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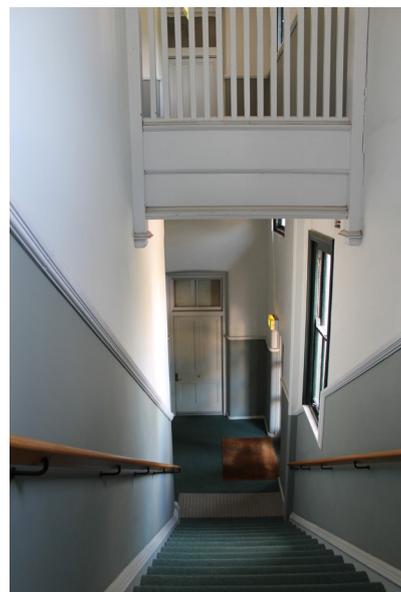
**The Samaritans Student Accommodation will begin in early 2013 in the former Wickham Public School building. The intention is to implement a foyer model to support young people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness with accommodation in order to engage with education and/or training opportunities.**

A Foyer Model is providing supported accommodation for young people engaged in education or training. This originated in Europe, with hundreds operating in the UK. We hope to be one of just a handful currently operating in Australia.

The Samaritans Student Accommodation is for young people aged 16-25, who need accommodation in order to continue goals around education and training. This accommodation is for up to 2 years, and young people are engaged with a support provider for the duration of the tenancy. This accommodation is not crisis accommodation, and is suited for young people with developed independent living skills. Essentially, Samaritans Student Accommodation is a place to live and learn.

This program is a collaborative effort - youth services from across the area can refer young people to the program and support them for the duration of the tenancy. This provides the young person a level of support that is consistent and valuable.

It's incredibly challenging for young people who are homeless to access education, training or employment when they are couch-surfing and moving from place to place. The main priority for young people at that time is to secure a roof over their head. The Samaritans Student Accommodation affords young people the opportunity to engage in education or training, by providing a stable and secure living environment with support options. As a result, this program will open doors for young people and allow them the opportunity to make choices for the life that they envision and to which they are entitled.





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# Welcome to Samaritans Student Accommodation!

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### Samaritans Student Accommodation is a new accommodation program for young people:

- ▶ who are aged 16-25,
- ▶ who are engaged in study,
- ▶ who need a place to stay,
- ▶ who are happy to be linked in with ongoing support, and
- ▶ who can live positively in a community environment.

### Is this for you?

This program is designed for young people who are engaged with part-time or full-time education in a variety of ways, such as school, TAFE, university, traineeships, and apprenticeships.

This program is not solely about accommodation. This is an opportunity to have safe and stable accommodation so that you can focus on studying. So, if all you are after is a house, then it's probably not the right place for you.

For the duration of this program, you will need to meet regularly with your support worker. Your support worker will update us on how things are going for you.

You will also be matched with a mentor – someone who will listen and give advice and guidance on your goals. You will meet your mentor once a fortnight for a catchup and chat.

You will be living in close proximity of other residents, so you will need to be respectful of fellow neighbours within the complex.

### Some questions answered...

**Q: Where is Samaritans Student Accommodation located?**

**A:** 54 Hannell Street, Wickham in the former Wickham Public School Building.

**Q: What do my living arrangements look like?**

**A:** There are studio, 1-bedroom, and 2-bedroom units available. All are self-contained with kitchens and bathrooms. There are communal laundries.

**Q: How much is rent?**

**A:** Your rent is based on the style of accommodation. Some are more expensive than others. Rent ranges from \$140 to \$300 per week.

**Q: How long can I stay?**

**A:** You can live here for up to two years, while engaged in education.

**Q: Can I have visitors?**

**A:** Yes, you can have visitors. As you have signed the lease, you are the only one allowed to live in the property. You can have friends visit, but you need to be mindful that you are responsible for your visitors.

**Q: What if I choose not to continue with the study I am undertaking?**

**A:** You are expected to be engaged in education whilst living in the program. You will be expected, with your support worker, to actively pursue another form of study.

**Q: Can I park my car?**

**A:** There are limited car spaces, but there is ample public transportation available.

**Q: Can I work while I am studying?**

**A:** Yes you can work, as long as your study and support agreements are maintained.

**Q: Can I have a pet?**

**A:** Sorry, no pets allowed in the property.

**Q: What if issues arise or my circumstances change?**

**A:** In this case, please talk with the on-site manager and your support worker.

## The next step...

If this sounds like a program that you would like to be involved in, please have your support worker contact the Samaritans Foundation for an application form:

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*We look forward to hearing from you!*