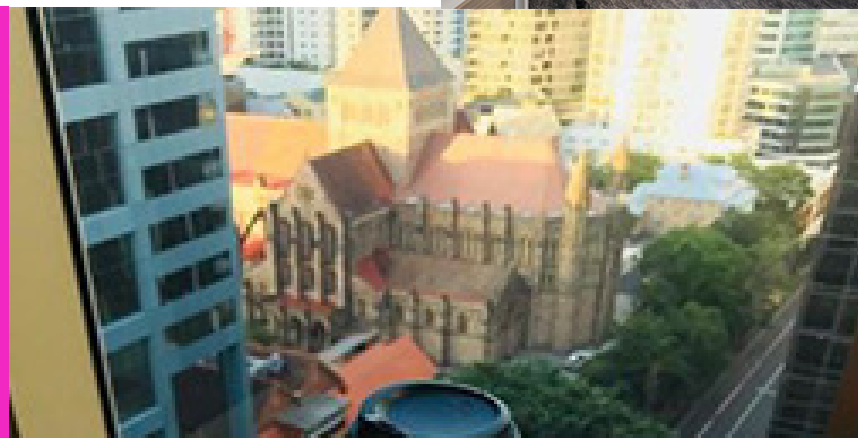


# YOUR GUIDE TO LIVING & STUDYING IN BRISBANE

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# BRISBANE AT A GLANCE



Perhaps due to friendly interstate rivalry, Brisbane has often been seen as the much smaller sibling of Sydney and Melbourne. In reality, Brisbane is a seriously big place compared to any other town in Queensland. With over 2.5 million people, Brisbane can offer students absolutely everything they could ever need. With beautiful weather and a relaxed vibe on offer all-year round, it's little surprise that Brisbane is often regarded as the friendliest city in Australia.

# BRISBANE CITY

Brisbane's city centre combines modern high-rise buildings with 19th century historic architecture. It's a lively hub of businesses, shops, restaurants, bars and non-stop action.

Queen Street Mall lies at the heart of Brisbane's city centre and is one of Australia's most popular pedestrian shopping strips. Packed with locals and visitors every day of the week, it's lined with restaurants, cafes, retail boutiques, food courts and multi-level department stores for everything you need. Nearby, Elizabeth Street, Edward Street, Albert Street and Adelaide Street offer more opportunities for some serious retail therapy.

Breathe in the fresh air at the lush City Botanic Gardens on Alice Street. As the oldest city park in Brisbane, it blooms with tropical flora and fauna with plenty of picnic tables and shady spots to sit and watch the Brisbane River.

The Riverstage is also located within the City Botanic Gardens and is the venue for many major concerts, festivals and entertainment events.

Shop for local produce, fashion and accessories at the Brisbane City Markets every Wednesday and Thursday. You can also catch the BrisStyle Markets on select days throughout the year for locally made arts and crafts. The popular Twilight Markets are located in King George Square and see designers and makers selling their handmade jewellery, art, unique gifts and gourmet food.

Central Brisbane is a foodie's dream, and you'll find all kinds of cuisines in the many restaurants, cafes, bars and taverns located across the area.



# WEST END & SOUTH BANK



West End and South Bank make up the heart of Brisbane's arts and culture scene. Trendy, modern and a little quirky, they overflow with museums, theatres, cafes, bars and stylish boutiques.

South Bank is Brisbane's main cultural precinct. The Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) offers spectacular exhibitions showcasing local and international art year-round. Take in some history at the Queensland Museum and Sciencentre next door, or cross the road and catch a live show at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC).

The South Bank Parklands are the go-to destination for picnics in the sun, strolls, award-winning eateries and major festivals and entertainment events. Take a ride on the iconic Wheel of Brisbane for breathtaking city views or swim at Streets Beach – Australia's only inner-city man-made beach right in the heart of the Parklands.

Little Stanley Street and Grey Street are lined with diverse restaurants, cafes and bars.

West End embraces individuality, and its eccentric boutiques offer something for everyone. Stop in at SWOP Clothing Exchange on Boundary Street, a haven for second-hand clothes and accessories. St Veronica's Thrift Shop also sells unique second-hand clothes and pre-loved treasures at bargain prices. The Happy Cabin on Vulture Street has a colourful selection of clothes and quirky gifts, while Bent Books is a brightly painted bookstore selling second-hand books.

