2018
Undergraduates
“You will make friends that will be the friends for the rest of your life at college. And, ANU truly prepares you with the knowledge, skills and capability to create a better future in whichever discipline or field you are in. Starting a new life at uni and at college can seem like a lot, but every day is going to be the best day of your life!”

— Manik Mahajan, 2nd Year Village Resident
Masters of Computing
(Software Engineering, Human Computer Interaction, Professional Computing)
From the Principal

Living in the Village at Burgmann is an experience that you will never forget. You may be involved in all sorts of rewarding activities and form supportive friendships, many of which should last a lifetime.

We welcome all community minded postgraduate and higher degree research students who are focused academically, and who wish to work seriously to achieve their goals. This includes students in graduate entry courses such as Medicine and Juris Doctor and a small number of Honours students. We seek to create a transformative graduate experience, learning in a community setting where you both give and receive support on a daily basis as you prepare to take your place in the world.

Set in one of the best locations on campus, the Village at Burgmann has excellent facilities and people to assist your living and learning in either research or coursework. You'll be supported at all times on your journey by our live-in staff, our Residential Advisors and your fellow residents.

I encourage you to visit the College and our website to learn more about our community.

Ms Sally Renouf
Why Burgmann?

Our community engenders a simple purpose – that everyone achieves their highest possible potential, academically and personally.

Our learning community is based on ‘shared learning’ amongst residents. Academic support is both received and given by all.

We offer our residents the opportunity to balance study with the many other interests available to explore, whether they are intellectual, social, sporting, religious, political or artistic. The choices are yours to pursue.

Burgmann emphasises individual freedom and growth on the one hand and collegiate commitment, responsibility and contribution on the other. All residents are asked to maintain a balance between enjoyment of personal freedom and respect for the freedom of others; between creative individualism and collegiate cooperation, and respecting the privacy of others. That balance is central to the College's origins and is fundamental to its continuing.

Burgmann College is proud to be the only residence on the ANU campus where both the Principal and Deputy Principal live on-site. Together with our Residential Advisors (RAs), Undergraduate Community Coordinator and Village Community Coordinator, there is always someone on-site to assist residents – no matter the time of day or night.

Burgmann is a single community with no hierarchies of residential membership. Residents have a say in running the College.
Living on Campus

ACCOMMODATION

As a first-year resident you will be living in one of the College's two original residential wings named by residents in the 1970s: ‘Homer’ after the legendary Greek poet attributed with the ancient epics, The Iliad and The Odyssey and ‘Barassi’ after AFL player and legend, Ron Barassi AM.

Each wing has three floors with two Residential Advisors (RAs) living at each end of the floor. The hub of activity on each floor is the Convo area - a recess in the middle of the floor with lounge chairs for informal gatherings. Every week the RAs host Tim Tams in Convo areas, a social get together over a few packets of Tim Tams to chat, discuss college events and relax. Kitchenettes are found on each floor adjacent to Convos. They have communal refrigerators, microwaves and toasters.

Each room is supplied with a long single bed and mattress protector, pillow and pillow protector, desk, adjustable desk chair, easy chair, bookshelves, hand basin and pin board. Each room has cabled internet, telephone and central heating. Swapping of beds are not permitted without prior permission from the Principal and a valid medical certificate, explaining your medical condition.

You need to supply and launder your own bed linen and towels, there are free laundry facilities on each floor. Bathrooms, which are unisex, are shared on a shower-to-student ratio of about 1:6.

Residents are encouraged to personalise their rooms with pictures, posters and ornaments. Rooms are allocated to new and returning residents by the College over the summer holiday period.
How did you find coming to Burgmann?
Moving 3700km from Perth to come to the ANU and Burgmann was a naturally daunting thought. I had no idea about what university and college life was like! But with about 90 other new residents moving in from all over Australia, everyone was in the same boat – excited, nervous, and keen to meet one another. And being the friendly, inclusive and welcoming place Burgmann is, it was easy to settle in and make new friends in those first few weeks.

