

# ST MARK'S UNI HOUSES

# 2024

St Mark's offers 3 houses on-site for university student rental accommodation. The houses offer secure, self-catered accommodation for undergraduate students.

The aim of this ministry is not just to provide student accommodation, but a loving community which connects with the wider church family and ministry of St Mark's.



## Student Handbook

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# Applications

## Who can apply?

- We cater for undergraduate Tertiary Students who are 17-25 years old.
- Identify themselves as either Christian or non-Christian.
- Most are from outside of Wollongong, but are living in Wollongong while studying.
- All are carefully selected through an interview process.
- Placements are offered on a yearly basis, with the opportunity to extend them for subsequent years if deemed mutually beneficial.
- MALES and FEMALES live in separate houses.

## How are the houses set-up?

- The 3 houses on-site each accommodate 5-7 residents, with a combination of single and shared rooms. A senior resident is appointed in each of the houses with responsibility to ensure the households are running well and to provide appropriate pastoral care.

**Please see the application form to apply.**

## More Info

- For any other enquiries contact our church administrator Elizabeth Stark at [liz.stark@stmarksww.org.au](mailto:liz.stark@stmarksww.org.au) or (02) 4225 8622.
- OR James Ulrich (Youth & Young Adults Minister) - 0415 150 565

# ABOUT US

## MANAGEMENT PLAN

### PHILOSOPHY

- Gain independence and learn living skills in an environment that gives you freedom within a secure, stable framework.
- Adequate supervision ensures that every resident is cared for and that everyone fulfils their responsibilities to each other.
- The desire of the ministry is to see residents establish their independence as they move away from home and to help them grow as disciples of Jesus.

### CHRISTIAN

- The Unihouses are run by St Mark's Anglican Church, West Wollongong. They are a ministry of our church.
- In our experience running these houses, we have observed that it works best to be part of the St Mark's wider church family. However we don't make this compulsory, it is highly recommended to have the full experience of the Uni Houses.

### STAFF

- Our staff team is James (Youth & Young Adult's Minister), Liz (Church Administrator), Craig (Assistant Minister), Kaitlyn (Children's Minister) and Alex (Senior Minister).

## **SENIOR RESIDENTS**

- First point of contact in the houses is your senior resident, ask them to add onto the maintenance spreadsheet any practical issues with the house so they can be organised to be fixed.
- If there is relational conflict then please try and resolve it between you and the person first, followed by with the senior resident, otherwise speak to James about it.

## **YOUNG ADULT'S GROWTH GROUPS**

- Residents in the Unihouse are encouraged to get involved in the wider young adult ministry of St Mark's.
- This includes a mid-week Bible study running for the uni house residents during the semester. This group meets with the other young adult's of the church on a Wednesday evening from 7-9pm in the church foyer.
- This is a great opportunity to build relationships and explore together the teaching of the Christian faith.
- Many of the young adult's you will come across at St Mark's are former students in the houses.

## **ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY 5PM**

- St Mark's congregation for young adults meets every Sunday at 5pm.
- Connection with broader church family.
- Opportunity to grow and also serve, we normally wait at least 3 months to give you time to settle in first.
- We also offer residents the opportunity to meet 1-1 (mentoring) with an older Christian from the church for prayer, encouragement and support if desired.

# LOCATION

- 429a Crown Street, Wollongong, 2500
- 49 & 51 Staff Street, Wollongong, 2500

**Note:** The university, main shopping area (CBD), and hospital are circled. We are also close to the beach!





# Safety & Security

- The 3 boarding houses are managed by St Mark's office (on site) during weekdays 9am-3pm, phone (02) 4225 8622.
- After-hours support is provided by James Ulrich (0415 150 565). We have appointed a senior resident within each property, who also provides peer support.
- The houses are drug and alcohol free.
- Each house has a notice board with emergency contact numbers displayed.
- Fire detectors, escape plans and a security system exists for each property.
- Security risks are identified and addressed through regular meetings with senior residents and in response to reported incidents. Included on the grounds are 24 hour CCTV surveillance of the houses and the surrounding car park.
- There is a restriction on the use of common outdoor space between 10pm and 7am as required by Wollongong City Council.
- Every time you go out, even if you're not sure if you're the last one, close the windows in the communal areas and lock the doors.
- Don't invite any unknown callers into the house.
- Direct any enquiries or requests for help (e.g by people who approach you in the car park) to the church office (open Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm). Please do not offer money to visitors.
- If unsure or stressed about what to do, call James (0415 150 565). Please don't give our phone numbers to visitors.
- If ever you feel unsafe or that the property might be under threat, call the police on 000 (For matters not requiring an immediate response, Wollongong Police Station can be contacted on 4226 7899).
- Activities such as Kumon (after school tutoring) & Monday night 'Food & Friends' ministry bring many guests into the church grounds. If you have any concerns about this, it is best to direct them to James or Liz rather than approaching any guests directly.



