



RESIDENT NEWS

January 2009

Welcome

Welcome to all returning and new residents!

We are starting early with a newsletters this year – this, the first edition for 2009, will hopefully provide you with some helpful information about living in the Colleges / Apartments, what you need to do before you arrive and where to go upon arrival.

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To create an informal meet & greet occasion to introduce all students and staff we are holding a welcoming session on the evening of Monday 23rd February at 5:30pm where buffet and finger food will be available, free, for all first year residents. We strongly encourage you to sign up - it will also serve as an awareness session regarding the opportunities on the residential campus together with house rules and regulations we all need to be aware of. Our new catering model, Residential Choice, will be fully explained, all your questions answered and you can sign up for activities and events while being introduced to our staff and the services that we offer. Good luck for the year ahead.

Paddy Barbour
Deputy Director Accommodation Services

Welcome/Induction Session

Monday 23rd Feb

5:30pm

This session will be held in the Accommodation Services dining hall attached to John Fisher College. Please ask at the Administration office if you are not sure where to go.

Before you arrive

Rent - You will need to pay 2 weeks rent by 1st February.

Arrival dates – please inform the office of your arrival date and estimated time of arrival. Please be aware if you arrive before the start of your contract you will be charged for the additional night/s. Failure to notify us that you will be arriving early may mean that your room is not ready and you will be turned away.

Welcoming session – You need to attend the welcoming / induction session outlined on page 1 of this newsletter. This session will provide you with valuable information for your stay in residence while introducing you to other students so PLEASE sign up and attend. Also FREE food will be provided.

When you arrive

Weekdays – Please report to the Accommodation Services Administration office and you will be welcomed.

Weekend or After Hours- Please contact the duty phone by either using the help phone located at the opposite wall to the Admin office entrance.

John Fisher College / Christ College / University Apartments – ring 6400 (hold down the button until answered) and the duty RSO will respond

What to Bring with you

Linen – You will need to provide linen for King Single Beds

Kitchen Items – including cooking equipment, crockery and cutlery

Dining Options 2009

In 2009 Accommodation Services introduced a new dining format. This flexible and affordable meal program allows residents to access meals at Pepperz Restaurant and Café at extremely competitive prices. Residents are able to obtain a meal card from the Accommodation Services Office upon arrival in residence – this card needs to be charged (money put on it) and then it is available for use. You only pay for what you eat while our ever changing menu ensures that there is an option for every taste and, as the service is available 7 days a week, it is convenient for those with a busy schedule.

To introduce students to the new system we are looking at options of placing advance credit on your student meal card to facilitate access to the restaurant / café meals, and to purchase miscellaneous item. Confirmation of this process will be provided to you shortly or upon arrival.

Parking on Campus

Accommodation Services has limited parking spaces available on site at each residence. There is a range of designated 'free' parking areas in Hobart. Ask the office for further details. Please be aware that if you park in a non designated area or fail to display the correct permit you will be subject to a fine – these fines are not distributed by Accommodation Services but by the local city council.

Position Vacant:

We have IT support positions available at all residential sites. If you are proficient in IT and are able to troubleshoot IT issues please send your expression of interest to me.

Joel.Webb@utas.edu.au

These are paid positions with Accommodation Services

General Information for new Residents

Tutorial Program – We (AS) provides a free tutorial program to its residents. If you are experiencing difficulty in your studies you can register for assistance with the Office or see one of the RSOs. AS also facilitates a variety of study groups – register your interest with the RSOs and look out for posters advertising ‘group meetings’

Tutors Needed - Accommodation Services are always looking for willing and able tutors in most subject areas. If you have a distinction average and believe that you can assist others in a particular subject, please forward your details and academic transcript to me – Paddy.Barbour@utas.edu.au. OR sign up at the office. These are paid positions @ \$20:00 per hour / \$25 p/hour for graduates.

Fire Wardens Needed – Each year AS asks for volunteers to serve as building fire wardens. A warden assists AS staff in the event of a fire by directing students to exits, checking rooms, and taking role call at the evacuation points. If you are interested in being a fire warden please register your interest with me by emailing your contact details to William.Hohman@utas.edu.au. Training and equipment is provided

Harassment Contact Officers – If you are interested in being trained as an Harassment Contact Officer for your residence please email your contact details to me at Paddy.Barbour@utas.edu.au

Sporting Equipment – The RSOs/College Student Clubs have access to a range of sporting equipment that can be borrowed. Generally we can sign things out for 24 hours or over a weekend. Ask about what’s available.