# THE VALLEY, NEW FARM AND NEWSTEAD

**Fortitude Valley, New Farm and Newstead** are great for nightlife and entertainment, with countless bars, restaurants, live music venues and a buzzing laneway scene.

Fortitude Valley, or “The Valley” as the locals call it, is the place to go for a night out. Check out local and international DJs at the trendy bars and clubs lining Brunswick Street, Wickham Street and the laneways. The Press Club, Family, Laruche and The Met are some of the best.

Chinatown Mall in Fortitude Valley bursts with colour and culture. Snap a selfie at the traditional Chinese gates before exploring Chinese supermarkets, yum cha restaurants, takeaway eateries and more.

New Farm Park is the place to go for picnics and lengthy strolls. Right next door is the Brisbane Powerhouse. Built in the 1920s as a power station to supply electricity to Brisbane’s old trams, the building is now an iconic arts and entertainment centre. Catch comedy shows, cabaret, theatre, live music, art exhibitions, free events, festivals and more.

Not to be outdone, The Triffid in Newstead is one of Brisbane’s most famous music venues. Once an aircraft hangar during World War II, it now hosts some of the most exciting local and international performers. There’s also a beer garden that serves pub food and drinks so you can relax and get to know the locals while soaking up Brisbane’s music scene.



# STUDYING IN A NEW CITY

Moving to Brisbane to study is equal parts exciting and challenging. This guide will help you get the most out of your time in Brisbane; from finding work, financial support, making friends, accommodation, and much more.

Student One is here to help you with your move to Brisbane. If you have any questions about life in the capital of Australia's Sunshine State then simply reach out! Contact us to find out how we can help with your move to Brisbane, or visit us in-person for a tour of Student One's vibrant student residences.





## BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

Cheaper than Sydney and Melbourne, Brisbane is a world-class city that's completely doable on a student's budget. With some basic budgeting and financial discipline, students can afford the perfect student lifestyle without breaking the bank.



## Why Brisbane?

## WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Brisbane's universities are truly world-class, with many beautiful and modern campuses found throughout the inner-city and surrounds. Academia isn't the only pursuit on offer, with Brisbane's cutting-edge vocational institutions allowing students to explore almost any skill, creative pursuit, or trade.



## THE BEST STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Brisbane offers a range of quality purpose-built student accommodation. Scattered throughout Brisbane to be easily accessible to all institutions, these residences provide support, facilities and a community to students from a variety of institutions.



## GETTING AROUND IS EASY

While inner-Brisbane is incredibly walkable, public transport options throughout Brisbane are also comfortable, reliable, and affordable. Eligible full-time students can apply for concession fares on all Translink public transport services, including buses, trains, and ferries. As an added bonus, free shuttle buses and ferries are also on offer throughout the inner city.



## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Brisbane allows for students to be a part of almost any social scene. Students can explore the city's vibrant communities and dive deep into the limitless offerings of live music, arts, gaming, hiking, sports, nightlife, and much more. Just remember to save some time for your studies.



## SOCIAL SCENES

With access to almost every single hobby imaginable, it's easy to find a balance that suits your personality. Take a moment to think about how you want to spend your time, and plan some activities from there. While it can be scary to put yourself out there, it's important to stay social and meet new people while you're adjusting to your new home.



# DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE

Brisbane is an inclusive and multicultural city, with a welcoming population representing hundreds of different backgrounds and lifestyles. Expect to be warmly welcomed and respected by Brisbane's residents, and contribute in your own way by treating others in kind. You won't regret it.