# Accommodation Facilities

## NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN EACH HOUSE

- 51 Staff Street - 5 / 49 Staff Street - 6 / 429a Crown Street – 7

## BEDROOM

- We offer a range of single or shared bedrooms that include a bed, wardrobe, desk, chair, and **wireless internet connection**.

## SHARED KITCHEN

- Fridge and cupboard space for your food.
- Microwave and conventional oven/stove.
- Crockery, cutlery, pots, pans and bowls.

## SHARED/ COMMUNAL LOUNGE ROOM

- With TV

## ELECTRICITY AND GAS (Amenities)

- Single room charge - see fees
- Shared room charge - see fees

## LAUNDRY FACILITIES

- All of the houses have access to a washing machine and clothesline in the backyard.

## SHARED BATHROOM

- Each house has at least 2 bathrooms.

## LANDSCAPED OUTDOOR SHARED COMMUNAL AREA

- Featuring BBQ and outdoor furniture.

## FREE OFF-STREET PARKING

- This is behind the residential property in the church car park. The houses and car park are monitored by CCTV 24 hours a day.

# FEES

## 2024 PRICE STRUCTURE

Price is per week	51 Staff St	49 Staff St	429a Crown
Shared room	\$122	\$127	\$127
Single room	\$154	\$160	\$160
Amenities charge-shared	\$21	\$21	\$21
Amenities charge-Single	\$24	\$24	\$24

- **Bond** = two weeks rent (do not include the amenities bill in the bond)
- Length of residential contract is for **one calendar year**. After that, the lease may be renewed after another interview process.
- Fees are subject to change on an annual basis.
- You should intend to stay until the end of your exams in November as a minimum.
- When moving out you must complete the “moving out” checklist before having your bond returned to you.
- Students are expected to pay rent during holiday periods (this includes students continuing on to the following year).

# Explanation of Duties

Duty	Expectation
<b>Bins</b> (as needed, Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Empty ALL bins in the house into wheelie bins outside (kitchen, bathroom, living room)</li> <li>● Replace bin liners</li> <li>● Take out rubbish bins to road on Monday night</li> </ul>
<b>Bathroom</b> (weekly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wipe down the basin, mirrors and any other surfaces</li> <li>● Shower area</li> <li>● Clean the toilet bowl (inside and outside bowl)</li> <li>● Sweep and mop the floor with soap</li> </ul>
<b>Floors</b> (weekly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vacuum ALL communal spaces               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inc. hallways</li> </ul> </li> <li>● TV room (includes re-arranging and cleaning living room + dining room space)</li> <li>● Sweep the front porch and pathway</li> <li>● Sweep and mop the kitchen floor</li> <li>● Tidy up the laundry if needed</li> </ul>
<b>Kitchen</b> (weekly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Empty and clean the kitchen sink               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*note: this is a once a week reset, everyone is responsible for their own dishes during the day</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Clear the bench top completely</li> <li>● Put the kitchen equipment away in cupboards</li> <li>● Clean the oven (and oven top)</li> <li>● Clean the fridges (throw out anything out of date, or notify owners)</li> <li>● Sweep kitchen floor</li> <li>● Wipe all benches and walls (feel free to move things around ie. microwave, kettle)</li> </ul>
<b>Towels</b> (weekly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure hand towels, floor mats in bathrooms, tea towels (and anything in the basket next to the washing machine) have been washed, hung out and brought back in. Replace floor mats and tea towels with clean ones               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*note: only communal things - no need to wash other people's towels</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Dinner</b> (nightly)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cook the rest of the household dinner on your designated night of the week.</li> <li>● If residents are away at the time of dinner and still need food, dinner should be saved and left in their fridge</li> <li>● If you are a resident away at the time of dinner and need food saved, please communicate this</li> <li>● If you are unable to cook on your designated night, organise a swap with another housemate for the week</li> <li>● Meal needs to be enough for everyone, nutritious and allergies/intolerances taken into account.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Post dinner cleaning</b> (nightly)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● People who will be cooking on the two subsequent cooking nights are to clean all dinner dishes, load the dishwasher (turn on if full) and make sure the kitchen is tidy (inc. stove top) *note: please be aware of nights you are meant to clean and are away, if it is recurring please organise someone to swap with</li> <li>● Sweep kitchen floor and notify person on bins if its full</li> </ul>
<p><b>Individual expectations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please clean your own dishes during the day</li> <li>● Keep personal areas tidy and clean up after yourself in communal areas</li> <li>● It is everyone's responsibility to keep things tidy, everyone is welcome to keep each other accountable.</li> <li>● If there is any reason you are not able to fulfill your duties, don't stress, communicate it with your housemates.</li> <li>● If there are any issues with the house (maintenance, housemate issues, etc) please notify your senior resident and they will pass it on as necessary to church management</li> <li>● If you leave please lock the doors and windows after you</li> <li>● If we've run out of something let everyone know and someone can purchase them for the house (toilet paper, bin bags, etc) the cost will then be divided by members of the house</li> <li>● Avoid loud noise between 10pm and 7:30am (be considerate of early sleepers/late risers between 8pm and 10am)</li> </ul>

