



Season's Greetings!

We wish all our providers (and their students) a happy and safe holiday.

Database News

Remember, you are able to re-list your property if it has expired. Providers also have the ability to amend their current listing.

Instructions have been added under the FAQ section of the database.

Go to: <http://swinburne.studystays.com.au/>

Housing Office News

Thank you to all providers who completed the Harmony@Home survey in October.

Congratulations to Prahran provider, Robert Wallace, who was the winner of the movie vouchers.

So, what do students look for when choosing housing?

- Properties must be clean, safe and affordable for *low income* earners.
- Easy access to Uni, shops, transport & community facilities.
- Social interaction.
- Furnished rooms (ensuite an advantage).
- Internet access.
- Heating & cooling.
- Fridge space & kitchen cupboard for personal use.
- Environmentally friendly. (However, providers may need to educate some students about water restrictions, recycling, reducing power, etc.)

More tips for providers can be found at:

www.swinburne.edu.au/stuserv/housing/faq_providers.html#studentneeds

<http://www.livinggreener.gov.au/home>

Swinburne Housing Offices will close on 24th December and re-open on 5th January 2012 – two staff will be back to handle your enquiries.

Harmony@Home newsletter feedback can be provided to the editor jansimmons@swin.edu.au

Accommodation Trends

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	3	1.5%
\$100-120	9	4.5%
\$120-140	19	9.5%
\$140-160	34	17.1%
\$160-180	52	26.1%
\$180-200	19	9.5%
\$200-220	16	8%
\$220-240	8	4%
more than \$240	39	19.6%

Listings viewed by weekly rental price:

Weekly rental price	Page views	% of total
less than \$100	393	2.3%
\$100-120	1352	7.8%
\$120-140	2341	13.6%
\$140-160	3368	19.5%
\$160-180	4774	27.7%
\$180-200	1752	10.2%
\$200-220	1044	6%
\$220-240	610	3.5%
more than \$240	1627	9.4%

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Data period: 1 Oct 2011 to 22 December 2011.

The price range added and viewing of properties in the \$160-\$180/week range is consistent. Listings in 'more than \$240/wk' are due to whole properties becoming vacant and being offered to students.