

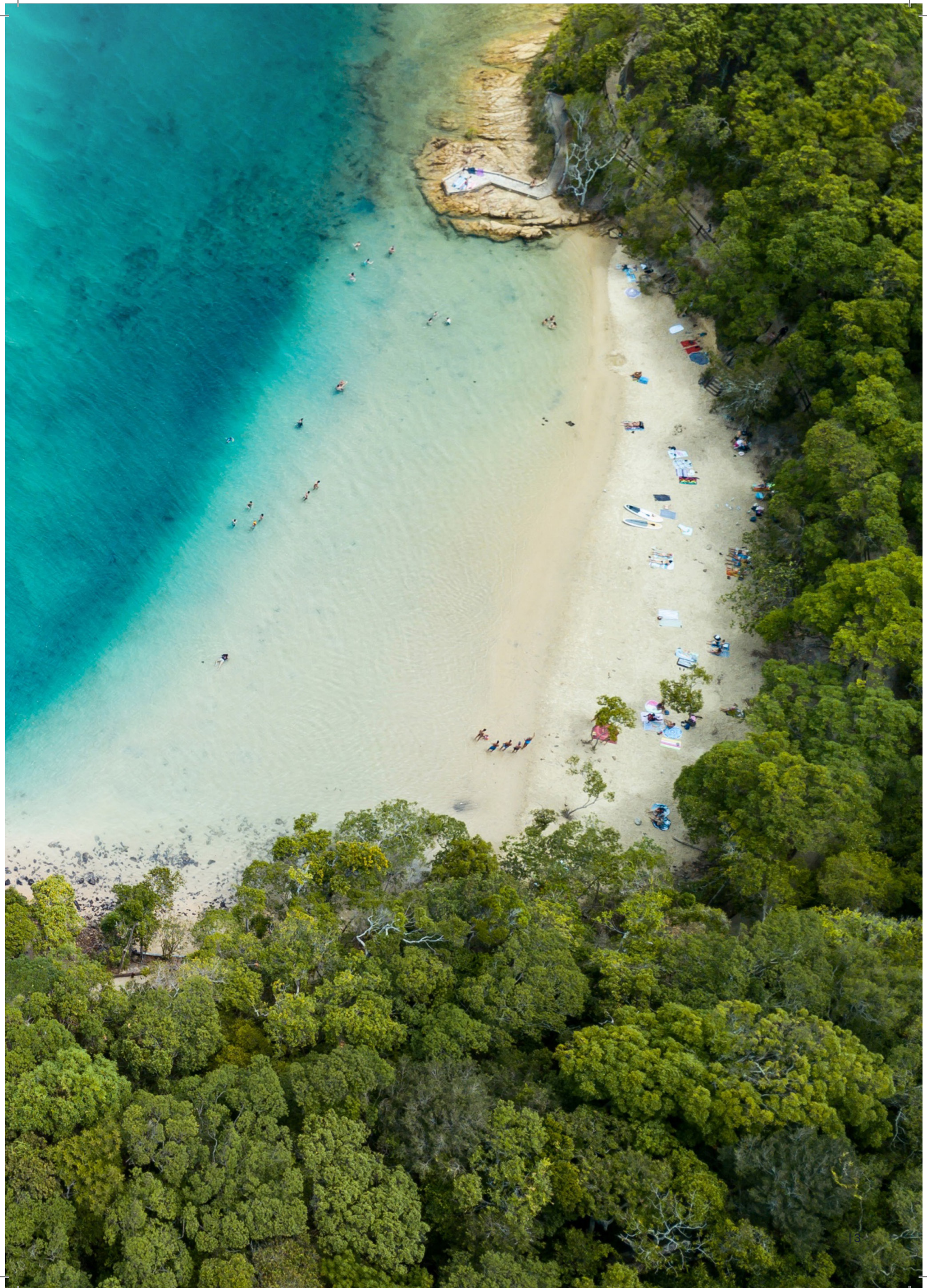
NYOMBIL CENTRE



An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The top half of the image shows clear, turquoise ocean water with visible ripples and some darker patches of seabed. A few people are swimming in the water. The bottom half shows a sandy beach curving along the shore, with several people walking or sitting. To the right of the beach is a dense, lush green forest. The overall scene is bright and vibrant.

