Welcome
A warm welcome to all returning and newly arriving residents – I trust the year ahead will be a rewarding one in every sense.

This is the first edition of the Residents Newsletter for 2014 – hope it proves informative & helpful.

Hobart induction sessions for new residents are listed below - if anyone misses these sessions and who like assistance regarding life on, the residential campus or UTAS, please visit the Admin office and we will arrange something for you. While not compulsory, we do urge you to attend a session as they will assist you in settling in your or new “home”.

Just a reminder - there are countless social, academic and recreational opportunities here on the residential campus so keep your eyes & ears open to what’s happening, week by week, and please join in, participate and enjoy.

Good luck for the year ahead and make the most of your stay here

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Induction Sessions

Wednesday 19th February @ 5:30pm
OR
Monday 24th February @ 5:30pm

Sessions to be held in Pepperz Restaurant/Café dining hall at the start time of 5:30 pm on both days.
Please email your preference to: Paddy.Barbour@utas.edu.au

Look forward to meeting you all
Internet system
BigAir
Community Broadband:

To access the internet in your room you must register an account with BigAir. You can register online and make a payment using Direct deposit, PayPal, credit card or Bank Transfer.
Please note the set up guide is provided on your arrival at Accommodation Services.

If you are experiencing problems and require assistance please contact BigAir on 1300 739 822

Dining Options 2014

Accommodation Services provides flexible & affordable meals at Pepperz Restaurant & Café at very competitive prices. Residents must activate their UTAS Student ID Card at the office – this becomes your meal card & entitles you to receive discount prices. The card needs to be charged (money put on it) and it is available for use. Additional credit can be loaded at any time using the online payment system. Unused credit will be returned at the end of the year. Cash payment for food is acceptable as well but this will be phased out by Easter. Only pay for what you eat; our ever changing menu ensures options for every taste and is available 7 days a week - convenient for busy life styles!

Parking on Campus

Permits and parking places on the Sandy Bay residential campus are extremely limited. Permits are issued on a first come first served basis. As per the University By-laws expensive parking fines are levied against vehicles parked incorrectly or without correct permits.
Please email us (enquiries@accommodation.utas.edu.au) with your expression of interest in a parking permit with your vehicle details (Colour, Make, Model & Registration Number) & we will respond when & if a permit becomes available.
No guaranteed parking - please consider carefully before bringing your car.

Events, Activities & Programs

For starters - see below
• “O” Week orientation & welcoming activities 17/02 to 21/02
• Commencement Dinner / Pepperz Live. Musical night to welcome all
• Christ College Foundation Scholarships announcement/awarded
• Tutorial Program - Semester 1 & Semester 2
• International Dinner - 1st Semester. Exotic and spicy treats to share!
• College organized sports events are held & looking for players:
  o Sports – Rugby/ Football/ Basketball/ Netball/ Volleyball/ Tennis
  Soccer/Cricket/ Debating etc. The College sport
  o Chat to the sports conveners in the Colleges & join in
• “English Speaking” - Coffee Hour
• Social BBQ’s & other activities organized by Colleges & Apartments
• A winter warming “Beanies & Mittens” evening - free soup, rolls & drinks to the sound of LIVE MUSIC at the amphitheater between John Fisher & Christ Colleges. Rug up, join in & have a great evening
• “Pepperz Live” – a short evening of great live music in Pepperz while you share a cheap & cheerful meal option with your friends, new & old
• The John Fisher College Ball is held on the first Friday in August
• The Christ College Ball on the 2nd Saturday in August
• Christ College play takes place in September
• International Dinners – 1st & 2nd Semesters – more exotic treats
• Environmental/Energy Challenge/Kill-A-Watt – prizes to be won,
• Student Club arranged functions – talk with Student reps/Admin
• Mid semester breaks - trip to Friendly Beaches +. Enquire at Admin.

CHECK NOTICE BOARDS, ADMIN & EMAILS FOR EVENT INFORMATION
General Information for new Residents

Tutorial Program – Accommodation Services provides a free tutorial program to its residents. If you are having difficulty in your studies, you can register for assistance with the Office or see one of the RSOs. Single and group tutorials are available – register your interest with the RSOs and look out for posters advertising tutorials.

Tutors Needed - Accommodation Services is always looking for willing and able tutors in most subject areas. If you have a distinction average and believe that you can assist others in a particular subject, please forward your details and academic transcript to me – William.Hohman@utas.edu.au OR sign up at the office. These are paid positions @ about $25.00 or $27 per hour.

Fire Wardens Needed – We are always in need of volunteers to serve as building fire wardens. A warden assists AS staff in the event of a fire by directing students to exits, checking rooms, and taking roll call at the evacuation points. If you are interested in being a fire warden please register your interest with me by emailing your contact details to William.Hohman@utas.edu.au. Training and equipment is provided.

Resident Welfare Officers (RWO) – If you are interested in being trained as an RWO for your residence please email your contact details to me at Paddy.Barbour@utas.edu.au.

Sporting Equipment – The RSOs & Student Club Sports Reps have access to a range of sporting equipment that can be borrowed. Generally we can sign things out for 24 hours or over a weekend. Ask about what’s available.

General Activities and Events – AS provides a series of recreational and social activities and events throughout the year. We advertise these so please keep a look out for academic, sporting & social events to take part in.