General Activities and Events – AS provides a series of recreational and social activities and events throughout the year – a calendar of these will be available when you arrive on campus. If you have ideas about activities, events or inter residences challenges, let the RSOs know. And we will do our best to organise things.

Resident Interest Groups (RIGs) - Wanting facilitate a variety of interest groups – if you have a hobby or a particular interest and wish to meet others with a similar interest consider forming a RIG – please contact AS with any suggestions you might like to promote and will advertise the group for you. Contact: William.Hohman@utas.edu.au or Paddy.Barbour@utas.edu.au

Lock out Fines - Residents will be charged a \$5.00 lock out fee everytime you require a staff member (CSO,RSO or UTAS Security) to let you into your room. A portion of this money will be donated to a suitable and announced charity.

There will be a 2 week amnesty at the beginning of Semester before fines kick in. So – don’t forget to keep your room key/card on you at all times.

The mailing address for all residences is:

Private Bag 94

HOBART

TAS 7001

Mail can be collected weekdays from the mail room situated next to the AS Office

Disciplinary Matters

- ❑ There are a number of behaviours that will result in you being evicted from residence – refer to the Terms and Conditions of Residence.
- ❑ Accommodation Services works on a system of formal warnings, if you get 3 formal warnings this may result in you being evicted from residence. Depending on behaviour, it is possible to be asked to leave without formal warning
- ❑ Staff will usually give a verbal warning before issuing you with a formal – but this will depend on what behaviour /s you are exhibiting

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours – after 8:30pm it should be quiet enough to study, after 10:30 pm it should be quiet enough to sleep. During exam times we extend quiet hours to ensure that individuals are able to study in peace and quiet. Please consider others and ensure that you monitor your own noise levels. If someone is playing music, has the TV turned up or is talking loudly please firstly ask them to adjust the volume; if this is unsuccessful please call the RSO on duty.

Alcohol in Residence

Alcohol at UTAS

UTAS has a fairly comprehensive alcohol policy – what it means to you is:

- Accommodation Services cannot accept sponsorship from any alcohol or tobacco manufacturer, supplier or distributor.
- All functions organised by Accommodation Services (including Student Club functions) must obtain the proper permits from Accommodation Services. This is usually done by the Student Clubs.
- AS will not buy or subsidise alcohol purchases at any event
- All functions must abide by all Responsible Service of Alcohol principles, provide adequate security and minimise all risks.
- In planning and holding functions we must ensure that the consumption of alcohol is a social adjunct to, and not the sole purpose, of the function. Free and / or cheap drinks cannot be used as a drawcard to functions / events.
- AS / Student Clubs / Individuals are responsible for all actions resulting from their organized social activities whether on or off or traveling to/from campus. This is why we have clear start and finish times, provide transportation where necessary and provide RSA controlled events & use licensed premises.

You need to have a responsible attitude towards the consumption of alcohol. Please respect the rights of others not to drink if they choose and ensure your behaviour does not endanger yourself, others or the University.

This does not mean you can't have guests around and have a few drinks – just do so responsibly, keep your noise and your guests under control, and respect others. If you are going to have a gathering, particularly if it involves non-residents you need to let the RSO or office know via email or by using the Event proposal tick sheet. (available from the RSOs)

We ask that if you are holding a gathering or are heading out on the town that you respect Quiet Hours – therefore it should be quiet enough to sleep at 10:30 pm, if you remain in residence and are disruptive you will be issued with a formal warning. This also applies on your return to residence after a night out – enter residence quietly and make all effort not to disturb those that are sleeping or studying.

Some Helpful Acronyms

AS – Accommodation Services

CSO – Customer Service Officer -

In Hobart – Wanda / Jocelyn /
Melissa / Ange

CSOs are available during office
hours to answer your enquiries

RSO – Residential Support Officer –

In Hobart – Will / David / Ernest /
James

RSOs are available after hours
and at weekends to assist you