Acknowledgement of Country

Bond University acknowledges the Kombumerri people, the traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which the University now stands. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



Uncle John Graham

**Bond University Elder
Kombumerri Traditional Custodian**

As the Bond University Elder, I acknowledge that we are committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community that respects and values the rich cultural heritage of Australia's First Nations peoples. Our campus is a place where local traditional knowledge and contemporary learning converge, providing a unique and enriching educational experience. As you embark on your academic journey with us, know that you are strongly supported by a community dedicated to your personal and professional growth. We encourage you to engage with the cultural programs and opportunities available, and to embrace the wisdom and insights offered by our First Nations staff and students. We hope to Welcome you to Bond University soon, where your future is our priority, your success is paramount, and your cultural identity is celebrated.



Indigenous students at Bond

92.19%

SUCCESS RATE*

For Bond Indigenous students

199

INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded since 2013

251

DEGREES

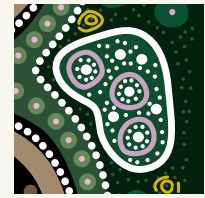
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* According to the Higher Education Statistics, 2023 Student data, Department of Education, Australian Government.

About the Nyombil Centre

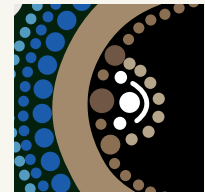
Academic guidance

Academic Guidance: Personal and community support is provided through the Nyombil Centre, alongside the Indigenous Tutoring Scheme, Academic Skills Office and our Faculty Librarian. Our Nyombil Centre staff provide one-one assistance for students to achieve academic success.



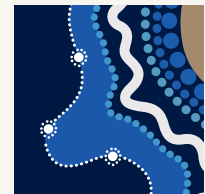
Cultural connection

The Nyombil Centre supports students in embracing their heritage and celebrating their identity through regular events, activities, and cultural experiences. Students can access guidance and mentoring from the Bond University Elder, and other members of the Indigenous Staff Network.



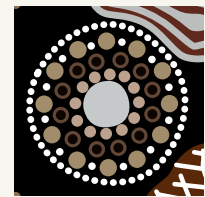
Money matters

Bond's Indigenous Scholarship Program offers full and part-fee scholarships to First Nations students who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership, and community engagement. The team at the Nyombil Centre can also assist you with additional financial guidance, ABSTUDY and bursaries.



The Nyombil effect

Connections made at Bond can last a lifetime. Within the Nyombil Centre, First Nations students from across Australia come together to build meaningful, enduring friendships, sharing their stories, experiences, and cultural knowledge. Students are supported by a dedicated team who walk alongside them throughout their university journey, nurturing both academic growth and cultural wellbeing.



The Nyombil experience

Orientation

Unlock your potential with the Nyombil Centre's Orientation Program, designed to empower First Nations students as they begin their university journey. Our program provides a culturally safe and supportive environment that fosters a strong sense of belonging and connection to heritage. With access to tailored resources, mentorship, and a community of peers and staff who understand your unique needs, you'll build confidence, engage fully in your studies, and overcome challenges along the way. This program lays the foundation for both academic and personal success, strengthening cultural identity while enhancing academic skills.

On campus dedicated study space

The Nyombil Centre's student study area is a thoughtfully designed space aimed at fostering academic excellence and collaboration. It features a quiet zone equipped with comfortable seating, individual study desks, and high-speed internet access, providing an ideal environment for focused study and research. For group projects and collaborative work, the study area includes spacious tables encouraging teamwork and creative problem-solving. Students have access to printing and scanning facilities, as well as an on-site kitchen equipped for those who prefer to bring their own meals. Additionally, the study area is accessible 24/7, accommodating the varying schedules of students and supporting their academic journey around the clock.

Tutoring

The Indigenous Student Mentoring and Tutoring program is a free peer assisted learning program provided by students for students enrolled in a diploma or award program at Bond University. Our tutors are high achieving students, alumni, and academic staff who can assist you to build confidence throughout your studies, develop transferable learning strategies and study techniques, as well as give general – yet valuable – advice based on their first-hand experience.

