

How to Celebrate and Socialise Safely

Student Living recognises the value of social connection within our community. This practical guide aims to empower you to facilitate safe and respectful gatherings within the Student Living precinct.

A small event can be the coming together of people in a group setting for social purposes, or an organised activity that involves people coming together for a clear purpose. Small events could look like celebrations such as a birthday, coming together as a group before heading off-campus and more.

Small events can be held on-campus within your residence's common spaces, they can have no more than 50 people in attendance and should not exceed 2-hours in length. Student Living must be notified of all small events with at least 24-hours' notice via an online booking form.

By requesting a booking, you are taking responsibility for ensuring the space is left the same condition as you found it. This means:

- All furniture is returned to their original position
- All rubbish is removed and disposed of in the appropriate waste and recycling bins
- Decorations have been removed and packed away
- There is no property damage to any infrastructure or resources within the booked space
- The booked space must be cleaned and tidied by 10am the next day.

Please note that any associated costs for additional cleaning or property damage as a result of your booking, will be applied to you, unless the responsible resident is identified.

As per the Student Living Standards, small events should abide by:

- Expected behaviours of residents including but not limited to no drinking games or lock-in style activities and absolutely no hazing – this can include anything where there may be a power imbalance or where implicit boundaries are created for belonging.
- Quiet time periods
- Guest policy

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FAQs

Q: Where can I have a small event?

A: Small events should only take place in shared common spaces only. Not within apartments, blocks, floors, kitchens, or study spaces.

Q: How many people can I have at a small event?

A: You can have up to 50 people attend a small event.

Q: When can I have a small event?

A: Sunday to Wednesday between 10am - 10pm, and Thursday to Saturday between 10am - midnight.

Small events are not permitted during quiet time, exams, Festival of Autonomy and during university shutdown periods. Noise must be reduced past 10pm even on Thursday to Saturday, this is to be considerate of all residents and neighbours within the community and all noise must cease by midnight.

Q: How long can my small event go for?

A: Small events should not exceed 2-hours.

Q: How can I have a small event?

A: Please notify Student Living Support of small events with at least 24 hours' notice via the [bookings form](#). We understand sometimes spontaneous small events can occur, please seek support from AHDOs if this is the case.

Q: Who can attend my small event?

A: Small events are for yourself and your friends who would typically be other residents.

Q: Can I have external guests at my small event?

A: During periods where guests are permitted, they are allowed at small events – as long as they are registered via the Student Living Portal in line with the guest policy within the Student Living Standards.

Q: Can we dress up for my small event?

A: If a small event has a dress up theme, it must be appropriate. This means it is not in breach of the Student Living Standards or University Code of Conduct, and it is not displaying cultural appropriation, is not discriminatory, controversial, disrespectful, rude, or exclusive.

Q: Can I bring in a DJ?

A: Small events are not permitted to have external contractors or suppliers onsite; this includes but is not limited to a DJ. However, one of your current residents could be a DJ.

Q: What if I want to have an event with more than 50 people?

A: We would encourage you share your idea with your association to see if they can incorporate into their existing event framework. Otherwise please reach out to Student Living Support to discuss some alternative options.