What’s the best thing about living at Burgmann?
The wonderful tight knit community we have here. Almost every day, I’ll have a chat with someone in the corridor, people will hold the door for each other and they’ll say ‘Hi’ to each other as they pass by. Everyone is so supportive of each other, whether it be on the sporting field, in arts competitions or in our academic pursuits.

What’s the one thing you didn’t expect about Burgmann?
It’s not something that I didn’t expect, but the emphasis on respecting one another and inclusivity of everyone at college has really stood out to me at Burgmann. Coming from the cliques and the sometimes intense, insular environment of high school, it was great to see that Burgmann residents make a real effort to respect people’s ideas, opinions, attitudes and beliefs.

How did you find moving to Burgmann? Was it what you expected?
Choosing which residence to live in was a major decision for me. I looked for a strong sense of community and a balance between academic and co-curricular pursuits, which is exactly what I got at Burgmann. One thing in particular that amazed me early on was how much Burgmann already felt like a family, and how quickly we were embraced by the college community. It has truly become a ‘home away from home’ for me.

Tell us about a typical week for you at College?
Most weeks at college are pretty action packed! During the week I’ll be attending classes, going to sports trainings and matches, going to arts rehearsals, hanging out with friends, working, and of course, doing a bit of study. There’s always something going on at Burgmann, whether it be social bar nights or events run by our Officers and RAs, which are great fun to attend.

How do you feel you might be different for having lived at Burgmann?
I honestly think I would have missed out on an amazing life experience. I’ve grown so much as a person, had so many new opportunities and met so many wonderful people. If I had stayed at home, I don’t think I would have learnt as much about myself as I have by coming to Burgmann. I would have been in the same place, with the same people, doing the same things as I did in school. Challenging myself to move away from home into a completely new environment has helped me to get the most out of my time at university.

What are you involved in at Burgmann?
Playing sport at Burgmann is so much fun – in my time here I’ve played hockey, soccer, badminton, ultimate frisbee, touch rugby, softball and AFL (some of which I’ve learnt from scratch)! I’ve also loved being a part of Burg choir and Burg dance. Last year, I was lucky enough to head up the Charities committee at Burgmann which was a super rewarding experience. This year, I’ve been organising events for the science and academic network portfolios as part of my role as a Residential Advisor.

Do you have any advice for students applying to the ANU and Burgmann for 2018?
ANU Open Day is a great time to wander around campus, find out about the degrees you’re interested in, and find out how to apply for uni and accommodation. My best tip is to be organised with your applications – make sure you know when the deadlines are. Visiting ANU colleges, Burgmann and other residences will help you to decide where to go and what to do. Finally, have a chat with some ANU students, including our current Burgmann residents. They’ll be able to answer your questions and shed some light on what university life is all about!
FOOD

The heart of our College, the Dining Hall, underwent significant refurbishment in 2015.

Undergraduate residents are provided with 21 meals per week as part of their contract. Most meals are served cafeteria style and can be taken in the Dining Room, the back courtyard or on the front lawn.

Our catering team takes their commitment to deliver quality, balanced and exciting dining options to the Burgmann College community very seriously and look forward to having the opportunity of serving you soon. Meal times for undergraduate residents are:

**Breakfast**
- 7:00am – 10:00am (*Weekdays*)
- 7:00am – 10:30am (*Weekends*)

**Lunch**
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm (*Every Day*)

**Dinner**
- 5:30pm – 6:45pm (*Every Day*)

Late and early meals can be requested for both lunch and dinner. Late and early meals are placed in the refrigerator in the Dining Hall. Microwaves are provided for reheating purposes. Residents may also request a packed lunch, this must be done the night before and picked up at breakfast.

**Residents Kitchen**

The refurbishment of the Dining Hall and Kitchen in 2015 enabled the creation of a training kitchen for resident use. The Residents’ Kitchen is fully equipped with a gas cooktop, oven, fridge, microwave and dishwasher. Residents are encouraged to book the kitchen for birthday cake creations, dinner parties in the GP room and to prepare food for the number of events and community activities that take place at Burgmann every year. The space is available to be booked free of charge through Reception.

