

# **LOVE YOUR UNI EXPERIENCE**







PROSPECTUS

### **FROM THE MASTER**

At Robert Menzies College you have a unique opportunity to grow as a person, a scholar and a leader.

Our safe, caring environment supports you in your studies and helps you to establish a firm foundation for your life.

It's a great place to make friends and connections from Australia and all over the world.

At the heart of Robert Menzies College is an enthusiasm for a holistic education that is open to all, and a desire to see you develop academically, socially and spiritually.

We are very glad to be an affiliated college of Macquarie University and contribute to the vision to develop mature leaders who will provide exceptional leadership in their chosen vocations.

**Rev Dr Peter Davis** College Master



# FORMING THE PERSON, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD.

Robert Menzies College motto



# MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

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Macquarie University is a pioneering university, known for its tradition of innovation and exploration, and ranked #10 in Australia and #175 in the world. (Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2023) Robert Menzies College is an affiliated college of Macquarie University, located on campus.

Sitting in the dining hall and around the courtyard gives us the opportunity to meet people with different life experiences. But we share a sense of community and the same goals." -Ceradwen









# 50 YEARS OF CARING COMMUNITY

RMC has supported students for over 50 years since the College was opened in 1973. We've seen generations of students enjoy their uni experience, establish a firm foundation for their lives and careers and make friends for life.

"Stepping into my role at RMC, it was apparent that I was stepping into a legacy built by previous staff and students of a culture of deep care, fuelled by sacrificial love. It has been a delight and a privilege for me and my family to join such a wonderful community."

**Rebecca Lui** *RMC Dean of Students* 



I like the fact that RMC is so community-based and friendly.
It's a relaxed, calm, chill vibe."
-Daniella







### WHY LIVE AT RMC?

### Community

No need for shopping, preparation, Heading to uni is great, but you're leaving behind family, friends and familiar cooking or washup with our chefcooked, healthy, all you can eat meals routines. RMC provides a home-awayso you can focus on your studies, build from-home with a community of staff friendships and work part time. and students that understand what you are going through and are eager to help Full catering or semi-catering plans cater you on your journey.



Don't sit in your room on your own. With weekend and O-week social activities, regular functions and special events, there are always people to meet and things to do.

### **O**elicious healthy food

for all dietary needs (eg gluten free, vegan or halal).

### Free parking and subsidised gym

Stay fit and healthy with our Macquarie Uni subsidised gym membership. And you'll always have a place to park when you live at RMC.

### Weekly vacuum and linen change

Get used to managing your cleaning with some routine help.

### **No hidden costs**

Wi-fi and utilities are covered.

### Safe environment

24 hour secure access, security doors, great lighting and CCTV footage in public areas. 'Dry' college environment means less alcohol-related harassment and noise.

### **C** Leadership opportunities

Jump into leadership roles and extend yourself in our student committees, run for student executive, and apply for jobs as Duty Officers or Residential Advisors in your upper years. There are also other casual employment opportunities to start building your CV.



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LIFE AT RMC rmc.org.au



I was shy and introverted but encouraged by the student leaders to see the benefits of being in a community. I came out of my shell and discovered things about myself. I've ended up running events and enjoy giving back." -Ceradwen

# CHAPLAINCY

Uni can be a big time of figuring out life, beliefs and faith and our chaplain is happy to provide spiritual support to anyone if they want it.

You're always welcome to join us at Bridge Church on Sundays or different groups during the week.

### WE'RE A DRY COLLEGE

At RMC we've been a 'dry' college since our beginning. We're proud of it because we know it's given our residents a safer, happier, healthier uni experience. RMC students are welcome to drink alcohol off-site when and where you like, but we keep alcohol out of the college campus for everyone's benefit.

# *Oh, and by the way, we definitely know how to have fun!*

**Corney, T. Cronin, D. Leontini, R. Lim, M & Wright, C. 2020** 'Engendering Positive Alcohol Cultures in University Residential Colleges: An Alcohol Culture Change Initiative', Victoria University, Australia (Hallett et al. 2012; Kypri, Cronin & Wright 2005; Kypri et al 2002).









