



Sydney Accommodation Guide for JMC Students

Your guide to settling in the heart of Sydney

JMC Academy's Sydney campus is in Ultimo, opposite the Powerhouse Museum and within the education hub of central Sydney. 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.



Sydney is Australia's beautiful harbour city, renowned for its must-visit icons like the Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. It is Australia's most populous city and has a dynamic and creative energy.

To complement its great weather and spectacular views, the city also has over 100 coastal and harbour beaches, many of which are easily accessible from the city centre.

Its rich cultural diversity provides a wide range of dining and cultural activity options. With a full calendar of musical, theatrical and artistic activities throughout the year, students will easily find something to stimulate their creativity and inspire them.

Learn More: <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/>

JMC CAMPUS, ULTIMO

JMC Academy's Sydney campus is a modern, custom-built facility located in Ultimo, central Sydney. It is a ten-minute walk from Central Station (Sydney's main train station) and can be easily accessed by bus and light rail.

It is located next to the city centre, and Chinatown, the Spanish Quarter and Darling Quarter are all within easy walking distance. JMC Academy's Sydney campus is close to the Sydney Entertainment and Exhibition Centres and within easy reach of Darling Harbour.

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 Sydney.

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
- ▶ 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 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
- ▶ www.studentone.com/
- ▶ www.unilodge.com.au/
- ▶ StudentAccommodation.com.au/
- ▶ sha.com.au/
- ▶ 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
- ▶ domain.com.au
- ▶ realestateview.com.au
- ▶ rent.com.au
- ▶ flatmates.com.au
- ▶ flatmatefinders.com.au
- ▶ roomgo.net
- ▶ gayshare.com.au

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR RENTING IN SYDNEY

- ▶ NWS Fairtrading: www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/
- ▶ Online Marketplace for rentals and furniture: gumtree.com.au
- ▶ International Student Guides: www.insiderguides.com.au/international-student-guides/