Welcome to Lodge
Your one stop guide for moving to an ANU Lodge

What to Expect

Moving to a Lodge is your next step towards independence. You may have lived in a catered Hall or have moved straight out of home and this can be a little daunting. We know that your move to a more independent style of living at Lodges is the start of a new adventure.

Our Lodges are managed by a capable, friendly and student-focused team. The structure differs from other UniLodges in Australia as the buildings are ANU owned and managed in partnership with UniLodge. The pastoral care and academic support programs on offer at the Lodges are aligned with the same programs offered by the Halls. The partnership that the ANU has with UniLodge requires them to have a consistent approach and to deliver on that. If students living in the Lodges have concerns about their pastoral or academic programs please raise this with the Residential Experience team via uni.accom@anu.edu.au.

Your new home may look a little different to a Hall. The Lodges offer apartment style living in either single studios or multi-share apartments. Each are modern designs and provide comfort and an ability to relax, study, cook and share meals has been considered. From roof-top gardens to ground floor BBQ and entertainment areas, the design in your apartment or in the communal spaces of the Lodges is aimed at creating shared spaces of meeting and socialising.

Video introduction: If you have got some time and you want to see the Lodges at a glance, watch this video by scanning the QR code.
Community and Res Life Experience

The Lodges provide lots of communal facilities where students can relax, study, share a meal, watch a movie and socialise together. There are many opportunities to meet and socialise outside of the apartment and also opportunities to meet the residents in the other Lodges. Your friends that are not living in the Lodges are more than welcome to see you, however, social distancing requirements need to be followed. The guest rules that apply at the Halls are the same at the Lodges.

Indoor and outdoor recreational areas can be used by all residences; this includes the games rooms with pool tables and ping pong tables, the outdoor chess area. There are plenty of tables and chairs provided and bean bags for relaxing. BBQ facilities and outdoor courtyards are also available. There is a beautiful rooftop garden that provides BBQ facilities and overlooks the city and Black Mountain tower, this is a fantastic spot to mingle and get your friends together.

Moving In and Your Independence

Learning to cook is an essential part of leaving home. Cooking doesn’t have to be complicated and there are plenty of options available to make cooking easy and hassle free. Start off with simple easy recipes and grow your confidence from there, alternatively, you can gather some friends and learn to cook together.

Cookbooks are available at libraries to borrow or you can find quality and cheap cookbooks at op shops or places such as Kmart and Big W. You can also find plenty of easy recipes online with easy step instructions. The cost of catering included in a catered hall tariff can vary from $130-$190 per week. Living in a self-catered residence can save you money on food costs and you then have an opportunity to use these funds on other things. Alternatively, you can subscribe to a fresh food delivery service where the ingredients and instructions are packed and delivered straight to you (so no grocery shopping is required either), some options include Marley Spoon, Hello Fresh, Dinnerly and Gym Meals Direct.
Whole of Lodge events, floor events and other social opportunities are organised throughout the year to support you in meeting people even when living on your own. All Lodges have a large number of areas to create a sense of community and allow students to make friends and mingle. Popular events such as weekly movie nights, Davey Lodge weekly dinners as well as ice-cream and Tim-Tam nights are organised throughout the year to get students together.

Pastoral Care, Support and Safety

Each of our residences at the ANU have a range of facilities which aim to support and assist in the development of a healthy, safe community. The residences are secure with controlled access to the building, rooms or apartments. CCTV cameras are in operation, the ANU security patrol regularly.

All of the Lodges have live-in support available with Senior Residents, Community Coordinators, an Assistant Residence Life Manager and a Residence Life Manager (Residential Wellbeing Coordinator equivalent) all living on site. They may have different titles, but their roles and the services that the management, reservations team, SRs and CCs offer are the same, and are based on the same ANU objectives, which are student safety, wellbeing, high quality administration and amenities, social engagement and academic enrichment.
Location

Living on campus makes it easier to get to your classes and tutorials, you have easy access to the ANU library and a short walk to Kambri. You can meet your friends and classmates in different residences or at some of the beautiful locations on campus. You are also right on the edge of Civic in a precinct with lots of cafes, bars and restaurants. The Lodges really are perfectly situated to provide you with the best of both the campus and the city.

Situated in an ideal location for life both on and off campus, the Lodges are located in Acton and have everything you need close by. There are a number of locally owned shops in the area, these include grocery shops, coffee shops and hairdressers, bars and pubs. With less than a kilometer walk you have the Canberra Centre with ample shops available for all your shopping needs, a movie theatre and games arcade, various different banks and Coles.

If you are looking for an adventure outside of Canberra, less than 500 metres walk is the Jolimont Centre. This is a coach station that can take you to a variety of places such as Sydney, Narooma and Woolongong. Alternatively, if you are interested in taking trip to the snow during winter months, buses frequently depart during both weekends and weekdays.

Transportation is easily accessible being so close to the city; buses, Uber and taxi services and the tram are all great forms of travel. The services are reliable and timely. Alternatively, there are e-scooters and e-bike available conveniently situated around the city.

There are walking tracks close by with some of the best views of Canberra. If you like to hike, Black Mountain Tower is a two hour round trip from the Lodges and will provide you with some exceptional views of the city. Alternatively, you can walk to Lake Burley Griffin within half an hour. It’s a perfect spot to pack lunch and have a picnic with your friends.