

2026 Callaghan New Resident Welcome Guide



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BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY

**STUDENT
LIVING**

Welcome to Student Living!

Living on campus is a life-changing experience, and we're really excited that you will be joining our vibrant Callaghan campus community!

Student Living's hope is for all residents to have a home that is safe, fun, and vibrant. We aim to offer opportunities for residents to build lifelong friendships, to celebrate diversity, to listen and learn from one another, and to build life skills whilst navigating living with others and studying.

Moving out of, or away from, home can be a daunting process so we've put together some information that will hopefully make your preparations to move in (and your first couple of weeks living on campus) more comfortable.



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The University of Newcastle acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which our campuses are located. The Worimi nation and the Pambalong clan of the Awabakal nation (Newcastle) and Darkinjung People (Central Coast).

We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge and pay respect to the other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations from which our students, staff and community are drawn.

First things first

Student Living Standards

The [Student Living Standards](#) set out expectations and standards for all members of the Student Living community. Student Living will provide support along the way to guide residents to meet these expectations so that together we can create and maintain a fulfilling experience for all residents. Please read through the [Standards](#) before you arrive on site.

This welcome guide does not replace the Standards in any way, but rather has been developed to answer common questions students ask when preparing to move on to campus.

Housemate Handbook

Please familiarise yourself with our [Housemate Handbook](#).

Inside you'll discover tips on how to make friends, create connections, contribute to your new living environment, navigate difficult conversations and be the best housemate possible!



Move-In Day

The official Move-In Day for our new 2026 residents is **Saturday 17 January 2026 from 9:00am-4:00pm.**

If you are going to be living in West Tower, East Tower, North Tower, South Tower or Evatt House, you can check in at Student Living Reception which is on the ground floor of West Tower.

For those moving into Barahineban, Edwards Hall (Self-Catered and Main Hall) and International House, please head to Edwards Hall Dining Hall to check in.

When you check in on Saturday 17 January, you'll meet our fabulous Residential Mentors and kick-start your on-campus experience. We encourage you to arrive on this day to ensure your move in is as smooth as possible. We are happy to welcome guests on Move-In Day, as we understand moving away from home can be a huge step, and that our residents might need a bit of support. We ask that all guests depart from the Student Living precinct by 4pm on Move-In Day.

If you are unable to check in on Move-In Day, our team will also be available on Sunday 18 January, between 10am-2pm at the Student Living Office at West Tower.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate out-of-hours check-ins. If you are not planning to arrive on Saturday 17 January or Sunday 18 January, you are welcome to check in the following week, during our normal office hours - Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Student Card

If you are yet to upload your photo for your University of Newcastle student card, please follow the instructions [here](#). Please note, the photo supplied for your accommodation account is different from the one you'll need to upload for your student card.

Your student card will be programmed so you can use it for building and/or room access (where applicable) and issued to you when you move in. In order to receive your student card on Move-In Day, it is essential that you have uploaded your photo by **Sunday 4 January**.

Any queries you may have about student cards are best directed to [ASKUON](#).

How to get here

[Here](#) is our accommodation precinct map and, as mentioned above, you will need to check in at either our West Tower reception or Edwards Hall Dining Hall.

For West Tower - set your GPS to Stannett Street, Waratah West and enter the University via the Stannett Street traffic lights.

Once inside the campus turn right onto Ring Road and then left into Carpark 6 to park your car - please leave your luggage in the car whilst you check in. From there, it's just a short walk to West Tower and Student Living Reception.

For Edwards Hall Dining Hall - set your GPS to Wirra Crescent, Waratah West and enter the University via the turning lanes.

Once inside the campus, turn right and park in Carpark 14 - please leave your luggage in the car whilst you check in. From Carpark 14, it's just a short walk to the Dining Hall.

Planning ahead

What to bring

We have taken care of all the big stuff (think beds, desks etc), the rest is up to you!

When you are packing for your move, don't forget to bring:

- a licence/photo ID, Medicare card or Overseas Student Health Cover details
- laptop, stationery, and headphones for studying (don't forget your chargers!)
- bath towels and bedding
- toiletries and toilet paper
- kitchen utensils and cutlery
- clothes and clothes hangers
- pedestal fan (if you'd like)
- laundry basket and laundry powder (Tip: we have front-loading machines on campus)
- don't forget sunscreen and mosquito repellent!

There are shops and supermarkets a short drive/bus trip away if you've forgotten anything or for when you want to stock up on food.

You can find out more about what is provided for each residence and room type on our [website](#) by clicking on the Residence you'll be moving into and scrolling down to 'Inclusions'.

