

Westgate Baptist Community Student House

What is the Westgate Baptist Community Student House (WSH) and who may be interested?

The WSH is student accommodation in the suburb of Yarraville in Melbourne's inner west. The WSH will be fun, sometimes messy, sometimes loud and an intentionally Christian household. The house is mixed gender, semi-furnished and self-catered. If this sounds like your cup of tea, read on.

Who can apply?

Any young adult (18-25) who is or will be studying at a tertiary institution, making the transition from country to city for the duration of the year and wants to be an active member of a Christian community, intentionally formed and resourced by Westgate Baptist Community (WBC).

Where is the house?

The house is located at 18 High Street, Yarraville. It is a short walk from Yarraville Station (which is only a 15 minute train ride from the city). It is also 30 seconds away from a bus stop. The house is directly across the road from a shopping complex (Coles, deli, bakery, etc.) and a short walk from Yarraville Village - cafes and the amazing independent Sun Cinema. If you're a cyclist, you're in luck as Yarraville allows easy access to bike trails taking you into the city in 20 minutes. The house offers short commutes to The University of Melbourne, Victoria University, RMIT, the Victorian College of the Arts, ACU and many other tertiary institutions.

About us ...

At Westgate Baptist Community we are inspired by the challenge of Micah, an Old Testament prophet who called the people of God to "do justice, to love kindness and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8). To find out more visit: www.westgatebaptist.org.au

What we're on about ...

As a social justice minded, multi-cultural community of faith, exploring the Bible together, we want you to thrive and feel supported as part of the student house and the broader community, as together we explore God and faith in the world today. We'll look out for you and we'll love having you here.

We'll support you by ...

Committee

The Student House Committee (SHC) is a group of members of the Westgate Community who support the students by overseeing the program and providing pastoral care where appropriate. There will be opportunities for meals with the Committee and with members of the Church community where we can hear each other's stories and support each other in life, faith, hope and love.

Mentor

You'll have access to a mentor. This might sound quite formal, but really it's just someone who has trod a similar journey and is willing to offer support and insight.

Host family

You will be invited to join with a WBC family who will offer the opportunity to share in home cooked meals and community.

Being a part of the bigger community

We don't expect that you'll be able to make it to the worship service every week, but we do want you to be involved. Worship on Sunday is a great way to connect with the community that supports you and a great way to be encouraged in your daily faith journey. It's much more difficult to feel like you're part of things if you miss the one time each week when we're all together. Our services are lively, reflective, thought-provoking and joyous, so we think you'll be able to get a lot out of them. We believe intentional community thrives when there is an outward focus and people are committed to serving others around them. As part of our life together, we spend time actively seeking and pursuing opportunities to love our neighbours and serve our local community. We'd love to explore ways that you can contribute to the ministry of WBC.

Practicalities

- Yearly agreements (from February to January)
- The house consists of 4 bedrooms, kitchen, lounge and dining area.
- Furnishings include table, chairs, couch, fridge, washing machine, most kitchen essentials and some bedroom furniture.
- Fees per week range from \$110-\$130 depending on the size of the room, with an additional weekly cost estimated at around \$20 per student for utilities and unlimited internet.
- A bond of 4 weeks' accommodation fees needs to be paid upfront.

How do I apply?

- If it sounds like this 'ticks your boxes', please contact Jenny Morris: 0401 651 012 or email studenthouse@westgatebaptist.org.au
 - You're more than welcome to drop by for a chat and a cuppa to suss us out.
 - Download, complete and return the application form - www.wbcstudenthouse.com
- Offers commence in November for the following year, after an informal interview which will be organised after we receive your application form.