The space is also used as a teaching facility. For a nominal fee, residents can participate in an interactive cooking demonstration with our Head Chef – a chance to learn a number of dishes from a culinary professional. The best part is enjoying their hard work at the end of the lesson. The Resident Kitchen does not take the place of Burgmann’s normal catered dining hall experience; rather, it allows for residents to develop their culinary skills and share home-style cooked food with the community.
FACILITIES
Burgmann has many common spaces where you can relax, socialise and study.

Common Room
Equipped with a TV (Foxtel), lounge suites, a stage, dance floor, numerous tables and chairs and table tennis!

Dinning Room
Open from 7:00am till 10:30pm, the dining hall provides access to fruit, tea, coffee and hot chocolate throughout this time.

Bar
'Le Chat Noir', the College Bar, is an important part of College social life! The bar is often open between 8:30pm – 10:30pm on selected nights. No BYO permitted.

Pool/Snooker Room
Open 9:00am – 11:00pm, there are both snooker and pool balls.

Chapel
Available to all residents and is used for numerous purposes, events and for reflection.

The Lounge
This room adjoins the Chapel and is another common room for residents' use. It houses a TV with Foxtel and coffee making facilities.

Computer Lab
Contains a mixture of PCs and Macs. All computers are connected to the ANU network and have internet access. There are two black and white printers.

Music Room
A dedicated space for music practice without disturbing others.

Other Meeting and Study Areas
There are over half a dozen rooms in the College that can be used as meeting and study areas for residents.

Grounds and Gardens
The College has the most extensive gardens and grounds of all residential colleges on campus for resident enjoyment.
How did you find coming to Burgmann?
Coming to Burgmann was my first experience living overseas in two decades, and I was honestly worried about fitting into a completely new culture as a Singaporean. However, right from the get-go people have been really forthcoming, inclusive, and always willing to lend a helping hand. I honestly think that if you’re looking for a warm community you couldn’t do better than Burgmann.

What’s the best thing about living at Burgmann?
Besides not having to rely on my extremely limited culinary expertise in sandwich making to survive, I think Burgmann offers a lot of support students may sorely need, especially since uni is a new stage of life that easily overwhelms even the best of us. You’ll always have peer-support for your studies and listening ears rich advice for your all your worries and problems, and the staff are really warm and eager to assist you with specific needs that you might have.

What’s the one thing you didn’t expect about Burgmann?
I was quite surprised to see how Burgmann emphasizes a lot on people-building. In my first year, I was paired with a later-year student who was able to guide me and assist me through my assignments and exams. Moreover, the Residential Advisors organize tutorials right before exams, where later-year residents (and sometimes even ex-residents) who’ve done really well on a course come to offer their expertise on everything from exam-skills specific to the course, and clarification on content. Moreover, opportunities to build yourself academically abound, with many seniors being extremely forthcoming and eager to provide guidance.

How did you find moving to Burgmann? Was it what you expected?
I’ve found that my fears of not being able to fit in have been unfounded, and people are willing to give you chances at inclusion, and are always willing to share the college experience with everyone. I never expected to be able to enjoy so many friendships and find a strong support base here at college, and a sense of belonging does become natural.

How do you feel you might be different for having lived at Burgmann?
I probably would have struggled a lot without people to easily turn to for support and advice, and I wouldn’t have enjoyed uni life outside of my studies. Burgmann hosts a ton of events that cater to all interests, and it’s extremely refreshing to go out as a community to let loose, especially after a hard week. More importantly, I think I would not have met the genuinely amazing and wonderful people whom I’ve come to trust and count on, and would not have been brought to experience little pockets of happiness in Canberra.

