

Summer stay



Applications open **10:00am on Monday 12 October 2026**

The Summer Stay contract period runs from **Sunday 29 November 2026 to Friday 29 January 2027** and residents are not required to pay an Application Processing Fee when applying.

Applying for Summer Stay

1. Log onto the newcastle.edu.au/accommodationportal
2. Select the 'Summer Stay' tab (black section)
3. Select 'Summer Stay 2026/2027'
4. Nominate a housemate (if you have one)
5. Review your details
6. Submit your application

**2026-27 Summer Stay
location is**

**South Tower
Newcastle Campus**

Subject to availability

Accepting your offer

Summer Stay offers will be made from Wednesday 21 October 2026 onwards. Once you receive your Summer Stay offer email please;

1. Log onto the newcastle.edu.au/accommodationportal
2. Select the 'Summer Stay 2026/2027' term with the status of 'Place Offered'
3. Read the revised terms and conditions and select 'Confirm' at the bottom of the page
4. You are now at the final confirmation page. If you are happy with your offer click 'Submit'

Once you have clicked 'Submit', you will reach the status update page and your confirmation will be emailed to you.

Summer Stay Move-in/Move-out

MOVE-IN	29 November to 3 December	Our team will confirm what date you'll move but you'll need to be available between 29 November to 3 December. On the date advised, you can collect your new room keys from the relevant Student Living Office between 10:00am and 2:00pm.
MOVE-OUT	29 January	For residents transferring to a 2027 contract, you must collect keys for your new room on 29 January from 10.00am. Residents either not planning to live on campus in 2027 or that have not received an offer for 2027 will need to move off campus and return your keys by 10.00am on 29 January.

Note: Move in and out activity has been condensed to ensure the process runs as smoothly as possible for residents and so that we can ensure the safest possible transition into and out of Summer Stay. Applicants should only apply for Summer Stay if they are sure they can meet the above timelines.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Summer Stay and who can apply?

Summer Stay provides residents with the opportunity to continue to live at Callaghan campus over the summer break by extending their 2026 contract through to Friday 29 January 2027 (or until your 2027 contract start date, if you are returning for 2027). The Summer Stay application process is open to all our residents currently living on campus.

When will I receive my Summer Stay offer?

Summer Stay offers of extension will be made from Wednesday 21 October 2026 onwards.

How much does it cost?

Summer Stay is an extension of your current contract and you will continue to pay room fees.

What if I can't move in or out on the dates specified above?

If you know that you are unable to move in or out of your Summer Stay room on the dates specified, please contact Student Living via email and provide a statement regarding why this is the case and what your circumstances are so we can confirm what's possible and if a Summer Stay extension can proceed. One outcome may be that you could authorise another current resident to move your belongings for you. If that was the case, following approval from Student Living, you will need to give them your keys and the responsibility for your keys and all other elements relating to the move rest with you. If you fail to contact Student Living and let us know that you're unable to move and discuss another option with us, we may move your items for you and pass on the labour cost.

Location	Room type	Accommodation description	Room fee/per week
			Standard rate (AUD)
<u>South Tower</u>	Single room Shared apartment	King single bed, shared bathroom and kitchen facilities, Wi-fi	\$305.85
	Single room 2 Bedroom apartment		\$349.81pp
	Dual occupancy 1 Bedroom apartment		\$258.57pp
	Single occupancy 1 Bedroom apartment		\$465.93
	Studio apartment		\$393.77

What happens if I find out I can't move on the date specified and I've already accepted my Summer Stay offer?

As above, you could arrange for another current resident to move your room for you (with all responsibility being yours), subject to Student Living approval. You can also cancel your Summer Stay contract up to 14 days prior to move in (29 November) without penalty and you would then need to depart by the end of your 2026 contract term which, for most, is 29 November 2026.

Do I have to pay a room deposit?

No, your current room deposit will be held and used for the Summer Stay period. Residents will not be required to pay an additional room deposit.

Can I live with friends who are also staying on for Summer?

If you have a friend you would like to share with, you will be given the opportunity to nominate them in your application. For your housemate request to be considered, the person you nominate must be a current resident and have also nominated you in their Summer Stay application, as well as the same location.

Note: Student Living will endeavour to cater for housemate requests, however all requests will be subject to availability. Additional conditions apply for Nihon campus.

Will I need to sign a new contract?

If you choose to stay on campus for Summer Stay, you do not need to change contracts. Your current contract will extend through to Friday 29 January 2027 but your room fees will change to align with Summer Stay fees shown in the table above.

Do I apply for Summer Stay if I want a short extension of my 2026 contract?

If you wish to extend your 2026 contract into December but do not want to stay on campus for the full Summer Stay term, please do not apply for Summer Stay. Instead, please send an email to studentliving-admissions@newcastle.edu.au

Note: extension requests will be subject to review and approval will be based on demand and availability. You may be required to move rooms in order to facilitate a short extension due to planned maintenance activities.

I already live in South Tower. Will I be staying in my current room?

We hope to minimise disruption for our residents and if we can keep you in your current room we will do our best. However, we may need to allocate you to a new room for the Summer Stay period. We allocate rooms on a first in basis, so if you do live in South Tower currently and wish to stay in your room, please apply as soon as possible.

What if I want to leave before Friday 29 January 2027?

If you wish to end the Summer Stay agreement earlier than Friday 29 January 2027 the standard termination process outlined in your [2026 Student Occupancy Licence Agreement](#) will apply.

What if I want to stay past Friday 29 January 2027?

If you have not received and accepted a 2027 offer of accommodation beforehand, you will need to move out by Friday 29 January 2027. If you do receive and accept a 2027 offer before the end of Summer Stay, we will be in contact to confirm the date for your room move.

I have accepted my Summer Stay contract but I need to cancel, what is the process?

If you need to cancel your Summer Stay extension after you have accepted, the standard termination process outlined in your [2026 Student Occupancy Licence Agreement](#) will apply.

If I stay on campus for Summer Stay, will I automatically get a room for 2027?

No. All Summer Stay residents will still need to have a complete Returner Application if they wish to live on campus in 2027. While we will try to ensure that we can find you a room on campus, it is essential you get your applications in as soon as you can as room allocations are subject to demand.

What are the catering options for Summer Stay?

All rooms in South Tower are self-catered and the Dining Hall at Edwards Hall is closed over the summer. The South Tower shared apartments are equipped with a kettle, toaster, microwave oven, electric stove/oven and fridge/freezer. You will need to bring your own cutlery and crockery with you.

What parking is available?

The closest car park to South Tower is car park 11 (located off Ring Road). All students staying on campus and wishing to use Residential Parking will be required to have a valid 2026 Residential Parking Permit and purchase a 2027 Residential Parking Permit prior to Friday 1 January 2027. If you do not have a current Residential Parking Permit, you will be required to purchase one for the Summer Stay period. Residential parking permits allow you to park in the car spaces exclusively allocated to residents and are available via [v-permit](#). Free parking is also available at car park 14, permits are not required to use this car park.

Can I do Summer Stay at my current residence instead of moving to South Tower?

Unfortunately not. For Summer Stay, everyone needs to move into the same residence at Callaghan and in 2026/2027 this is South Tower.

We've tackled the most frequently asked questions above, but if there's something else you would like to know, our Student Living team are available to answer any other questions you may have.

You can email us at studentliving@newcastle.edu.au or contact our office on [\(02\) 4913 8888](tel:0249138888).

