



UOW
COLLEGE
AUSTRALIA

—
PATHWAYS TO
UNIVERSITY OF
WOLLONGONG



HOMESTAY EXPERIENCE

HOMESTAY IN NUMBERS

 **250+**
LOCAL HOST FAMILIES

 **600+**
UNDER 18 STUDENTS EACH YEAR

 **1000+**
ADULT STUDENTS, INTERNS AND
RESEARCHERS EACH YEAR

 **1000+**
STUDY TOUR STUDENTS IN 2019

 **100%**
PERSONAL SERVICE TO ENSURE
BEST POSSIBLE FIT

ABOUT HOMESTAY



Our local Homestay program began more than 25 years ago and has diligently cared for many thousands of students and host families during that time.

Our program is coordinated by UOW College Australia staff onsite. We have a dedicated homestay team that work very closely with over 250 local families ensuring our students are placed with kind and supportive families who want to showcase Australia and the local Wollongong area.

Our homestay team regularly inspects each home and maintains continual contact with both our families and students. We find the most suitable family based on students' needs and according to their interests.

Our team is always on hand to assist if there are any problems settling into the homestay placement. There is also a 24 hour emergency contact available should the need arise.

You can feel confident that the UOW College Australia Homestay experience will be the best one possible.

If you would like to apply for a UOW College Australia Homestay experience, please contact:

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**UOW COLLEGE AUSTRALIA
HOMESTAY PROGRAM:**

**RANKED #1 IN AUSTRALIA
AND GLOBALLY**

**RECEIVED 100% STUDENT SATISFACTION
FOR HOMESTAY WELCOME**



iGraduate English Barometer (ELB) 2017/2018



ABOUT UOW COLLEGE AUSTRALIA

UOW College Australia has been helping students to achieve their personal, educational and career goals for over 30 years. Our expertise lies in the delivery of English language programs, academic pathway programs, Higher Education Diploma qualifications and Vocational education and training.

We are an integral component of the University of Wollongong and our students thrive from studying on the University's world-class campuses.

OUR RANKINGS

OVER 95%
STUDENT SATISFACTION WITH LEARNING FACILITIES AND FRIENDLY STAFF

OVER 96%
STUDENT SATISFACTION WITH CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

OVER 97%
STUDENT SATISFACTION WITH TECHNOLOGY AND LIBRARY FACILITIES

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OUR HOME BY THE SEA

17+ beaches

Seasonally patrolled by lifeguards

35+ nature walks

Maintained by NSW National Parks in the Wollongong region

306,591 people

Call the Wollongong region home

5 minutes

From UOW to Wollongong City

90 minutes

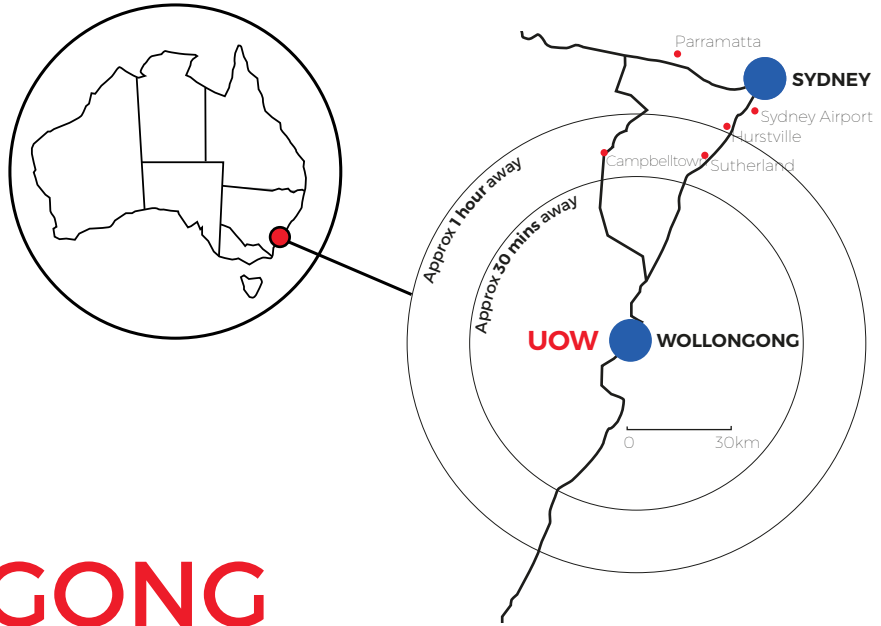
To Sydney CBD

32 trains

To Sydney daily

Free buses

Free 'city loop' buses run all day and into the night



ABOUT WOLLONGONG

Wollongong is located just 90 minutes south of Sydney – close enough to be in daily reach of the Sydney CBD, without the rush and expense of a big city.

With a population of over 300,000, it is large enough to offer all the facilities, entertainment and conveniences of the city, yet small enough to retain the friendly, relaxed atmosphere of a coastal community.

Wollongong is a diverse, friendly and safe city, filled with many languages, cuisines, religions and customs. A busy cultural calendar attracts people from all over Australia and the world who enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle. With a temperate climate, Wollongong is the perfect

place to study no matter what time of year. Each year UOW and UOW College Australia attract thousands of students from all over the world to live and study in this spectacular part of Australia.

ATTRACTIONS

Patrolled beaches • Sea Cliff Bridge and Grand Pacific Drive • Symbio Wildlife Park • Surf breaks • Spectacular bushwalks • Coastal cycleway and walking tracks • Botanic Gardens • Science Centre and Planetarium • National Parks • Free Wollongong city shuttle bus • Major Shopping Mall • Markets and Regional festivals • Easy day trips to Sydney, Blue Mountains, Canberra and Jervis Bay.