Do you have any advice for students applying to the ANU and Burgmann for 2017?
I think that ANU offers an amazing, and strongly enriching experience, and the negative stereotypes floating around about Canberra could not be any less true. There are definitely gems and luxuries that the Capital affords, giving a whole lot of warmth even in the bitter winter cold. I’d say that if you’re keen on applying to Burgmann, regardless of the outcome, you should definitely open yourself up to the opportunities available in your uni life. Stepping into this new stage in life offers you endless chances for development and experiences you will cherish for a lifetime. Most importantly, you can be beset and overwhelmed by worries, stress and a whole lot of negativity with waves of new things hitting at you in uni: my advice is to therefore be consistent—in your relationships, in your academics, and in your approach to life here, and to always be open to support and opportunities. Know that wherever you go, you’ll never be completely alone, and your burdens will not be just yours to bear.
Burgmann Support

The College facilitates academic assistance for postgraduates through a peer learning community.

Our peer learning community is led by the Principal, Deputy Principal, Postgraduate Community Coordinator, Undergraduate Community Coordinator and Residential Advisors (RAs). RAs are residents appointed by the College to undertake pastoral and leadership duties and to lead the Academic Assistance Network.

There are two Ras on every undergraduate floor, and in every block in the Village. RAs will make themselves known to residents around the College. They offer assistance in a variety of ways:

• providing general advice on study, research and workload management
• connecting residents with peers studying in the same subject area
• suggesting strategies for more effective study techniques
• caring for individual’s issues, and helping to find the best ways and people to assist block, group and individual care and well-being as well as conflict resolution.

RAs are residents with strong academic performance and a demonstrated caring attitude, and will be able to help you adjust to your new home here at Burgmann.

Each RA is responsible for a portfolio. Portfolios have either an academic or a community development focus.
**Student Life at Burgmann**

The Burgmann Residents’ Association (BRA) is the organisation run by a committee of residents to support all those who live here at Burgmann, in all facets of their college lives. BRA organises and initiates a wide range of activities and events for residents to get involved in, providing essential social, artistic and sporting activities. The committee also ensures that all residents are given a voice in College matters, acting as an important bridge between the College administration and the residents. BRA provides the voice for the residents in the running of the College through communication with the Principal and the College Council.

**Burg Ball**
A formal occasion, usually with a theme. This is one of the highlights of the year, where you can invite friends and family to join in the fun.

**Dawborn**
A snooker competition involving nearly the entire College population which culminates in a grand final night, another formal do which is always a blast.

**Bush Week**
The first week back after the semester break, full of crazy days and fun nights and you still have to try and make it to classes.

**Burg Day**
A day celebrating the history of Burgmann College, full of floor vs floor challenges and also the blessing of a brick.

**Burg Concert**
Occurs once a term, where Burgmann’s musicians and singers put on a wonderful musical evening for the rest of the College.

**Burg Play**
An annual production involving Burgmann’s many talented residents.
ARTS
BRA Arts Representatives aim to facilitate and promote arts activities and events, enabling all Burgies to perfect their passions and also to try new things.

Burgmann has a record of success in the Interhall Arts Shield. This is an annual competition in which all the residential halls, colleges and lodges participate. Events include: Theatre sports, a band competition called, ‘Big Night Out’, chess, pool, trivia, debating, The Poetry Slam, The 40 Hours of Film Festival, Talent Show and many more.

The Arts at Burgmann thrive within the College walls. You might like to join our Burgmann Band (open to brass, strings, percussion, and woodwind), become a part of the choir, perform in one of our many Burg Concerts, put your visual art on display in the Art Show or act in the Burg Play or Interhall Musical.
SPORT
BRA Sports Reps make sure that no matter whether you're a sporting superstar, or the kid who would run away from the ball in a soccer match, you'll become involved in College sport either as a participant, or kitted out in Burgmann colours supporting the team on the field, court, track or wherever!

Burgmann competes in the Interhall Sports Shield, an annual competition in which all the residential halls, colleges and lodges at ANU participate. Burgmann has a strong record of placing highly in this competition. There are plenty of sports to get involved in. Sports include: AFL, Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball, Hockey, Softball, Ultimate Disc as well as many others.