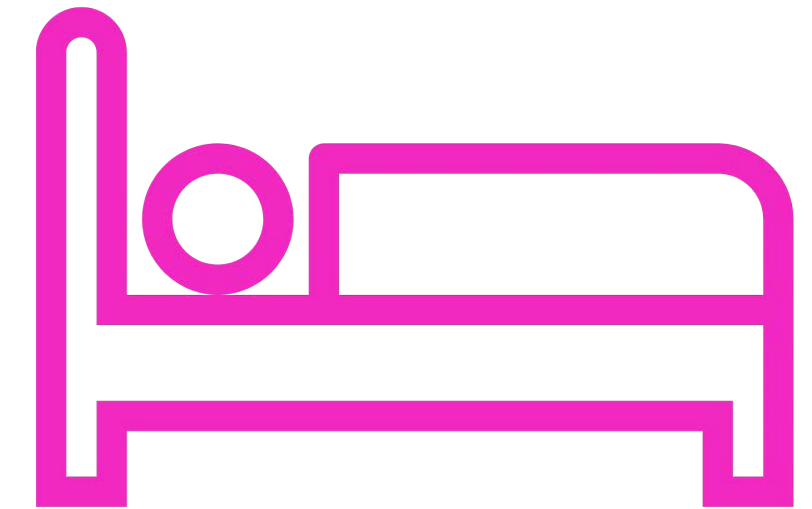


# Accommodation

Choosing a place to live is an exciting part about studying in a different city!

The freedom, cultural experiences and friends you will make...

Depending on your lifestyle and budget, you will be able to find the right place to suit you. It all starts with knowing the options...



## Student Accommodation

Price range: AUD\$250-\$650 per week

### Pros:

- Live independently in self-contained accommodation; have the support of other students in the building; enjoy the recreational and social events for residents & build life skills, no need to worry about bills, internet etc – it's all taken care of for you!

### Cons:

- Organise meals if these are not already offered

## Private Rental

Price range: AUD\$200-\$500 per week

### Pros:

- Live independently, enjoy your own space and freedom with fewer rules; more suburbs to choose from; develop independence.

### Cons:

- Arrange furniture and utilities; a more significant commitment and extra responsibilities

## Home Stay

Price range: AUD\$300-\$400 per week

### Pros:

- available for both short term and long-term; can be relatively affordable; receive support and maybe even home-cooked meals). Students will be matched with hosts, to find a homestay close to your university

### Cons:

- Less independence, curfews might apply, sharing a space with a family

## Living on campus

Price range: AUD\$300-\$500 per week

### Pros:

- Universities impose strict guidelines to create a safe environment; convenient and easy to get to class; easy to socialise with other students; get the full university or college experience

### Cons:

- Could be more expensive (paying for convenience) could be more rules regarding social activities, noise levels, guests, and usage of shared spaces and equipment/appliances.

# Transportation



Brisbane's public transport network is operated by Translink. In Brisbane specifically, it includes a large network of buses, trains, and ferries which help connect Brisbane residents from **Ascot to Zillmere**, and everywhere in between. Students can pick up a Go Card from selected retailers and train stations, and eligible full-time students can register for discounted concession fares. Once you've got your Go Card, topping up your balance and managing your card is easily done online. You can buy a go card online or at over 680 locations across South East Queensland. When you purchase your go card you'll pay a refundable deposit of \$10 (adult) or \$5 (concession).

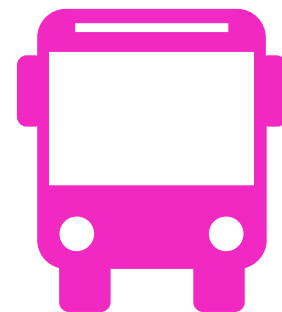
The Translink App is a must-download for any resident in Brisbane. It provides real-time updates on all services, and allows you to plan out any journey. Enable location services and the Translink app will show you all current public transport services in your immediate area, allowing you to get to where you're going with little stress.

While you may not be a master of Brisbane's public transport network after one day, it won't take long before it becomes second nature. Just don't forget to tap on and tap off with your Go Card!

Brisbane is also a very walkable and rideable city. Many students find it more convenient to walk or ride to their destination, and this can be done very easily in inner-Brisbane's flat terrain. It's good for the environment, good for your health, and good for your wallet.

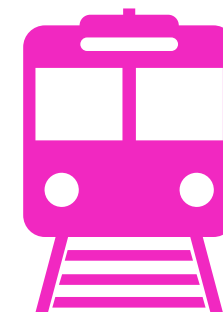
## Buses

Brisbane has a comprehensive bus service that runs throughout the city, connecting the outer and inner suburbs to the CBD, major shopping centres, entertainment and dining precincts, railway stations and ferry terminals.