Linen packs

To make your move to campus even easier, Student Living offers linen packs for \$165.00. These packs are for a king single bed and include a flat sheet, pillow, a pillowcase, a quilt cover, a polyester fill quilt and a towel. These are available for purchase on the Student Living Portal.

ResShop

Student Living will be running ResShop during ResLife Welcome in West Tower Common Room. ResShop offers pre-loved items that past residents have donated and is a way for residents to pick up general kitchen and household items that are in great condition for a small donation. All proceeds raised will be donated to charity.

What not to bring

Residents are provided with all the necessary equipment and furniture to live comfortably on campus. Please do not bring large furniture like beds, desks, lounge chairs, or wardrobes.

The following items are not permitted, so please leave them at home:

- portable air conditioners
- blow-up pools
- barbecues
- any items that may encourage excessive levels of intoxication (e.g., beer bongs, drinking games and equipment)
- candles/incense/diffusers
- mattresses

For more information regarding prohibited items please refer to our [Student Living Standards](#).

Note: We know you're excited to make your new room your home, when doing so, we recommend against using adhesive wall hooks or similar products. We've seen these cause considerable damage, with repair charges passed on to the resident.

Jump online before you arrive

Parking permits

Digital parking permits can be purchased [here](#) from Thursday 16 December 2025.

After the successful purchase of an electronic residential parking permit, residents can park in residential car parks numbered 11 and 15. Only one licence plate can be active at a time when parking on campus. For more information on how to manage your vPermit, [click here](#).

In order to purchase an electronic residential parking permit, you will need to have an active Student account at the University of Newcastle. To do this follow [these steps](#).

Please note: Residential parking permits are for car parks 11 & 15 only. For general parking areas (excluding 11 & 15), you will need to purchase a general permit. View the parking and transport map [here](#).

Once you have been issued an Electronic Residential Parking Permit, you are agreeing to the rules governing traffic and parking. Failure to hold a valid permit while parked on campus may result in an infringement issued by Campus Security.

Getting around campus

[Carpool](#) with your friends and park for free in a Liftango bay at Callaghan or Newcastle City campus. Or, jump on the free NUspace shuttle to get to City Campus. Track the shuttle in real time via the [myUni app](#).

[Cycling](#) – Bike Hubs provide secure storage and end-of-trip facilities.

Compulsory E-Induction

Our E-Induction module covers all the basics about being a resident here at Student Living - it includes information about moving in, student services, welfare and wellbeing, security and important documents you need to look over before you arrive.

To complete your E-Induction, follow [this link](#) and self-enrol in the Student Living E-Induction (2026) course. You can then navigate through the modules.

Please note: you must enrol using the email address you applied to Student Living with - if you are unsure which email this is, please contact studentliving@newcastle.edu.au

Student Living X NUsport - Residential Gym Memberships

Membership to NUsport's The Forum at Callaghan, Harbourside and Ourimbah's pop-up gym will be included as part of the benefits of living on campus.

We're committed to providing you a holistic health and wellbeing program and this membership is just one of the ways we're achieving this.

Whether you're a fitness fanatic or simply use the gym or pool for some self-care – there'll be something for everyone with your membership.

For more information and FAQs click [here](#).

Things to tell your friends and family

Authorisation

Your accommodation contract is an agreement between you and Student Living. Student Living is unable to discuss any matters regarding your personal information or your account with anyone else without written authorisation from you. If you would like a parent or other third party to be able to contact us to discuss your financial account please complete and return the [Student Authorisation Form](#). These forms need to be supplied each year that you live on campus.

Mail

Unfortunately, we cannot accept mail before you have checked in.

Once you have checked in, you can receive mail via Student Living. To ensure it finds you please address it to:

[YOUR FULL NAME]
[YOUR RESIDENCE]
Student Living
130 University Drive
Callaghan NSW 2308

When your mail arrives, you will receive an email from Student Living with collection details.

Guests

All guests you bring in to Student Living and your residence during the year will need to be registered on the [Portal](#). This is an important element that contributes to us all doing our part to maintain a safe and respectful community.

As noted above, we are happy to welcome guests on Move-In Day and ask that all guests depart from the Student Living precinct by 4pm on Move-In Day. Please note: for Move-In Day you are not required to register your guests.

After Move-In Day, guests are not permitted back on campus until the end of ResLife Welcome and at other times as noted in the Student Living Standards.

Guests can then return to campus as normal from Tuesday 27 January and all guests you are planning to bring into Student Living need to be registered on the Portal, regardless of the time of day they are coming onto campus.

What to expect in your first few weeks

ResLife Welcome

ResLife Welcome is one week of activities and events to help familiarise yourself with your new home, meet new people, and learn your way around Student Living and the Callahan campus.

