Group Housing

Accommodation Services / Division of Student Life
PURPOSE

• Planning to move off-campus
• Confused about where to start
• Need Resources to start your search
• Need assistance with budgeting
• Need insights of living off-campus

YES, you are at the right place!
WHAT’S COMING

• Group Housing and Starting your search
• Finding a Property - The Process
• Budgeting advice for students
• Living Off Campus - An Experience
• Useful Resources ANU and ACT
Group Housing

• **Group Housing**
  – Sharing internet, electricity, gas, water, furniture

• **Affordable for students?**
  – If you do the maths right

• **Support and Help?**
  – ANUSA
Renting a Property

- Finding a Property
- Inspection
- Submitting Your Application
- Processing Your Application
- Accepting & Signing the Lease (Bond + Rent)
- Utility Connections - Getting Connected
- Changing Your Address
- Property Condition Report
Before you start

Things to consider before you start…

Location – within walking distance of uni/job

Transport – consider parking costs, public transport and biking/walking

People – who do you really want to live with?

Facilities – do you need 2+ bathrooms?

Finances – how are you going to allocate rent?

What about bills?
Initial Property Inspection

Prepare and develop a list of questions

- Create a checklist of queries

About the property

- Is it available now, or on a set date?
- What is the address and how do I get there?

Rent, Lease and Bond

- Confirm rental amount – is it negotiable?
- Confirm length of lease
- How much bond? **4 weeks is maximum and standard (ACT)**.
RENTAL APPLICATION

• Personal reference (in English)
• Employment reference (if applicable) or evidence of income
• Banking information
• Identification documents (drivers licence, Medicare card, passport)
• ID to equal 100 Points of Verification

Signing a Lease, things to verify…
Budgeting Advice

Electricity

Household furnishings

Groceries

Gas

Social Activities

Internet

Transport

Bond Money

2 weeks Rent in Advance

Health Care

Groceries

Sharing Experiences
Useful Resources ANU and ACT

ANU Housing Online
https://housingonline.anu.edu.au/

ANUSA

Allhomes

Real Estate

Tenants Union
http://www.tenantsact.org.au/RentingAdvice

ACT Information Portal

Residential Tenancies Act 1997