



Brisbane Accommodation Guide for JMC Students

Helping you find the perfect place to stay while studying at JMC Academy

JMC Academy's Brisbane campus is in South Brisbane, just a short walking distance from the city centre. 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.

Brisbane is the capital of Queensland, known as Australia's 'Sunshine State'. It attracts students from around the world who enjoy the laid-back lifestyle and warm weather. With an average of 250 days of sunshine each year and a public transport system that includes buses, trains and ferries, getting out and about is fun, safe and easy.

With a strong cultural calendar of events and festivals throughout the year, it's no surprise that Brisbane and its surrounding areas have fostered a rich pool of emerging talent.

Queensland is a film-friendly production paradise, with major Hollywood productions making the most of its stunning locations, talented crew members, world-class studios and award-winning post-production companies. Learn more: [visit.brisbane.qld.au/](https://www.visit.brisbane.qld.au/)

JMC CAMPUS, SOUTH BRISBANE

JMC Academy's modern, purpose-built Brisbane campus is located in South Brisbane, just a short walk from South Brisbane train station and the Southbank entertainment precinct. South Brisbane is recognised as both the arts capital and the educational centre of Queensland. Direct trains run from the station to the airport and to the Gold Coast.

The campus is surrounded by some of Queensland's most significant cultural sites: The Queensland Museum, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, State Library of Queensland, and the Queensland Gallery of Modern Art. Access to the city centre is just a short stroll across the Brisbane River.



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 Brisbane.

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 BRISBANE

- ▶ Queensland Residential Tenancies Authority: rta.qld.gov.au/
- ▶ Online Marketplace for rentals and furniture: gumtree.com.au
- ▶ International Student Guides: www.insiderguides.com.au/international-student-guides/