ResLife Welcome is the perfect opportunity to begin creating a home for yourself on campus, to get to know the Student Living community, have fun, and start making incredible memories!

Please note: no events or group gatherings that include the consumption of alcohol are permitted within the Student Living precinct between 9am Saturday 17 January and midnight Monday 26 January 2026. Residents wishing to consume alcohol during this period are asked to do so outside the Student Living precinct.

Make sure you are following us on [Instagram](#) as we release more information! Most of the ResLife Welcome activities are optional (but super awesome, so you should definitely come!) however, there are a few things that are compulsory for all new residents to attend.

Student Living Welcome (COMPULSORY)

Monday 19 January

You will need to attend a brief session on Monday 19 January. This session is designed to give you an opportunity to meet some of the Student Living team and ask any questions you might have.

Consent Education Workshop (COMPULSORY)

From Tuesday 20 January

Here at Student Living, we prioritise healthy, respectful relationships. Therefore, all new residents must attend a consent education workshop within the ResLife Welcome period. The workshops will run for approx. 90 minutes and will be held within the accommodation precinct. Further information will be provided in the lead up to move in and your Residential Mentor will assist you in attending a session.

If you would like more information about what the consent education workshops will involve before your arrival, please check out the [Elephant Ed](#) website. If you would like support or to talk to someone in relation to the consent education content, please reach out to studentlivingsupport@newcastle.edu.au or [Campus Care](#).

ResLife Welcome highlights to keep an eye out for!

- Tours, trivia nights, yoga
- ResShop - Forgot to pack a spatula? Don't worry, we have you covered! All proceeds from ResShop will be donated to charity
- Quad of Questions - A market day for all things Student Living and FREE FOOD, plus heaps of prizes on offer!
- Off-site events (hikes, wellness activities and more)

There will be ongoing giveaways during ResLife Welcome, so make sure you're checking the Student Living socials regularly!



[uni_newcastle_students](#)



www.facebook.com/uninewcastleresidents/

Meal plans

For information on the meal plan offering and how to apply please [click here](#).

For those living in Edwards Hall Main Hall, you will have access to seven (7) dinners per week and the cost is included in your room fees. Main Hall residents are welcome to prepare their own breakfasts and lunches in the kitchenettes or visit one of the retail options on campus. If you are living in another residence you are still welcome to visit the Dining Hall. Your options are a five (5) dinner per week plan, a seven (7) dinner per week plan or you can buy casual meals as and when you need.

Inventory inspection

As per Section 18 of the Student Living Occupancy Agreement, in order to confirm the condition of your room upon check-in, we ask you to please complete a room inventory/check-in inspection report available on the Student Living Portal as soon as possible after move in. It is important that you complete this report with as much detail as possible as this record will be used to assess your room condition following check out. Further to this, should you not agree to the condition of an item (see below) we will clarify this with you and may result in a maintenance request being lodged on your behalf.

Please see below for instructions on how to complete the form:

- Log onto the Student Living Portal
- Select the 'Room Inventory Form' tab at the top of the screen
- Select the '2026 Check In Inspection' and then click 'review'.
- Please review all inventory details.
- If you accept the condition of the item, click the 'agree' option next to the item and add a comment if required.
- If you do not accept the condition of an item, do not click the 'agree' option next to the item. You are then required to add a comment by clicking 'More information' to describe why you do not agree with the proposed condition of the item. Our Facilities Team will then review the item to determine whether it needs repair, replacement, or needs to be simply noted under your room type.
- Click 'Save Review' to submit your Room Inventory Form.

Please complete the form within one week of your-check in. If your form is not completed by this time, it will be assumed that you have agreed with the proposed condition of the item at the time of move in.

Maintenance requests

If you have any maintenance issues, you're able to log a request for our team to assist you with (ie. blown light bulb, broken towel rail etc.)

How to log a maintenance request:

- Log into the portal
- Select the 'Maintenance and Cleaning' tab which is located across the top bar or in the drop-down (three lines) menu on the left-hand side.
- At the bottom of the page, you can select 'New Job'
- From there include details of where, category, item and leave a note about the specifics of the maintenance request
- Select 'Save Job'

What happens next?

Student Living team receives the job request and organises with external contractors to inspect the issue. Some cases may require new parts to be ordered or further planning before maintenance is performed. If it's something minor such as a light bulb for a desk lamp, Ethernet cable, kettle or toaster, the maintenance team will advise you when the item is ready to be collected from the Student Living Reception.

Personal and household safety

Lockouts - When you lock yourself out of your room and call for help to re-enter it is considered to be a 'lockout'. Whenever you leave your apartment please remember to have your room key with you and that you have locked your bedroom and apartment doors.

