



Student House

INFORMATION SHEET

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1. Who runs the House?

The Baird Street student house is run by the Ashburton Baptist Church and has been established to provide accommodation for tertiary students moving to Melbourne from the country to study. The house has earned a fine reputation for care of students since being established in 1986.

The Student House Management Committee (SHMC) manages the Student House on behalf of the church. The house is staffed by two resident student house leaders and supported by the youth pastor, the SHMC and the wider church community. Rentals are most competitive as the project is sponsored by a number of Church members.

2. How does it work?

Accommodation in the ABC Student House is based on a typical tenancy arrangement, with house members sharing the responsibility for quality of life in the house. That means sharing things like shopping, cooking, cleaning and other arrangements on a roster basis, and respecting the rights of others.

In most cases, the students from the Student House find the experience a wonderful opportunity to make new friends as they learn to live independently and find practical and creative ways to keep everything running smoothly.

3. Where is the House located?

Ashburton is conveniently located in the demographic centre of Melbourne with easy access by public transport to various campuses of Deakin, Swinburne, Monash, Melbourne and RMIT Universities. The Baird Street house is located near the church as well as the Ashburton shops and indoor sports and aquatic centre.

4. What is the House like?

The house at Baird Street has been specifically modified for community living and provides a comfortable home for up to seven students, with a mix of single and double rooms. As well as a large general living area, it has six bedrooms, two showers and toilets, a kitchen, laundry, lockable storage room, covered double carport and garden area.

Online Internet Access

Cable speed Internet access is provided for each room via a network point. The costs for this is part of the weekly rental. Students are welcome to bring their own computers that they can plug into the local network. A single shared computer is also provided in the house for Internet use.

5. What is the Church like?

Ashburton Baptist Church is a large, happy and active Christian community with a membership of more than 200 and a wider community of more than 400. It has a reputation for friendliness and outreach, and a commitment to share the journey of faith with others. The church centre is busy throughout the week, from the Sunday morning family service and "Sundays at Six" youth service at night. This continues right through the week with things like Youth Group, Amethyst Girls Club, a Young Adults Group, Play Groups, "Drop In", coffee groups, Bible Studies and Cell Groups and a variety of sports teams.

ABC's reach also extends much more widely than the church centre, with its strong community focus evidenced in many projects. As well as the Student House, providing accommodation for country students studying in Melbourne, the church runs the Wellspring Centre for Spiritual Renewal and Discovery, and the Elsie Salter House Day Care Centre for people with Alzheimer's. The excellent facilities designed for these activities are physically integrated with the church buildings, set in landscaped courtyard gardens.

6. What are the objectives of the Student House?

The objectives of the Student House are to provide secure housing for country students, which offers participation in the life of the Ashburton Baptist Community of Faith, in a way that assists the students to adjust to life in suburban Melbourne. In order to facilitate these objectives, the Church provides access to small study groups, pastoral support, community worship, city to country links, social and sports activities.

In addition, the students will be positively encouraged to be involved in the above programs on a regular basis and accept appropriate opportunities for personal development and leadership.

7. What does it cost?

The rental is paid 1 calendar month in advance and is set at:

Single room \$115 per week

Shared room \$80 per week

- Rental excludes all utility costs such as gas, electricity, water and phone, which are shared amongst the students. This on average works out to be about \$15-\$20 per week plus telephone costs.
- Students contribute approximately \$25 per week towards a "kitty" that covers food and household items. The student leaders manage this and the students provide input into what it is spent on.
- A bond equivalent to four weeks shared room rent (\$320), which is separate from rental, is payable on acceptance of a place in the house when the Accommodation agreement is signed. This will be returned when the Agreement is completed or terminated provided the conditions set out in the Accommodation Agreement have been met.
- Accommodation is offered for the period from 1st Feb - 30th Nov each year, but can be commenced earlier and extended later by agreement with the Student House Management Committee.

8. How are Applications made?

The attached application form can be filled out and returned to the address below. Contact details are provided on the form. Alternatively, contact the Church on (03) 9885 8210 or via-email: info@ashburtonbaptist.org.au

Once your application has been received an interview and house inspection time and date is able to be arranged.

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Ph: _____

Mobile Ph: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Course of study:

Year Level: _____

Institution: _____

Campus: _____

Full Time/Part Time

Date from which you would like accommodation?

Are you prepared to share a room? Yes/No

1. Please tell us a little about yourself with respect to family, local community, clubs, schools and Church background.

2. What makes you feel that you would enjoy being part of a student house run with a community emphasis?

3. Is there any area of Christian or community involvement that you would like to further pursue during the year?

4. Are there any particular hopes or aspirations you have for the year you would like to share with us?

5. What are your interests, hobbies and sporting aspirations?

6. Please provide names and contact phone numbers of two referees.

**Forward this completed form to:
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