#### Accommodation EP

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Accommodation is a vital part of your experience in a new country. Your new home is an important part of your study experience. Each school has specially chosen options to help you make the most out of your stay. Homestay and student residences offer different accommodation experiences, but always meet the highest EP standards.

\*All accommodation options are based on availability. Please make sure you check with your representative if we have availability.

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#### What accommodation option should I choose?

The choice of accommodation depends on your preferences, needs, and budget. Below are some important factors you need to consider.

#### Homestay

- Immerse yourself in local culture & customs.
- Host assistance for questions.
- Towels, kitchen utensils, and more are provided.
- Budget-friendly.
  - May not be as social.
  - Host rules may apply.
- It could be up to 60 mins travel.

#### Student Residence / Hostel

- Budget-friendly.
- Easy access to good facilities and nearby amenities.
- Easier to socialise.
- Noise levels might be high.
- Might be sharing facilities with other students.
- You might not be able to choose your flatmates.

#### **Shared apartments**

- Meet other students from all over the world.
- Easier to socialise.
- Can be more affordable.
- May have to deal with shared chores and responsibilities.
- You might not be able to choose your flatmates.

#### **Booking Student Accommodation in 3 simple steps**

Step 1

You can indicate your preferred type of accommodation (homestay, student residence) on the application form during your enrolment for a course.

Our Student Services team will record your preferred choice of accommodation.

Step 2

EP will only be able to secure the accommodation option once the invoice has been paid.

Our team will send you the accommodation confirmation with further details regarding your selected option.

#### Step 3

You will need to confirm your arrival and send your flight details to our team, as soon as the flight is booked and no later than one week before the flight date. Our team will then be able to book and confirm your accommodation and/or transfers and provide more details within the confirmation document.

If you arrive at a residence or homestay between 22.00–08.00 you may be asked to book alternative accommodation in a hotel on the first night due to late/early arrival at the accommodation.

## Homestay

Full - board homestay	3 meals per day (breakfast, packed lunch, dinner) from Monday to Sunday. 21 meals per week.
Half - board homestay	2 meals per day (breakfast, dinner) from Monday to Friday. 3 meals per day Saturday and Sunday. 16 meals per week.

- The average commute is between 40-60 minutes by public transportation.
- Live in the home of a local resident.
- Comfortable, safe environment with meals prepared for you.
- Opportunity to practice English with your Host.



#### Things students need to bring

Toiletries, personal items to make student's room feel at home, prescription medication, SIM card (these can be purchased near the school), a small gift for the host family (not required)

#### Meals provided

Yes (depends on booking type, please refer to the table at the top of the page).

**Breakfast:** Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, juice, or coffee. Hosts will usually ask you prepare your own breakfast.

**Lunch (If full-board):** Your host family will prepare a packed lunch for you, which usually consists of a sandwich, fruit or sweets and a drink.

**Otherwise:** You will be responsible for buying your own lunch at school, from a local restaurant, or the local shops.

**Dinner:** You will usually eat dinner with your host, or occasionally you may prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host.





#### **Services included**

Bed linen, towels, telephone use for emergencies, students need to make sure to discuss laundry with their host family after they arrive as laundry facilities will depend on your individual homestay.

Extra cost of services: No.

#### Will the Homestay arrange to pick up the student from the airport?

Sometimes. Please book your airport transfer with your EP school. The transfer to your accommodation will then be organized accordingly and may be arranged by either the family or a transfer service.

#### Transport to school

Your host will help you to find your way to and from school on your first day and will show you how to use public transport.

# Where are the host families located?

Metropolitan Brisbane area

#### **Additional Information**

Homestays are a 40–60 minute commute to the school.

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## **BUNKBrisbane**

Discover modern comfort in the heart of the vibrant Fortitude Valley district. Each stylish studio features contemporary furnishings, fully-equipped kitchens, and high-speed Wi-Fi. Enjoy stunning river views, vibrant local culture, and easy access to Brisbane city centre. Experience the perfect blend of luxury and convenience at BUNKBrisbane and just a short walk from the centre of the city or the QR Fortitude Valley Train Station.

- Share Dorms, Private Rooms
- Swimming Pool
- Secure Swipe Card access
- Laundry facility on site
- Community kitchens
- Free unlimited High Speed Wi-Fi
- 24hr Reception

Address: 21 Gipps Street, Fortitude Valley, QLD 4006



#### **About the Hostel**

#### Accommodation types:

- Share Dorms (4, 6, 8 person; Female only dorms)
- Private Rooms

**Bedrooms:** The bedroom contains the following: bed, pillow, bedding.

Bed size: Single bed / Bunk bed.

**Bathroom:** Bathrooms available on all floors.

Kitchen: Share communial kitchen.

**Facilities:** Spacious lobby, Bar/ Restaurant on site, WIFI included. (See above for all facilities)

**Extra costs facilities:** Laundry room onsite.

**Neighbourhood:** Fortitude Valley is the centre of the Brisbane nightlife scene. The property is located in a vibrant hub close to all amenities such as supermarkets, pharmacies, Doctors. Downtown Brisbane is only a short 15 min walk away. **Visitors/guests:** Are welcome to book their own room.

**Noise:** Residents are required to respect all other residents and maintain a level of noise that does not disturb others. Quiet hours are 10pm-8am.

**Smoking:** All facilities and residents' rooms are non-smoking.

**Reception/security desk:** 24hr fully staffed Reception Desk.

**Acommodation location:** 20 mins from the centre of the city and EP Brisbane campus, close to all bus, train and ferry routes.

**Cleaning service:** The room is regularly maintained by the Bunk team.

**Bedding/towels:** Students are welcome to bring their own towels for long stays.

**Minimum weeks request:** Rooms can be booked short stay or on a nightly basis.

**Check-in/check-out:** With 24-hour reception, you can check-in or out at anytime.