# Miscellaneous Information

## **RUBBISH NIGHT**

- Put bins out on Monday night.  
Red bin lid = common waste (every week)  
Yellow bin lid = recycling waste (every second week)  
Green bin lid = green waste (every week)

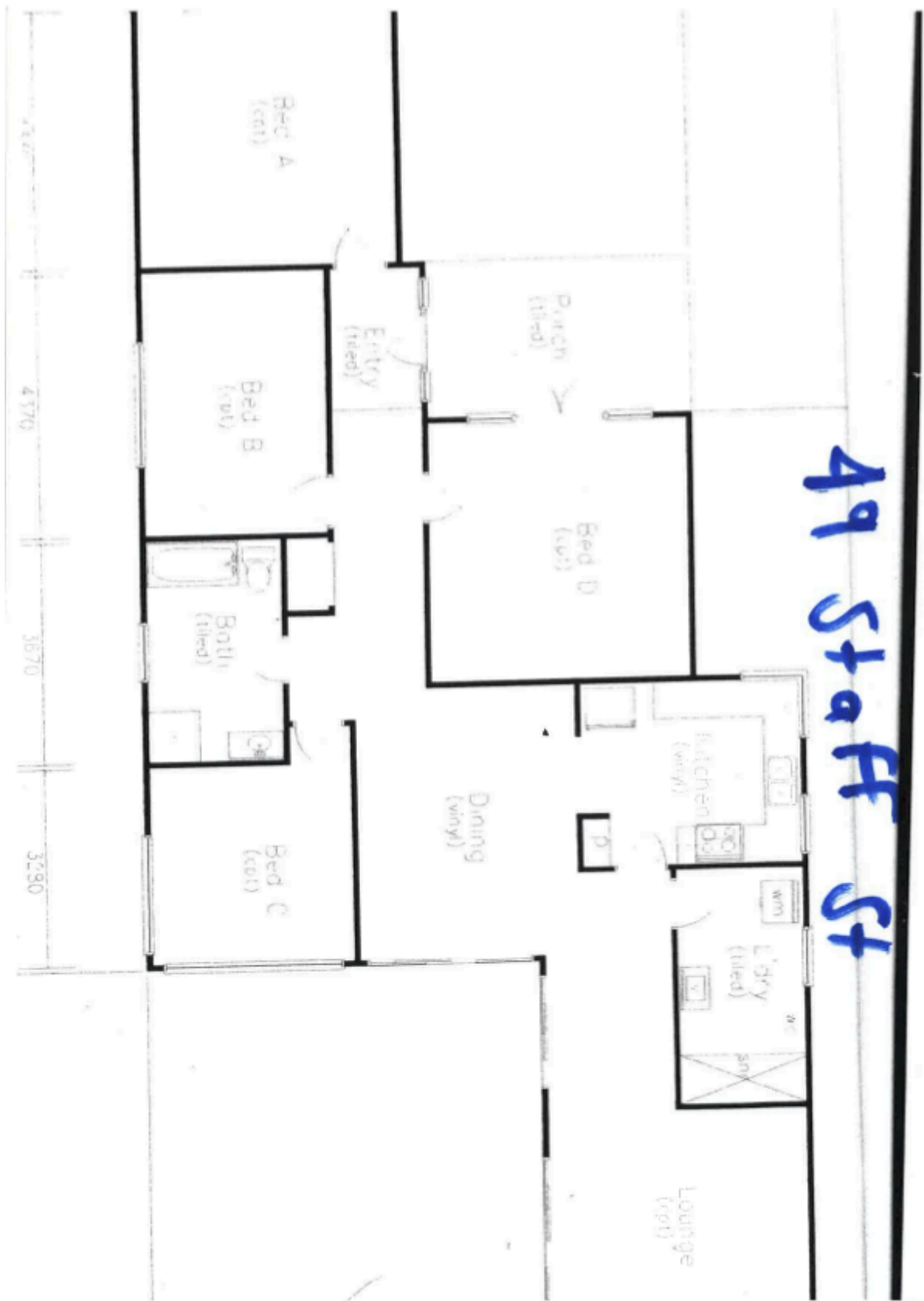
## **NOTICE**

- 24 hours notice will be given (where possible) for property inspections, internal repairs and council inspections.

## **BACKYARD MAINTENANCE**

- Volunteers from St Mark's maintain the backyards of the properties, they will only be in the backyard between 9am - 5pm on any day of the week. You will not be given notice of them being there, they will not come near your bedroom windows and will respect your privacy inside the house.
- Lawns will be mown by a resident of the houses (paid job).

# Floor Plans of Houses





# 429, Cross St

