

living together, learning together



Living On-campus

Living on-campus at USQ is an exciting and rewarding way to enhance your university experience. Residential Colleges provide a safe and supportive community environment which assists you to achieve your academic goals, as well as develop your own identity and foster many lifelong friendships.

Good Value and Trouble-free

Our three Residential Colleges provide you with the following amenities:

- Single bedrooms furnished and heated
- Broadband and wireless Internet
- Free Internet allowance
- Telephone with voicemail
- Fully catered (21 meals a week) or self-catered options
- Welfare and academic support
- Leadership opportunities
- Utility costs included
- Cleaning
- Sporting and social activities
- 24 hour security
- Scholarship opportunities
- Car parks, bike sheds, laundries, music rooms, access to gyms, pool tables, table tennis tables, televisions and DVD players, and much more.

College Life

Academic Life

The USQ Residential Colleges foster an environment which encourages you to reach your academic potential. A college-based Academic Support Program is available to supplement the tutorials of the University's programs, including a student mentoring program and academic intervention strategies for those who experience difficulties with their studies.

To assist students to achieve their personal goals and to promote the enjoyment of the university experience, learning communities have also been established at the Residential Colleges. Learning communities involve students with similar interests grouping together to socialise and study. Each learning

community has a specific theme or purpose, which residents may elect to join (e.g. first-year students, international students, engineering students, etc). Participating in residential learning communities has been shown to help students adjust to university life and improve academic achievement.

A number of awards and bursaries are also offered each year, based on academic achievement and contribution to college life. For more information, visit:

www.usq.edu.au/accommodation

■ Social Life

As a residential student, you will automatically be a member of the Resident Student Club (RSC). Each college has its own RSC whose representatives are elected annually by you and your fellow peers. Representatives are responsible for arranging many social events throughout the year, including formal and semi-formal dinners, informal social activities, dances, excursions, sporting teams and inter-college events.

■ Sporting Life

Living on-campus, you will have the opportunity to be involved in various college sporting activities. The Residential Colleges offer a diverse range of sporting competitions at intercollege level (through the Residential Shield) and at university level. With emphasis on participation and enjoyment, each college has a special tradition which creates a friendly rivalry between them at various sporting events throughout the year.

■ Welfare and Support

Each college has its own collegiate team whose role is to ensure that the colleges are a supportive community for residents. Collegiate team members are students with significant college and university experience who support residents with academic and social issues. They assist and take an active interest in the positive integration of students into all aspects of college and university life.

The Residential Colleges have access to a variety of professional staff that can assist residents with specialised support at all times if required i.e. medical and counselling services.

■ Security

A 24 hour security service operates across USQ and the Residential Colleges, and all public areas are well lit and patrolled.



Residential Learning Communities

USQ Residential Colleges has established learning communities to enhance the student experience by providing further opportunities to achieve personal goals.



■ What is a Learning Community?

Living-learning communities involve students with similar interests grouping together to socialise and study. Learning communities are active social groups, where members organise events, such as presentations by guest speakers, movie nights, barbeques, trips, and other social gatherings. A member of the Collegiate Team will be available to support members of each learning community to organise events.

As each learning community has a specific theme or purpose, you will have the option of joining a learning community which is suited to you. For example, some groups include Engineering Students, First-year Students, International Students, etc. Faculty and University staff are also able to participate in events organised by each learning community.



Why Join a Learning Community?

Living-learning communities were created by Residential Colleges and exist to assist you achieve your personal goals, and to promote enjoyment of the university experience. Participating in residential learning communities has been shown to help students adjust to university living and learning, to improve academic achievement, and to prevent student dropout. Learning communities provide opportunities for mentorships between new and experienced students, and between students and faculties. Some of the living-learning communities at the Residential Colleges are described below.

First-year Learning Community

Adjusting to living and learning in the tertiary environment can be difficult, and research suggests that 'connecting' new students to the university environment is important for their learning success. The First-year Learning Community organises social events to help you to get to know one another, and arranges opportunities for new students to learn about the University's support services (e.g. Learning Centre). A member of the Collegiate Team meets regularly with first-year students to discuss issues or concerns, and supports first-year students to organise social activities for their learning community.

