

STUDY AWAY FROM HOME

Parents and Carers Guide

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

Be confident in their next chapter

When it comes to choosing a university, it's not just the degree that needs to be the right fit. You want a place where your child can feel safe, supported and be set up for success.

Why UC?

University of Canberra is the perfect place for young people wanting to move into independence. Our students benefit from a connected community, with a campus that's easy to navigate, make friends and access all the essential services.

We don't focus on prestige - we focus on real people, making sure they know they're more than grades and assignments. We champion accessibility, from academic and wellbeing support to flexible entry pathways. We're here to help students navigate the transition to university with confidence, no matter where they start from.

Students learn by doing, ensuring they graduate ready for the workplace.

UC is a connected campus, focused on support and encouragement.

We are **internationally recognised** for inclusion, diversity and gender equality.

Our campus is a close-knit community, where students are more than just a number.



Studying at UC

Whether your child already has a clear career goal or is still exploring their options, both are completely normal. University is a chance to build confidence, discover new interests and develop the skills needed for life after study. They don't need to have everything figured out from day one.

Freedom to explore

It's common for students' interests and career goals to evolve once they start university. That's why many degrees give them the flexibility to explore different areas before choosing a major. Open electives also allow students to broaden their skills, pursue personal interests and create a study experience that fits their goals.

Flexible study for different schedules

We know that uni is just one part of a student's life. We offer flexible learning options, designed to help your child balance study with work, sport, family commitments and everything in between. With a mix of on-campus and online learning, students can study in ways that fit around their schedule, ensuring they stay connected to their course and learning community.

Get them ready for what comes next

There's no doubt you want to know if your child's degree will prepare them for life after graduation. Through industry-connected learning, real-world projects and opportunities for placements and internships, students can build practical skills, professional networks and valuable workplace experience while they study. Careers UC, our on-campus employment hub, can also support students with resume writing, interview preparation and career planning.



Access new opportunities

Find a study path that recognises potential, interests and future goals.

Build confidence and momentum

Build practical skills, real-world experience and bet prepared for what comes next.

Learn in a way that works

A mix of learning options helps students balance university with life outside study.

Belong from day one

Join a safe and welcoming community where students can learn, connect and thrive.



Why Canberra?

Named the #1 city for quality of life*, Canberra is safe, connected and multicultural, with vibrant community events celebrated throughout the year.

Canberra offers the best of both worlds: the opportunities and career pathways of a capital city, with the ease and sense of community often found in a regional town. Students benefit from access to leading employers, government institutions and industry connections, without the congestion and long commutes you'd find in larger cities.

With connected town centres like Gungahlin, Belconnen, Canberra City, Woden and Tuggeranong, plus an extensive public transport network, Canberra is easy to navigate and explore independently.

As Australia's safest capital city, Canberra provides a secure and welcoming environment where young people can build confidence, independence and strong career foundations. There's no better place to move away from home and find another.