## Trains

Queensland's speedy network of electric trains has the Greater Brisbane region covered and provides direct access to the city, neighbourhood precincts and outer suburbs.



## Ferries

Let the river be your guide. Affectionately known as CityCats, ferries are an enjoyable way to explore Brisbane. Glide along the river with CityCat and CityFerry services. It's perfect for sightseeing and accessing key spots.



# TO CAR OR NOT TO CAR

Moving to Brisbane with a car is a complicated situation. While there's plenty of free parking in the streets of Brisbane's suburbs, you'd likely be far away from the universities and attractions of the inner city. And even when it comes time to drive into the inner city, expect to pay a steep price for short-term parking.

For students that can afford it, long-term car parks in inner-Brisbane can cost anywhere between \$50-200 per week depending on their location. With excellent public transport options throughout the city, most students chose to forego their car in order to save money. Students who live at Student One and studying at QUT or UQ, for example, will almost never need to use a car in their day-to-day life. Especially as we have a free daily shuttle to/from UQ.



# ELECTRIC SHARE RIDES -A CHEAP ALTERNATIVE



# Employment

Brisbane's job market is full of opportunities for students, though it pays to apply for jobs in the right way. Make sure your resume is up-to-date and that your references are in order before applying for any job. More people and more jobs also means more competition, so it's important to ensure that your applications are of a high quality. Have your friends and family look over your resume, or consider paying for a professional to edit your resume to a professional level.

Retail and hospitality are two key industries that employ students on a part-time or casual basis. The size of the business will often influence how you apply for the role. While you might have success with small businesses by submitting your resume in-person, larger businesses will almost always manage their recruitment through online avenues like Seek, Indeed, or their own company websites.

For regional or interstate students moving to Brisbane, there is no greater boost to your job security than to transfer within your current company. With most larger companies having locations nationwide, relocating students often successfully request to transfer their job to a Brisbane-based location. This can provide much-needed income and certainty during the big move to Brisbane.



# Financial Support



While Student One regularly offers a range of accommodation scholarships, financial support is also available for eligible students through other avenues. Students moving to Brisbane are often eligible for Centrelink payments such as Youth Allowance, Austudy, and Relocation Scholarships. Eligibility and waiting times for Centrelink varies wildly, so it's important to be proactive, persistent, and organised when applying for Centrelink support.

Brisbane universities also offer a wide range of financial support, usually in the form of scholarships or bursaries. Again, eligibility varies wildly and there is usually plenty of competition from other students. Apply early and often, and seek as much information as you can from the relevant scholarship departments of each university.



# WHY STUDENT ONE

## Smarter Location



We are located in the heart of Brisbane City and within a short walk to all forms of public transport. Our super-central addresses are only a short distance from the Brisbane's major universities and vocational institutions, as well as everything else that Brisbane has to offer.

## Smarter Scholarships



At Student One, we know that 2021 has been a difficult year for students in Australia. We have seen it first-hand, and we are proud to continue our support of our residents into 2022 and beyond. Our scholarship offerings are designed to help and support our residents and to ensure everyone gets a fair chance of living smarter and better at Student One.

## Smarter Connectivity



We provide free unlimited WiFi internet at all of our residences. Regardless of where you are in building you will be able to access your course notes, chat to your friends and family and stream your favourite TV shows and movies through our extensive and high-speed network. Cinemas, media rooms, and study spaces provide smart spaces for work or play.

## Smarter Community



We are so much more than a place of residence for students. Thanks to all the little extra details – from a busy social calendar, free bicycles and support staff available 24/7 to washing machines that email you when your laundry is done – Student One is a home away from home, where many make friends for life. If it makes your stay and studies easier, we have thought of it. Our social calendar is updated every month, providing students with timely events to help them live smarter.

## Smarter Commute



Living at Student One means you live right in the very heart of Brisbane's city centre. You can walk to most campuses such as QUT Gardens Point, JCU, CQU, Federation Uni, Torrens Uni and TAFE. Student One also provides a free shuttle bus to and from UQ, and provides free bicycles to its residents. .





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