

STUCCO & TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION



FIRST OFF, WHAT IS STUCCO?

STUCCO is a student co-operative for full time, Australian or permanent-resident students at the University of Sydney. Run by its residents, STUCCO embraces a rich diversity of cultures and beliefs and gives residents the opportunity to actively participate in a communal way of living. We are virtually the only Sydney University accommodation directed towards low to moderate income earners, and STUCCO is a non-profit organisation, meaning that the main consideration is to meet the needs of its members. STUCCO comprises of 8 different units, each with 4-5 members, centred around a big communal courtyard.

The STUCCO environment is very relaxed and open, and sometimes it can feel that you don't just share a unit with 4 or 5 other people, but you share a home with 39 others. It offers an alternative way of living, and to the right person it can be a chance to develop some very useful skills, be they administrative, organisational, practical, interpersonal, technological or other!

STUCCO also strives to create a safe space free from discrimination on any basis, including but not limited to, background, age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or religious beliefs.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Temporary Accommodation is a service that STUCCO provides to enrolled University of Sydney students (domestic and international) who find themselves in housing trouble – whether you've been kicked out by your landlord or your house has burned down – to help you get back on your feet.

We are virtually the only temporary accommodation service for the entire university community – that's about 50,000 people! We take great pride in our service but we do have a limited amount of rooms set aside for Temporary Accommodation (six), which means that sometimes – especially around the beginning/end of semester periods – our service gets full and we may not be able to house you temporarily straight away.

STUCCO has a vibrant atmosphere: there is always something going on, people to hang out with, and opportunities to get involved. All of our Temporary Accommodation bedrooms are situated next to the most communal area of each unit - the kitchen – and all also face the inner courtyard of STUCCO. As such, you should be aware that they can get very noisy and are not perfectly suited for a study environment. All bedrooms come furnished with a mattress, lamp, bin, storage shelves, and some with desks.

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We offer Temporary Accommodation, free of charge, for 2 weeks with the *possibility* of an extension upon review. We require all Temporary Accommodation Guests to be actively looking for permanent accommodation whilst they are staying with us. It's also important to know that the Temporary Accommodation service should be used by students who are genuinely in need, not simply looking for a place to crash for a few weeks. Being offered Temporary Accommodation at STUCCO does not mean you become a member of the co-operative but rather that you are accepted as a guest of it.

Due to STUCCO's lack of expertise in crisis situations (ie. where you would be of harm to yourself and/or others), we do not offer *crisis* accommodation. Likewise, if you have a medical condition that may affect others around you, please be advised that STUCCO may not be the right environment for you.

Lastly, and for the safety of our members as well as yours, if there is currently an AVO against you or you have one in place to protect you from someone else, we ask that you let us know as STUCCO is our home and the presence of authorities can sometimes be alarming and unsettling.

OTHER USEFUL HOUSING SERVICES

- **Newtown Neighbourhood Centre** Accommodation Services Information
<https://www.newtowncentre.org>
 - **Twenty 10:** a community-based, non-profit, state-wide organisation, working with and supporting people of diverse genders, sexes and sexualities, their families and communities
<http://www.twenty10.org.au>
 - **St George Accommodation for Youth Ltd**
<http://stgaccom.org.au/>
 - **Homeless Persons Information Centre:** 1800 234 566
 - **Homeless Persons Legal Service:** 8898 6500
 - **Housing NSW** (Temporary Accommodation Line): 1800 152 152
Youth Emergency Accommodation Hotline: 1800 424 830
 - **Wesley Mission Community Housing:** medium term accommodation 95581001
 - **Bondi Youth Accommodation:** For people aged 16-25, it provides a mix of single and shared semi supported accommodation + case work: 93897453 or bya.org.au
 - **Erskineville Youth Housing Inc:** For people aged 16-23, semi supported medium term housing: 9557 2810
 - **For Men:** The Gateway Mission Australia: up to 2 years accommodation and case management: 98605900
 - **For Women:** Samaritan House: four levels of supported accommodation to single women: 92115794
 - **Indigenous Australians:** Aboriginal Housing Information Service: 1800 727 555
 - **LGBTIQ:** The Gender Centre: temporary accommodation to trans people: 95692366 or www.gendercentre.org.au
 - **Mental Illness:** Mission Australia Inner City Housing Project: For people affected by mental illness who require rehabilitation and assistance: 93102184
 - **Ageing, Disability and Homecare:** http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/contact_us or 1800 000 201
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- **Financial Assistance:** Sydney University Financial Assistance Office, Level 5 Jane Foss Russell Building (Camperdown Campus). Telephone: (02) 8627 8112
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