Keep an eye out for Inward Bound (IB) which is held in second semester every year. IB is an interhall competition where multiple divisions from each hall, college and lodge on the ANU campus battle it out to see who has the best endurance and orienteering skills. Blindfolded and dropped in an unknown location in the bush, the divisions race to get to the IB end point.

2016 Rugby Champions: 1st win in 18 years!
How did you find coming to Burgmann?
Before I came to Burgmann, I didn’t know anyone in Canberra. It was a daunting experience, but one I found so exciting. I was very lucky to have amazing RAs who supported me, and I made friends who always look out for each other. I know that these friends are people that I will always have in my life, whether they like it or not!

What’s the best thing about living at Burgmann?
Being around people all the time! There’s always someone to talk to and something to do. Everyone knows everyone else, and being able to meet so many different people from all over the country and world has been an experience I will always be grateful for. This is the last time we’ll be able to live with our peers until we’re in a nursing home!

What’s the one thing you didn’t expect about Burgmann?
I never expected to call Burgmann home so quickly. With over 200 people living here it’s hard to imagine that everyone could feel so comfortable, but they do!

How did you find moving to Burgmann? Was it what you expected?
When I first got here, it was raining, really cold (because Canberra!), and almost office closing time on a Friday evening in July. I had just landed in Australia from a different country, and suffice to say was a bit overwhelmed. The staff were incredibly understanding and kind, and helped me through the moving in process by staying late. I was introduced to my residential advisor, who then introduced me to fellow residents that evening, and took me out for dinner. Immediately, I was home, and I had made new friends. My first evening pretty much epitomises life at Burgmann. Amazing people, and an amazing community!

Tell us about a typical week for you at College.
One of the best things about living at college is no week is typical – there’s something new happening all the time! However, one typical thing is class - I do have to go to class a few days a week, and on other days I will go to work at my part time job. Sports trainings and games are on a few times a week, and if I’m not playing I will get to the gym or the ovals to cheer on our talented teams. Arts events like Big Night Out and Spelling Bee are dotted throughout the year, so I will support Burgies in their endeavours there. There is usually an event on Thursday night, organised by our lovely BRA Vice Presidents or other residents who put in a lot of effort to make special occasions fun. Meal times are always a nice time to catch up with people, and our newly refurbished dining hall truly is the heart of the college – with people studying and meeting and chatting there all the time.

What are you involved in at Burgmann?
This year I am one of the Residential Advisors, looking after the mental health and academic progress of the floor in partnership with another third year. I am also a resident representative on the Burgmann College Board and Council. I have played volleyball and soccer, been on the athletics team and sung in the choir. I have participated in Live Below the Line with the BurgCharities Committee, and helped with the organisation of O Week. I chaired the BurgBall Committee, and am involved with organising the inaugural Jane Franklin Hall exchange. There’s so much to do at Burgmann, and honestly not enough hours in the day!

Do you have any advice for students applying to the ANU and Burgmann for 2018?
Do what you love, and if you don’t know what you love, do something you like – it will make your time at university easier and more enjoyable. If you get here and don’t like your course, always remember you can transfer. When applying for Burgmann, talk about what you can contribute to our community. You don’t have to be the smartest or the fastest or the best – but you need to be enthusiastic and willing to participate in college life. There’s something for everyone here, and we want to welcome you!
Scholarships and Financial Assistance

Who is eligible?

Fulltime ANU students are eligible for assistance. Bursaries and Scholarships are awarded under meritorious and equity criteria, including community awareness, that reflects the overall ethos of Burgmann.

They are selected from those applicants who can demonstrate all three of the following:

a. merit
b. financial need
c. previous community contributions

All bursaries and scholarships take the form of a reduction in fees.

What Scholarships and Financial Assistance are Available?

Burgmann Bursaries

Bursaries are available for both new and continuing residents. The criteria for the award of bursaries are based on financial need, academic merit and community contribution with the primary weighting on financial need. Six bursaries of $5,000 each are available.