Oscar Davis

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (CRICOS 063150.J)
INDIGENOUS FELLOW - ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

"Bond University is a place where I have always felt supported to find my own path. When I first came to Bond in 2014, I was studying psychology and criminology with a view to specialising in forensic psychology. Through Bond's core programs, I became fascinated with the problems of philosophy, such as the search for meaning in our lives and about how we know what we know about the world. With the help of the Nyombil Centre staff and students and the wider university community, I was able to change my degree to philosophy. I went on to complete a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) on the evolution of morality, finalising my thesis in 2020. I am now an Assistant Professor here at Bond University. My teaching and research in Indigenous studies and Pacific art traditions, moral philosophy, and Australian history, continues to explore those questions which first ignited my passion for learning. I have been able to find and pursue what I love because of the support and community I have found here, particularly through the connections I made at the Nyombil Centre. It is a privilege to now contribute to the same community that guided and grounded me throughout my own journey."



Get involved

Indigenous University Games

Indigenous Nationals is a unique event that brings together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from universities across Australia through the power of sport. It not only promotes health, fitness, and wellbeing but also celebrates Indigenous culture and the strength of its role models. For Bond University students and staff, the event provides an invaluable opportunity for our Indigenous students to connect, build community, and form lifelong friendships through shared sporting and cultural experiences. It fosters a deeper understanding of challenges faced, encourages exploration of heritage, and strengthens connection with other Mob studying across the country.



Bond University Student Association

The Bond University Student Association (BUSA) is the student led organisation and provides services to the broader student community. BUSA's mission is to make student life at Bond more rewarding - ranging from enhancing academic pursuits, facilitating sporting involvement and satisfying social necessities. BUSA is a secular, apolitical and unpaid Management Committee of elected student volunteers here to represent you and help you make the most of your time at Bond. BUSA has several roles that you can volunteer to take on, including a dedicated First Nations Director.

Karulbo' all together | Bond University First Nations Student Society

Karulbo is a culturally grounded, student-led society that provides a strong social and support network for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, while also promoting inclusivity and connection across the wider University community. Its mission is to encourage and empower students, support their wellbeing, and promote academic success and completion, while fostering lasting friendships and a sense of belonging. With the support of the Nyombil Centre, Karulbo also seeks to inspire future students by reinforcing that tertiary education is a place where they are welcomed, supported, and able to thrive.

Bond Scholarships

Scholarships can play a transformative role in supporting First Nations students at Bond University by alleviating financial barriers that often hinder access to higher education. These scholarships provide much-needed financial assistance for tuition fees, accommodation, and living expenses, allowing students to focus on their studies without the stress of financial strain. Additionally, scholarships can offer mentorship opportunities, academic support, and access to co-curricular programs, helping students to thrive in a university environment.



Discover our diverse range of scholarships,
and learn more about the application process

Indigenous specific scholarships

Bond University Indigenous Scholarship

Offers an impactful opportunity, covering 50% of tuition fees for successful applicants applying for diploma programs, undergraduate degrees including approved combined programs up to 320 credit points (excluding the Medical Programs), and postgraduate degrees (excluding research degrees). For those pursuing a diploma or undergraduate degree who relocate to the Gold Coast and live in on-campus accommodation, the scholarship goes even further, providing a one-semester living bursary that includes a meal plan.

Bond University First Nations Medical Scholarship Program

Bond University is committed to providing opportunities in tertiary education for Indigenous Australians, including in Indigenous pathway into its Medical Program which comprises a Bachelor of Medical Studies and Doctor of Medicine. Each year, Bond University will award a 50% scholarship to one Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student studying medicine.

Bond University Indigenous Higher Degree by Research Scholarship

A scholarship for all successful applicants includes:

Stipend (living allowance) up to three years. Indigenous scholarship applicants are entitled to a 100% fee waiver under the Australian Government Research Training Program.

Alongside Bond University's Indigenous scholarships, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can also access a range of national and state-wide scholarships that offer financial support. Key national programs include the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship, which provides up to \$15,000 per year for students studying health, and the Indigenous Health Scholarships Program (IAHA), offering up to \$5,000 per year for eligible health-related degrees.

There are also valuable opportunities for students in all other fields, including business, education, arts, law, and science. Students are encouraged to explore national Indigenous scholarship portals and funding bodies, as these programs can complement Bond's support and open additional pathways for success.

Centrelink financial assistance

As a Bond University student, you may also be eligible to access additional financial assistance from Centrelink.

ABSTUDY

Financial help for Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students or apprentices.

ABSTUDY residential costs option

An option for students to help pay residential costs while living away from home to study.

ABSTUDY incidentals allowance

A payment to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians with the cost of starting or continuing study or training.

Relocation Scholarship

A once a year payment if you get ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance. You must also need to move to or from a regional or remote area for higher education study.