Door breaches - Your safety and security is our highest priority and it is really important that residents keep front/apartment doors locked. Propping doors open or leaving them unlocked and unattended is a safety risk and we ask our community to look after themselves and their fellow residents.

All things finance

Room fees

The Room Fees in Advance payment you made when accepting your accommodation offer covers the first two weeks from your contract start date.

For most of our residents with a contract starting on Saturday 17 January, your first room fee payment will be due on the 22nd of January.

More due dates can be viewed by following the [Student Living Direct Debit Schedule](#).

If you have concerns about meeting the due dates on the Direct Debit Schedule, please contact **StudentLiving-Finance@newcastle.edu.au** to discuss your circumstances further.

Direct debit and manual payments

Direct Debit or direct withdrawal is a financial transaction in which the University of Newcastle automatically withdraws funds from the resident's Visa or Mastercard. Direct Debit runs once per fortnight on the dates listed on the Direct Debit schedule .

If you prefer not to set up an automated Direct Debit, you are welcome to make manual payments for your room fees each fortnight through the Student Living Portal. Please note that the same payment due dates noted in the Direct Debit schedule apply for manual payments also.

For more information on how to set up Direct Debit or how to process a manual payment please visit the [Student Living Portal](#).

Invoices

If you wish to make a lump sum payment for a full semester or full year, or if your Student Living fees are being paid partially or in full by a third party requiring an invoice, please contact **StudentLiving-Finance@newcastle.edu.au** to request an invoice. Payment for a standard invoice is required within two weeks of the date of issue.

Contact Information



Student Living

Student Living Reception

Services include – customer service, mail, finance.

☎ 4913 8888 ✉ studentliving@newcastle.edu.au



Student Living Support

Services include – Health and Wellbeing Coordinator, general wellbeing support, community concerns, Residential Mentors and ResLife Program.

☎ 4913 8888
✉ studentlivingsupport@newcastle.edu.au



Student Living Accommodation Portal

Maintenance and cleaning requests, Student Living account statements and payments, quick reference guides i.e. laundries and air conditioning units, submitting community concerns to get support and advice with challenging situations or wellbeing concerns.

🔗 newcastle.edu.au/accommodationportal



After-Hours Duty Officers (AHDOS)

Services include – support provision when the Student Living office is closed.

☎ 4913 8888



Academic Learning Support

Support for academic reading, writing and study skills and Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS).

☎ 4921 5350 ✉ learningsupport@newcastle.edu.au



AccessAbility

Students with a disability or medical condition can register for reasonable adjustments to support their study.

☎ 4921 6622 ✉ accessability@newcastle.edu.au



AskUON

For general University information and advice.

☎ 4921 5000 ✉ askuon@newcastle.edu.au



Campus Care

For advice or to report concerning or harmful behaviour, or experiences of sexual assault or sexual harassment.

☎ 4921 8600 ✉ campuscare@newcastle.edu.au



Campus Health (GP) Service

Available at Callaghan and Ourimbah Campuses.

☎ 4921 6000



Campus Security

Campus patrols, security shuttle, safe walk service, lost property, emergency management.

☎ 4921 5888 ✉ security-services@newcastle.edu.au



Chaplaincy

Chaplains are credentialled religious-workers who are authorised by their faith to provide support and guidance.

☎ Callaghan 4921 5571 Central Coast: 4348 4036



Counselling and Psychological Services

Emotional and psychological support.

☎ 4921 6622 After hours support: 1300 653 007
✉ counselling@newcastle.edu.au



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

The EDI Coordinator provides advice, support, education and information on a range of equity related matters.

✉ edi@newcastle.edu.au
🔗 newcastle.edu.au/our-uni/equity-diversity-inclusion



Financial Wellbeing

Financial supports may be available to students including interest free loans, grants and vouchers.

✉ financialwellbeing@newcastle.edu.au



Indigenous Student Support - Wollotuka

Provides academic, cultural and emotional wellbeing support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

☎ 4921 6863 ✉ wollotuka@newcastle.edu.au



Information Technology Support (IT)

Wi-Fi and wired Internet.

☎ 4921 7000 ✉ uonau.service-now.com/itservices



International Student Support

Central point of contact for advice and support.

☎ 4921 6236
✉ internationalsupport@newcastle.edu.au



UNSA

Student representation, clubs and societies, engagement activities and events, food bank.

☎ 4921 6006 ✉ unsa@newcastle.edu.au



Useful University Apps

myUni App

Access to systems and information including transport, parking, software and support.

Talk Campus App

Student-to-student mental health and wellbeing support.

Download the apps at the App Store or Google Play.