Burgmann Scholarships

Scholarships are available for new undergraduate and postgraduate residents at Burgmann College. The criteria for the award of scholarships are the same as for bursaries, but with a primary weighting on academic merit. Three scholarships of $5,000 each are available.

Burgmann Price Scholarship

An annual award the Scholarship Committee selects from Australian applicants who are recent or first generation migrant, regional and/or Indigenous students and who will be a resident of Burgmann College in that year. Selection is on academic merit, the student’s need for financial support and their contribution to the community.

Northrop Grumman, ViaSat and Optus Country Scholarship

This scholarship will be offered to two students from rural and regional areas with a particular focus on the Riverina region who accept or have accepted an offer of a program of study at The Australian National University (ANU) in one of the Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) fields. Scholarship recipients must be entering their first year of study at the ANU, and reside at Burgmann College whilst receiving the scholarship. Applicants must be 20 years of age or younger when they apply. The recipient will be awarded $10,500 per year for three years ($31,500 in total) to assist with living expenses on campus at Burgmann College.

Tuckwell Scholarships

Supported through the generosity of the Graham & Louise Tuckwell Foundation, recipients receive a scholarship of $20,900 per annum (increasing with inflation) for the length of his/her undergraduate degree at ANU. For more information visit www.tuckwell.anu.edu.au

How do I apply for a Scholarship or Bursary?

Application forms are available on the Burgmann website from either October or November onwards. For further information please contact the Manager of Business and Finance, Nerrida Higgins, by telephone +61 2 6125 6081 or by email to nerrida.higgins@anu.edu.au
Apply to Burgmann

Burgmann College accepts current and prospective full-time students enrolled at ANU.

How do I apply?

To apply for residence at Burgmann College, prospective students are required to apply online, via the ANU University Accommodation portal: http://portal.rcc.anu.edu.au/

Please ensure you list Burgmann College as your first preference. In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to provide supporting documents (see below).

What selection criteria does Burgmann use?

At Burgmann, we select residents on their ability to contribute to the Burgmann community, their fellow residents, and their potential to get the most out of the all-round educational experience we offer. Therefore, we look at your co-curricular interests, leadership potential and ability, and contribution to your community, in addition to your academic results.

More generally the College seeks a balance in all things – gender, academic areas, broad interests, community experience and regional diversity.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to email additional supporting documentation to Reception at reception@burgmann.anu.edu.au. Supporting documentation may include documents such as a CV, Personal Statement and Reference Letter(s).

Further detailed information on how to apply for a place at Burgmann can be found on the ANU University Accommodation website.

When should I apply?

Accommodation applications open mid August each year. We recommend applying to the College as early as possible. No supporting documentation will be considered after the portal closing date (usually the second week in January).

When will I find out?

A few early offers may be made at the discretion of the Principal from mid December each year with the majority being offered in the first two weeks in January.
Questions?

How much are the residential fees?
In 2017, 41 week contracts was available in the fully catered undergraduate wings. New first year residents are required to attend a week long induction at the start of the year and are therefore on a 42 week contract. In 2017, fees started from $397 per week.

Fees and contract durations for 2018 will be published on the College’s website around October/November every year. Burgmann offers three methods of paying College fees: annually, semester and fortnightly instalments.

Is there a non-catered option?
No, only fully-catered accommodation is provided for undergraduates.

Is linen provided?
No, residents bring their own linen. However, the College may provide linen for overseas students at a nominal fee.

What size beds are available?
Standard rooms have king single beds. Double bedrooms are generally reserved or RAs and residents in their third or later year at College who hold leadership positions.

Transport and parking?
Public transport – a bus stop is located at the front of the College.

Bicycle – a cheap and easy way to get around campus.

Parking – all parking on campus is controlled by the ANU and very limited. Parking permits are required and can be obtained from the ANU Parking Office. More information may be obtained from parking@anu.edu.au

Can guests stay overnight?
Occasional guests are welcome to stay in residents’ rooms overnight or a weekend (two nights max). The College can provide a mattress for guests. If linen is required, a small fee is applied.
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