### CARE

Care and community are at the heart of Robert Menzies. Even our buildings were designed to create a caring community!

Our Dean and team of trained and experienced Residential Advisors (a senior student on your floor) also ensure that community life is strong and you are looked after.

We know heading to uni can be stressful. If you need some extra support you can access our onsite counsellor for free.

Our staff families and residential heads live on site. There's always a dog to pat, or a caring person to talk to if you need it.

### **DIVERSITY**

At RMC we value diversity. In fact, we think it makes us a better, stronger, community.

You'll find a genuinely diverse community with people from all around Australia and 36 different countries. We welcome residents from all cultures, religions and belief systems, gender-diverse and neurodiverse students, and students with all types of ability and special needs.

You don't have to go overseas to broaden your horizons. Being part of RMC's diverse community increases your cultural agility and CQ - the ability to adapt to new cultural settings.









### **ACADEMICS**

Stay on top of your study with study support and academic assistance through free tutoring, accessible study and guided study sessions. If you need support services at Macquarie Uni, we'll help you access them.

The Dean of Academics provides support for academic wellbeing and is available for advice and mentoring.

### **COLLEGE LIFE IS FUN**

Uni life should be more than study. We've got it covered with events like formal dinners, International night, O-week activities, the annual Dance-Off, intercollegiate sports, Arts Week and more.









# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

We know that living at RMC gives you heaps of benefits as a uni student - and we want to offer the opportunity to as many students as possible. That's why we offer a range of scholarships every year. Check out our website and see how you could benefit.

Pro tip: Apply early for a scholarship as many applications are assessed as they come in.



### **ROOM TYPES + MEAL PLANS**

Everyone's different - so we have mix and match options. Check the website for up to date costs.