Tertiary Access payment

The Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) is a one off payment of up to \$5,000. It's to help eligible students with the cost of moving to study. This is for study after you've finished year 12 or equivalent.

Student start-up loan

The Student Start-up Loan is a voluntary \$1,273 loan for eligible students who get Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander moot provides Indigenous law students a chance to showcase their legal advocacy skills in a culturally supportive space. Teams from Queensland Universities included Bond, UQ, Griffith, QUT, and USQ. With legal issues relevant to property law and leases, the team were challenged to think critically and formulate complex arguments before some of the state's most senior judicial officers. Part of the competition is to include culturally sensitive arguments aimed at exposing the realities of commercial law on Indigenous enterprise. This year, Jazmine Grant and Harris Martens worked diligently, staying dedicated throughout the whole competition, seeing them make the grand final, with Jaz securing the competition's best oralist award. The team were supported by Dr Narelle Beford (Faculty Coach), Connor McGovern-Cubby (Student Coach), Chantelle Martin (Alumni Coach), and Bond's Faculty of Law and mooting community.



Left to right. Chantelle Martin (Alumni Coach), Harris Martens (first-year law student), Jazmin Grant (second-year law student), and Connor McGovern-Cubby (Student Coach).

Juliette Levinge

MEDICAL PROGRAM GRADUATE

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It's only natural that goals evolve over the four years and eight months of the Bond University Medical Program. Exploring potential specialisations, visiting Arnhem Land, working in clinics in the Solomon Islands and managing the demands of two sequential degrees are bound to spur growth.

Yet the motivation that first inspired Kombumerri woman Dr Juliette Levinge to pursue medicine has remained as solid as Jellurgal (Burleigh Heads) itself: Giving back to her community. Being able to do so on the Gold Coast is an added bonus. After graduating in December 2025, Juliette began work as a junior doctor at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

"Living and working on Country and staying connected with community is something that's very important to me, so having the opportunity to begin my career here is wonderful," she says.

The alumna is a descendant of Jenny Graham, a trailblazing Kombumerri elder. Growing up, Juliette loved spending time at Jellurgal, deepening her connection to Country.

With her cultural identity at the centre of her practice, Juliette is determined to ensure First Nations Australians can access healthcare safely and with dignity.

"I want all First Nations Australians to feel culturally safe when seeking healthcare and to have better health outcomes in their communities."

This is an excerpt from Juliette's story.



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the full version



Accommodation

Bond is located in a landscaped residential neighbourhood with a range of on-campus and off-campus accommodation available for our students. There are many accommodation options within easy walking distance of all University study and recreational facilities.

Living on campus

On-campus housing offers your choice of air-conditioned single or shared rooms. Residents benefit from one-on-one academic and personal support from the live-in team of Senior Resident Fellows, Student Resident Fellows, and Tutor Fellows.

Meal plans

For students living on campus, it is compulsory to have a dining plan. These flexible prepaid plans can be used to purchase meals on campus at Lakeside Restaurant, Papyrus Café, Pulse Café, Don's Tavern, the Coffee Cart, Bond Express, and the University Club.

Applying for on-campus accommodation

Our on-campus rooms are in high demand, so we recommend you complete your application as soon as the accommodation booking period opens.



Learn more and view room types

Homestay

Homestay accommodation offers students a fully supported living experience with a local host family. Bond University's homestay program is professionally managed by the Australian Homestay Network. Homestay accommodation is recommended for all students under the age of 18 years old.

View homestay options: homestaynetwork.org

Living off campus

There is a range of rental accommodation surrounding the University if you would like to live off campus. Options include houses or apartments on a single or shared basis with weekly rent varying depending on size, location, and the number of bedrooms. You will also need to budget for a security deposit (rental bond), food, electricity, telephone, internet, and cleaning.

Bond's accommodation team can provide information relating to accommodation within close proximity to campus. For suggestions email housingsupport@bond.edu.au or to view off-campus options, please visit bond.edu.au/off-campus

Share accommodation

Students regularly advertise for flatmates in a variety of units, townhouses, and larger homes located in suburbs adjacent to the campus (Varsity Lakes, Robina) and further afield.

Popular website: flatmates.com.au

Couple and family accommodation

There is a variety of rental accommodation available across the Gold Coast, ranging from beachside apartments to suburban family homes near schools, business precincts, and retail centres.

Popular websites: realestate.com.au
domain.com.au



Connection

by Abelee Stanley

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