International Student Learning Community

Living and learning in a foreign country is a wonderful experience, though it can be daunting at times. The International Student Learning Community at the Residential Colleges provides social opportunities for foreign students to interact, to share their experiences and culture, and opportunities to seek support. A member of the Collegiate Team works with international students to plan events, including cultural events, trips, and meals.

Discipline-specific Learning Communities (e.g. Engineering, Law, Nursing)

Discipline-specific learning communities have been created at the Residential Colleges to help students with course progress, and also to enhance their awareness of the professional requirements and opportunities associated with their chosen vocation. Members of discipline-specific learning communities study together, attend presentations by guest speakers, and participate in social activities. A member of the Collegiate Team liaises with faculties, staff and residents to organise social events.

Student Leadership Institute

We believe that leadership is an important skill that all university students should develop. The Residential Colleges Student Leadership Institute was created to help you learn about leadership styles, communication and negotiation skills, event organisation, and other leadership competencies. Members of this learning community meet regularly to discuss leadership concepts, and to organise events where their leadership skills are applied (e.g. annual charity ball, fundraisers, etc).

Facilities and services

Accommodation

All three of our Residential Colleges offer the following features:

- comfortable single study bedrooms, with private or shared bathroom facilities
- telephones
- broadband Internet access (with free monthly allowance).

Freshly laundered linen is provided and common areas are serviced regularly. You also have access to everyday laundry requirements, such as irons, ironing boards, coin-operated washing machines and dryers are conveniently located in each residential block.

Meals

Each of our colleges is fully catered and has its own dining hall. A wide variety of meal choice is offered and all kitchens can cater for special dietary needs, including vegetarian, gluten-free and halal meals. If you would prefer to prepare your own meals, self-catered facilities are offered at Steele Rudd College.



Recreation

Each accommodation block has its own common room equipped with a television, DVD player, microwave oven and fridge. Table tennis and pool tables are available in the recreation hall of each college and outdoor volleyball courts are also available for you to use.

If you lead an active lifestyle and enjoy going to the gym, you are able to join the Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre (CBRC). The CBRC offers gym facilities and a variety of exercise classes, and is located within walking distance of the colleges.

Computing Facilities

If you have your own computer, the USQ broadband network (cable and wireless) is available and can be accessed from your bedroom. The University's 24 hour computer labs are also only a few minutes walk away.

Other Facilities

As a college resident, free car parking is provided to you at your college. Bicycle racks and storage rooms are also available for use. If you require photocopying and facsimile services, you can access these at the Residential College Office.

Scholarships

USQ offers a range of scholarships each year which can be used by students to assist with accommodation fees. There are scholarships which cater for students from low socio-economic backgrounds, as well as high-achieving students; so no matter your circumstances, you have an option available to you. Further details on all scholarships and eligibility criteria are available at:

www.usq.edu.au/scholarships



McGregor College

McGregor College is named after former Toowoomba mayor and influencer in the region's tertiary education development, Dr Alex McGregor. The college was established in 1971 as an initiative of the Darling Downs Association for Advanced Education and now accommodates almost 200 students in 11 blocks. McGregor College has 63 bedrooms each with their own ensuite bathrooms and reverse-cycle air-conditioners. There are also a further 134 bedrooms, sharing one bathroom between 2 bedrooms.

Due to the layout of the buildings, McGregor College has become popular with students who are more independent. With this in mind, McGregor staff provides an extensive support system for all residents allowing for both academic and personal development. It is no wonder that McGregor residents have become such high academic achievers!



Gender: Male and female

No. of residents: 197

Meals: 21 per week



Steele Rudd College

Steele Rudd College is named after the distinguished Australian and Darling Downs author, Arthur Hoey Davis, whose pen-name was Steele Rudd. Established in 1969, Steele Rudd can accommodate up to 124 occupants. Steele Rudd residents are fierce competitors in all aspects of college life. Their strong college spirit creates camaraderie and generates a sense of belonging. Steele Rudd offers the convenience of a self-catered

option, as well as a fully catered lifestyle. This means you will have more choice in what, when and where you eat.