# A, B, C & D BLOCK

Single room with shared bathroom



# N BLOCK

Single room with ensuite and kitchenette



### **S BLOCK** Single room with ensuite



### **FULLY CATERED**

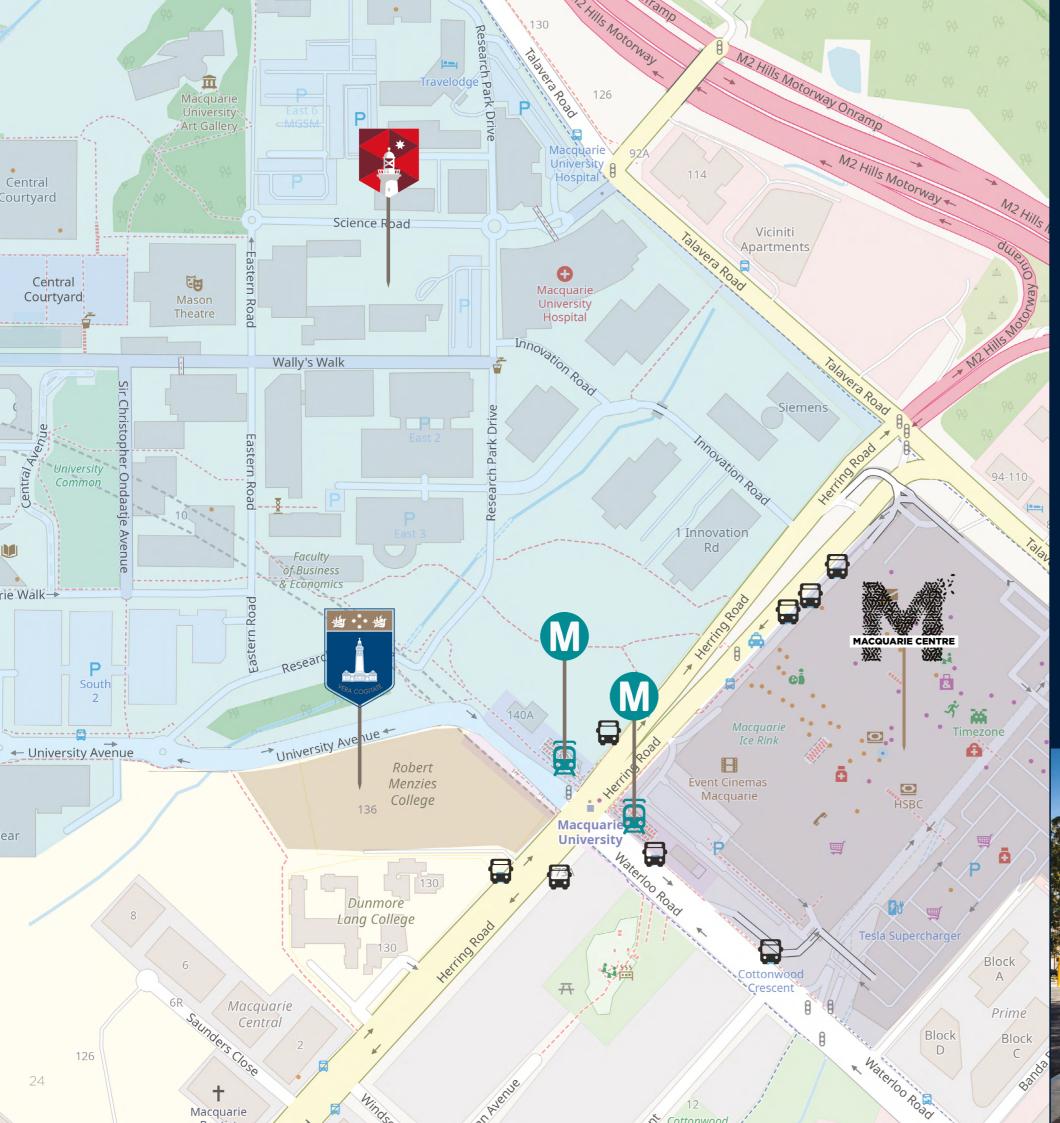
Enjoy 3 meals a day, 7 days a week from the RMC dining room. Unlimited food and drink, salad bar, hot breakfasts, and options for packed lunches and late dinners.

We recommend this option for new students, to help you make friends and build community.

### **SEMI-CATERED**

Eat dinner in the dining room Monday to Friday. You'll be assigned a spot in a shared kitchen where you can store, refrigerate and cook your own food.

<sup>66</sup> I used to do semi-catered, but fully catered is just so convenient since I've been more socially involved at the college. It's high quality food and we get a lot of variety. It's great if you're on a budget." -Ceradwen



# SUPER CONVENIENT LOCATION

When you live at RMC you're a five minute walk from the centre of Macquarie Uni campus and a four minute walk to shops, cafes and facilities at Macquarie Centre.

You're also just a two minute stroll to the Metro and bus services!

Get to Chatswood on the metro in 25 minutes, and the city in just 45 minutes. Driving? You're 3 minutes drive away from the M2 Motorway and 4 minutes from Epping Rd.

The best part? RMC doesn't feel crowded or too urban. We've got trees, grass and space, and you can smell the eucalypts!



FAQ

### What are the rooms like?

Your room has a bed, cupboards, desk, chair, lamp, heater, fan, noticeboard, book shelves, phone and a large window. Some rooms have ensuite bathrooms and some have kitchenettes.

# Can I stay for a few months and then move out?

We're really big on building community. And we know that community works best when people stick around. We offer a yearly contract for residents (except for exchange students or students with only a few months left for their course).

### How much does it cost?

Check out the rates on the website at rmc.org.au or call us for info. Costs depend on what kind of room you choose, and what meal plan you have

# How many weeks is the yearly contract?

RMC offers a 38 week contract, which follows the Macquarie Uni academic year.

### What other fees are there?

The Security Deposit is refundable. You must pay a term fee in advance, and the RMC Student Association fee is compulsory.



# **HOW TO APPLY**

It's easy. Head to our website at rmc.org.au and click the 'APPLY' button.

Get in early! We suggest applying in October before you start uni to be sure of getting a room. Applications are open until our rooms are filled.







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