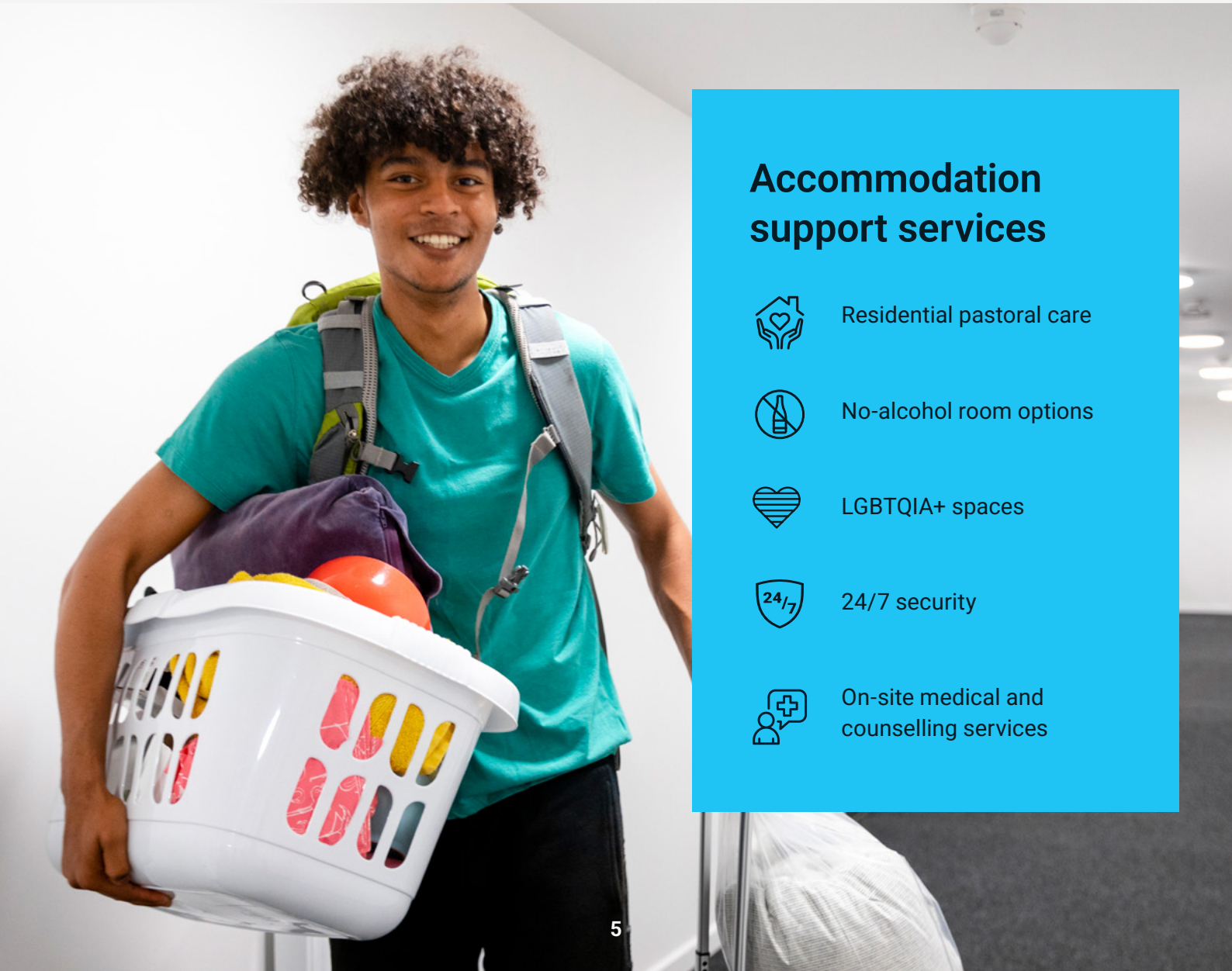


* Oxford Economics Global Cities Index, 2025

Accommodation guarantee

Moving away from home can be a big step for both students and parents. Whether your child is relocating from interstate, coming from a regional area or simply looking for a welcoming university, there are plenty of accommodation options available in Canberra.

Many students choose to live on campus, where they can build friendships, develop independence and have the best of UC right at their door. For added peace of mind, first-year domestic students are guaranteed a place in UC accommodation and can express their interest when accepting their study offer.



Accommodation support services

- Residential pastoral care
- No-alcohol room options
- LGBTQIA+ spaces
- 24/7 security
- On-site medical and counselling services

What to do next

Thinking about applying, or have questions?

Supporting your child through their university decision can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to navigate it alone. Our Future Students team can help answer questions about courses, pathways, accommodation, scholarships and the application process.

For more guidance and the opportunity to hear directly from UC staff, join our next Parents and Carers Webinar on **16 December, 2026 at 6pm**.



Register for webinar

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