More information is available:
jcu.edu.au/accommodation/off-campus/homestay

Before committing to a property or room off campus, please be sure to:

- Check what you are getting is part of your lease. Even though images show the property with furniture they may have been put there for marketing purposes only.
- Check the dates and length of time you are committing to. You will be signing a legal document, which you may not be able to break because you have changed your mind.
- Check the location of the property to the proximity to the University campus, bus stops and amenities.



JCU Cairns campus map



How to apply and application

Applications to live on campus now open for 2025

Applications can be made through the JCU website.
Please visit www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation for information on how to apply.

JCU's on-campus accommodation is very popular so we suggest you apply as early as possible so you don't miss out.

Contact information

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