



## Welcome!

**Firstly**, a BIG thanks to all housing providers for opening up their home and lives to Swinburne TAFE and Higher Education students!

At a time when many changes are taking place in young people's lives it is reassuring to know that there are secure and affordable housing options available close to campus.

## Touching Base

**It's time** to keep in touch with our providers both past and present. The aim of this newsletter is to keep providers informed of relevant housing matters. If it is sometime since you have shared house or hosted a student, you may like to re-list your property on the database. Our busiest time is at the start of the academic year; mid January through to mid March. Currently there's interest due to the small mid-year intake. Remember, there's no cost to advertise, it's free!

## Revamped Database News

The **updated** version of the Off Campus Housing Database was launched on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

Visit <http://swinburne.studystays.com.au/>

### Features:

- Providers can self-list and amend ads
- Digital photos can be uploaded
- Maps with distances from campus
- Connects student providers with students seeking accommodation

Software programmers are resolving some glitches that have been reported.

**Contact a Swinburne Housing Adviser if you require assistance.**

## Housing Office News

**Staff members** in the Swinburne Housing Office have a collective 85 years experience working with students and assisting with transition issues such as moving out of home, managing personal finances & where to go for help.

**National Homeless Person's Week** is on from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

**Harmony@Home newsletter feedback** can be sent to the editor, [jansimmons@swin.edu.au](mailto:jansimmons@swin.edu.au)

## Accommodation Trends

**So, how does my property rate?** For your information the following tables provide feedback about database usage.

### Listings added by weekly rental price:

Weekly rental price	Listings added?	% of total
less than \$100	13	3.7%
\$100-120	21	6.1%
\$120-140	62	17.9%
\$140-160	56	16.1%
\$160-180	55	15.9%
\$180-200	32	9.2%
\$200-220	24	6.9%
\$220-240	16	4.6%
more than \$240	68	19.6%

### Listings viewed by weekly rental price:

Weekly rental price	Page views?	% of total
less than \$100	3436	9.4%
\$100-120	4140	11.3%
\$120-140	7372	20.2%
\$140-160	7928	21.7%
\$160-180	5950	16.3%
\$180-200	2466	6.7%
\$200-220	1515	4.1%
\$220-240	1071	2.9%
more than \$240	2669	7.3%

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Data period: 11 March 2010 to 30 June 2010.

**Clearly**, properties in the price range of \$120-\$160 per week have the most views on the website. Remember, students *are* on low incomes.

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