



Macquarie Accommodation



A connection point for Christian Hosts and Boarders to house Christians within a supportive local Christian Environment

2012 Prospectus



Why?

- Encourages local Christian households to practice hospitality. "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" Romans 12:13.
- Many people move into the Macquarie Park Area each year. Some move to study at the University, others to work in the expanding business park whilst others just looking for a place to live.
- Moving is particularly difficult for young adults leaving family and Christian Community. Some also leave country and culture.
- Macquarie Accommodation seeks to ensure that incoming students or workers are quickly introduced into a supportive local Christian environment.
- Macquarie Accommodation is grateful for residential evangelical Christian colleges at Macquarie Uni. However, the cost structure may be prohibitive to some students. The arrangements only provide minimal support environment during holiday periods
- We pray that a proportion of income generated by hosts would be used to support local ministries: Churches, Uni & Workplace.
- Churches within the suburb have provided a similar service informally since the university commenced in 1964. A recent placement prompted the staff at St John's Anglican Church to promote a great ministry idea more extensively
- The above picture shows the reality of a newcomers experience to the suburb. The empty, lifeless appearance of Macquarie University Station can unfortunately be the experience of many incoming students. Our aim is to ensure that an incoming boarder will have a welcoming introduction to our suburb within a supportive Christian environment

What?

- An informal contact mechanism to introduce Christian Hosts with potential Christian Boarders.
- An expectation that boarders will endeavour (At least initially) to be involved within the life of the local church of their host.
- Should any difficulties arise after a boarder has moved in, approaches should be made to a local minister for informal mediation before engagement of the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal. Legal recourse should only be taken as a last resort.
- The establishment of any agreement between hosts and boarders remains the sole legal responsibility between the two parties involved.
- The website contains links to relevant government websites which should be consulted by both boarders and hosts before entering any agreement.
- We encourage hosts to enter into a tenancy agreement with a boarder rather than an informal lodging arrangement.
- Financial considerations are to be made privately between host and boarder. Macquarie Accommodation provides a quick summary of recent published local rates. Hosts are encouraged to take the individual circumstances of a boarder into consideration when determining a weekly rental amount.



A Macquarie Accommodation success story:

"My niece Arundathi from Sri Lanka & I were met at Macquarie University station by Pastor John, carrying little Jacob on his back and given a tour of the University. A profile of Arundathi was made and circulated among Christian Churches nearby and we got three responses. Within a month, Arundathi was settled in a welcoming Christian home, walking distance from the Campus. The gospel in action by caring for your neighbour at North Ryde Anglican Church."

Dev
from Melbourne



"Arundathi has fitted in so well, she is a delight to share my home with (which is also now her home) and I believe that God has orchestrated this arrangement for both of us"

Ruth, Arundathi's Host (*Member of North Epping Anglican*)

Finding a home away from home in a new country is not easy but with God anything is possible. The ups and downs of accommodation leave much to be desired. I however, have everything I could have asked for and much more. With the help of Pastor John, the Anglican Churches close to Macquarie University and some church bulletins I now live with a wonderful loving little Christian family, close to university. They welcomed me into their lives with warmth and love and I look forward to sharing the rest of my 3 years with them. Different cultures we may have but what brings us together is God's love and our love for each other. I am confident that you too will be able to find a true home here.

Arundathi
from Sri Lanka

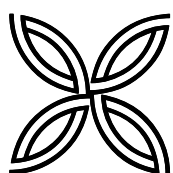


How?

- During late 2011 and early 2012 an advertisement campaign promotes the program to incoming boarders. In like fashion, the program is promoted by ministry staff in local evangelical churches
- Students and hosts complete application forms (available on website) which include a reference from the local minister at which both the host and boarder currently regularly attend. These documents are emailed electronically to our Administrator.
- The administrator maintains a database of hosts & potential borders, emailing summaries.
- The program is provided as a FREE service to Christians Hosts and Boarders. However, contributions towards promotional resources and staff time would be appreciated.



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