Resident Interest Groups (RIGs) - AS facilitates a variety of interest groups – if you have a hobby or a particular interest and wish to meet others with similar interests, consider forming a RIG. AS will advertise the group for you, arrange meeting space and are able to provide some small grants to assist your group get and stay established. Conditions do apply – for further details please email me at Paddy.Barbour@utas.edu.au.

Lock out Fines – You will be charged a $5.00 lock out fee every time you require a staff member (CSO, RSO or UTAS Security) to let you into your room or into the residence. This money will be donated to charity. There will be a 2 week amnesty at the beginning of Semester before fines start so please don’t forget to keep your room key/card on you at all times. Sorry but this is to discourage serial lock-outs while leniency is still practiced.

Your Mailing Address

The mailing address for all residences is:
C/o Accommodation Services,
Private Bag 94, HOBART
TASMANIA 7001

All mail is collected from the Apartments Laundry opposite Admin while parcels and secure items are collected from Admin office.
Disciplinary Matters

- Accommodation Services works on a system of formal warnings. If you get 3 formal warnings this may result in you being evicted from residence.
- Staff will usually give a verbal warning before issuing a formal – but this will depend on what behaviour/s is exhibited.
- There are a number of behaviours that will result in you being evicted from residence – refer to the Terms and Conditions of Residence.

Quiet Hours
Quiet hours - after 8:30pm it should be quiet enough to study; after 10:30pm it should be quiet enough to sleep. During exam times we extend quiet hours to ensure that individuals are able to study in peace and quiet. Please consider others and ensure you monitor your own noise levels. If someone is playing music, has the TV turned up or is talking loudly please firstly ask them to adjust the volume; if this is unsuccessful, please call the RSO on duty.

Alcohol in Residence

At the end of the day it is up to you to have a responsible attitude towards the consumption of alcohol. Please respect the rights of others not to drink if they so choose and ensure your behaviour does not endanger yourself, others or the University.

This does not mean you can’t have guests around for a few drinks – just do so responsibly, keep noise and your guests under control, and respect others. If you are going to have a gathering, particularly if it involves non-residents you need to let the RSO or office know via email or by using the Event Proposal tick sheet (available from the RSOs or office/Admin).

If you are holding a gathering or are heading out on the town, please respect Quiet Hours on your return to residence and enter quietly without disturbing others.

Drink Responsibly / Act Responsibly.

Some Helpful Acronyms

AS - Accommodation Services
CSO - Customer Service Officer
RSO - Residential Support Officer

In Hobart - Luo, Zach, Juliet and Sophie
CSOs are available during office hours to answer your enquiries

In Hobart - Will, Graeme, Alex, Ali, & Munaf
RSOs are available after hours and at weekends to assist you
Financial Matters

Direct Debit Dates for 2014

Rent is payable 2 weeks in advance

Direct Debit are deducted every second Friday for the rental periods listed below

1 Debited on 14/02/14  Covering the period 16/02/14 to 2/03/14 (14 nights)
2 Debited on 28/02/14  Covers the period 02/03/14 to 16/03/14 (14 nights)
3 Debited on 14/03/14  Covers the period 16/03/14 to 30/03/14 (14 nights)
4 Debited on 28/03/14  Covers the period 30/03/14 to 13/04/14 (14 nights)
5 Debited on 11/04/14  Covers the period 13/04/14 to 27/04/14 (14 nights)
6 Debited on 25/04/14  Covers the period 27/04/14 to 11/05/14 (14 nights)
7 Debited on 09/05/14  Covers the period 11/05/14 to 25/05/14 (14 nights)
8 Debited on 23/05/14  Covers the period 25/05/14 to 09/06/14 (14 nights)
9 Debited on 06/06/14  Covers the period 08/06/14 to 22/06/14 (14 nights)
10 Debited on 20/06/14  Covers the period 22/06/14 to 06/07/14 (14 nights)
11 Debited on 04/07/14  Covers the period 06/07/14 to 20/07/14 (14 nights)
12 Debited on 18/07/14  Covers the period 20/07/14 to 03/08/14 (14 nights)
13 Debited on 01/08/14  Covers the period 03/08/14 to 17/08/14 (14 nights)
14 Debited on 15/08/14  Covers the period 17/08/14 to 31/08/14 (14 nights)
15 Debited on 29/08/14  Covers the period 31/08/14 to 14/09/14 (14 nights)
16 Debited on 12/09/14  Covers the period 14/09/14 to 28/09/14 (14 nights)
17 Debited on 26/09/14  Covers the period 28/09/14 to 12/10/14 (14 nights)
18 Debited on 10/10/14  Covers the period 12/10/14 to 26/10/14 (14 nights)
19 Debited on 24/10/14  Covers the period 26/10/14 to 09/11/14 (14 nights)
20 Debited on 07/11/14  Covers the period 09/11/14 to 16/11/14 (7 nights)

Administration Charges

- Those residents on contracts less than 39 weeks will be subject to a once off fee of $250 which is payable at the same time as the two weeks rent in advance payment is made. If a resident converts to an academic year contract, this fee will be reimbursed.

Pepperz Café & Restaurant

Open 11:00am - 7:30 pm daily.

Residents are entitled to a discounted rate on all food and beverage items.

In order to access this discount you will need to activate your UTAS student ID card.

Card must be presented for every transaction; if you do not present your card you will be required to pay ‘regular’ prices.

We recommend that you put money on your card and recharge regularly. You can recharge at the office or via the Accommodation Services portal using BPay or via Credit Card.

For the best priced meal in town check our Value meal offerings at Lunch and Dinner.