Gender: Male and female

No. of residents: 124

Meals: 21 per week or self-catered



Concannon College

Concannon College is owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba, but managed by the University. Established in 1985, the college was built in honour of the Concannon family, particularly Monsignor Edward Concannon, in appreciation for his devotion to youth and education throughout the Toowoomba Diocese for over 50 years.

Being Catholic owned, the college is based on Catholic Christian values; however, students from all religious backgrounds, beliefs and cultures are welcome at

Concannon. A sporting culture also runs through Concannon. Students develop the ability to manage and achieve well in both their studies and sporting activities.

Gender: Male and female

No. of residents: 102

Meals: 21 per week



Fees & Applications

Living at USQ Residential Colleges offers an affordable and flexible option for accommodation.

For example, you only pay for the academic semester that you stay. Unlike rental properties, you won't have to pay for holiday periods when you are not staying on-campus. You also save money on transport costs, as all University facilities are in walking distance from the colleges.

Fees are inclusive of:

- a single, fully furnished bedroom
- three meals per day, seven days a week (not applicable to Steele Rudd self-catered option)
- utilities (electricity, gas, water, heating)
- cleaning and bed linen
- broadband Internet allowance
- academic support programs
- organised sporting and social activities
- 24 hour security.

College accommodation offers great value for money in comparison to other accommodation options, and the extra support you receive gives you more valuable time to focus on your studies.

If you are interested in staying in one of our colleges, application forms are available from the Residential College Administration Office or online at www.usq.edu.au/accommodation

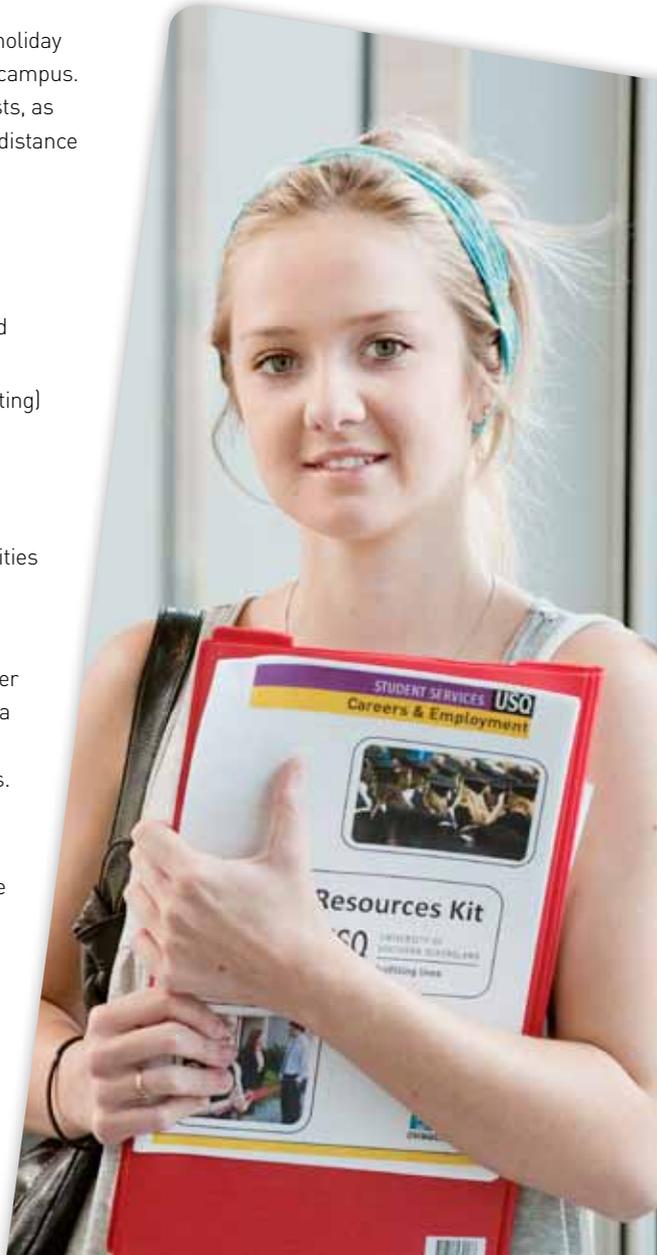
Forms can be lodged at any time of the year and places are offered to students in order of receipt of application.

Contact Us

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USQ Residential Colleges

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