HOMESTAY Under 18's

UOW College Australia Homestay takes a high level of care to ensure the safety and care of children aged 10 to 17 years is paramount.

Only a small number of our families are chosen to host children; those who are most patient, kind, flexible and experienced. We take special care of our under 18 students and place them

with host families who care for them like they are a member of their own family.

Special services are provided by families hosting children's study tours, such as packed lunches and daily transfers to and from campus.

We can arrange appropriate welfare arrangements (CAAW) for individual under-18 students to meet student visa requirements.





When I came to Australia I was very nervous, but my host family has been very kind and helpful."



MIYU

"My English is not fluent yet, but my host family always listen and speak with me. Homestay is very good for students who want to study English, and I am happy that I can stay with them. I hope to keep in touch with my host family even when I return back to my country."



ERIC

"Living in Homestay makes me feel warm and a part of this family. We have fondu night, play card games, go travelling and visit grandparents farm. All of these make us become closer like a real family. Even one day when I grow up and need to leave this home, I won't forget this memory. I won't ever forget my Homestay mum and brother, because they have been my part of life, they have been my precious family."



Homestay was not just accommodation - we were given space in our families and became a closely knit family member.



PANDIT, SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES PETROLEUM UNIVERSITY

It was our first Homestay experience which turned out to be a worthwhile living experience in all its true sense. The family exposed us to the community spirit, helped us with basic requirements to travel around the town and also took us out on trips to the Blue Mountains, the lovely beaches and local restaurants."



LI XIAN

"My homestay family is absolutely my best reward in Australia. They made me feel I belonged, like I'm really one of their family members. My host family have showered me with so much love and care and I truly feel blessed to be a part of this family. They have helped me grow mentally, given me advice and I feel like I'm a different person now. My family back home have noticed the changes and say that I have grown into a mature adult."



HOMESTAY Over 18s



UOW College Australia Homestay supports domestic and international students, study tour groups, interns and visiting researchers who need a safe and cost effective place to stay. All students enjoy the benefits of a well managed home, where they can focus on their studies.

International students also gain social, cultural and language support from a local family; helping them to quickly become confident and excel in their studies.

Domestic students gain a safe and consistent place to live with the advantage of living in a well managed home so they can focus completely on their academic program.

UOW College Australia Homestay enhances a student's English



Language proficiency and confidence by providing a safe place to practice what is learnt in the classroom.

Students become one of the family and receive all of the support that they need to be safe, happy and healthy. Combined with UOW College Australia's excellent academic and activities program, UOW College Australia Homestay completes the experience and is one of the most cost effective accommodation options available.





MEET SOME OF OUR FAMILIES

Our Homestay families are all amazing people who genuinely care about the students that they host. They open not just their homes but also their hearts, offering a safe, caring, family experience where students are free to focus on study and personal growth.

Our families are rigorously tested before they are accepted into our program. They must be successful in interviews, home inspections, and Working With Children Checks, as well as our training program.

VIRGINIA & LUKE (ABOVE)

The UOW College Australia Homestay program has brought so much fun into our lives as we welcome different students into our home for both short and long term stays.

We have made some wonderful new friends and had the opportunity to experience different cultures. We still keep in touch with most of the students that have stayed with us through social media and have also caught up with one while overseas on holidays in Hong Kong. And Padh (above), our long term high school student, is definitely part of our family now.

I have and will continue to recommend the program to other families as a very positive program for everyone.



NARELLE, MATT & JARRYD (ABOVE)

Being a UOW College Australia Homestay family has brought nothing but happiness into our home.

Meeting these young students from different countries and cultures has opened our eyes to the world. My sons have made new friends and we are still in contact with them on social media.

All our students have been polite and courteous and it is so nice that they are so grateful for what we do for them. It has been the best decision our family has made.

ELVIS & RENEE (BELOW)

We are blessed to be a UOW College Australia Homestay family. It is a very enriching experience and we are honoured to care for our students. Welcoming them into our home has not only expanded our family but also our way of thinking.

We are thrilled to establish relationships with students and so proud of their individual accomplishments during their stay.

Prior to them leaving, we love looking back on their time with us and seeing how much they have grown and developed, not just in their proficiency of English but also their maturity, intellect, and cultural adaptation/participation (such as eating different foods).

The UOW College Australia Homestay program is rewarding for both the student and Homestay family. It is a fantastic, well organised program where lifelong friends are made.



MAUREEN & DAVID

We feel very honoured that our student's families have placed their trust in us - strangers that they have never met - to care for their children.

Dave and I both believe that it is important to learn and more importantly respect, different cultures and ideas. As empty nesters, but being young at heart, we enjoy having young people living with us and we have been excited about receiving and getting to know people from different cultures.

Our first student (who is still with us) was Taher, a young Muslim man, who calls us Mum and Dad (which was his idea). We have enjoyed learning about his family and his culture and finding common ground. A highlight was hosting his 18th birthday dinner which was attended by his friends, who all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Our second student (who stayed with us for four months) was Kaidong, 24 years old, who was very keen on learning how to bake anything that contained chocolate! Thus when he left we presented him with a special "baking" package filled with different types of chocolate recipes. We still have contact with Kaidong via email every couple of days and we hope to see him again. He is dearly missed by all of us.

Currently we also have staying with us, Kenta, a 19 year old Japanese student. He is teaching us about Japanese rock music, which we enjoy.



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