



# Melbourne Accommodation Guide for JMC Students

Helping you find a home in Australia's cultural capital

JMC Academy's Melbourne campus is in South Melbourne, an inner-city location that is easily accessible by public transport. While on-campus accommodation is not available, there are plenty of off-campus options in surrounding areas. Use this guide to plan and research your accommodation options before arriving in Australia.

If you require further assistance, feel free to reach out to JMC's International Services.



Melbourne is Australia's second-largest city and one of the best student cities in the world, according to the [QS Best Student Cities Ranking](#). It is the capital city of Victoria and has a global reputation for creativity, diversity and energy.

The city hosts an enormous variety of activities and events related to the arts and sport. These include major events like Melbourne Music Week, Moomba Festival, Melbourne Fashion Week, Rising Arts Festival, Formula 1 Grand Prix, Australian Open Tennis and the Melbourne Cup.

With a diverse student mix from approximately 170 countries, interesting architecture and design culture, delicious multicultural foods and amazing nightlife, international students will find it easy to adapt to studying and living in Melbourne.

Learn More: [whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/](http://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/)

## JMC CAMPUS, SOUTH MELBOURNE

JMC Academy's brand new, custom built Melbourne campus is situated in South Melbourne, just short tram rides from Southern Cross and Flinders Street train stations. JMC Academy is located in a historic district of Melbourne.

Inside some of South Melbourne's charming old buildings are music studios, record label management companies, and animation, film and television production houses. The campus is situated within ten minutes of Melbourne's arts precinct, which is home to major Australian arts companies and venues.

## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

There are plenty of accommodation options to choose from, and prices will vary depending on accommodation type and proximity to the city. Hostels, homestays, student accommodation, serviced apartments, private rental and shared accommodation are all available in Melbourne.

### TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Before arriving in Australia we suggest finding temporary accommodation, to give you time to get to know the area and look for a more permanent place to stay. While each city offers a whole range of hotel accommodation, hostels are a cheaper alternative and you can book rooms online.

#### Useful links:

- ▶ [www.yha.com.au](http://www.yha.com.au)
- ▶ [www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com)

### HOMESTAY

Homestays are a great option, especially for younger students or at the very start of your time in Australia. Students are placed in a family environment in a home that is registered and regularly checked for suitability. Some students choose to stay in a homestay for the duration of their studies, while others choose to start at a homestay for a few months, then move into other accommodation once they are more familiar with the city. Visit [www.homestaynetwork.org](http://www.homestaynetwork.org) for more information.

### STUDENT ACCOMMODATION PROVIDERS

Consider options tailored for students, which often come fully furnished with communal facilities and support services.

#### Useful links:

- ▶ [www.scape.com.au](http://www.scape.com.au)
- ▶ [www.studentone.com/](http://www.studentone.com/)
- ▶ [www.unilodge.com.au/](http://www.unilodge.com.au/)
- ▶ [StudentAccommodation.com.au/](http://StudentAccommodation.com.au/)
- ▶ [sha.com.au/](http://sha.com.au/)
- ▶ [ozihouse.com/](http://ozihouse.com/)

## PRIVATE RENTAL

Private rental is the most common form of accommodation for JMC students. Renting can also be called 'leasing' and can be done through a real estate agent or privately. You may be able to find fellow JMC students to rent with once you have commenced studies.

- ▶ When renting a property you will need to pay a security deposit or 'bond' (which is usually four weeks rent), as well as rent in advance (also usually four weeks). The bond is held to repair any damage to the property while you are renting. Some, or all, of this amount may be refunded to you at the end of your rental agreement.
- ▶ Renting privately usually means that will you have to provide your own furniture. However some rentals may come furnished. If you are sharing a rental with other people, they may already have furniture.
- ▶ When deciding on a rental, arrange an inspection and ensure you will have easy access to public transport. Research how long it may take to get to campus.
- ▶ By law, you have the right to feel secure in your property, and it must be maintained with working facilities.

#### Useful links

- ▶ [realestate.com.au](http://realestate.com.au)
- ▶ [domain.com.au](http://domain.com.au)
- ▶ [realestateview.com.au](http://realestateview.com.au)
- ▶ [rent.com.au](http://rent.com.au)
- ▶ [flatmates.com.au](http://flatmates.com.au)
- ▶ [flatmatefinders.com.au](http://flatmatefinders.com.au)
- ▶ [roomgo.net](http://roomgo.net)
- ▶ [gayshare.com.au](http://gayshare.com.au)

## USEFUL RESOURCES FOR RENTING IN MELBOURNE:

- ▶ Consumer Affairs Victoria: [www.consumer.vic.gov.au/](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/)
- ▶ Online Marketplace for rentals and furniture: [gumtree.com.au](http://gumtree.com.au)
- ▶ International Student Guides: [www.insiderguides.com.au/international-student-guides/](http://www.insiderguides.com.au/international-student-guides/)