2020 Postgraduates in the Village

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From the Principal

Burgmann College is honoured to be situated on the land of the Ngunnawal people. Our community acknowledges and celebrates the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet and work, and whose cultures are among the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

We are proud to be an independent, egalitarian and inclusive home for the students of the Australian National University.

Responding to the mood of youth at a unique moment in Australian history, the brand-new Burgmann of 1971 mirrored the contemporary groundswell of young people taking charge of their own destinies—empowering them to be socially conscious, aware and intelligent young adults within the safety of a deeply supportive environment.

The times and styles have changed, but Burgmann today is still the carbon copy of that ethos—profoundly committed to every resident achieving their highest potential, academically and personally, emphasising individual freedom and growth alongside collegiate commitment, responsibility and contribution.

‘Family’ is the word that both our residents and staff use to describe our community; every resident is known and supported.

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 and later year undergraduate students.

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 will 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.

Sally Renouf

Ms Sally Renouf

PRINCIPAL

No matter what your interests are or who you are, you find a cheer squad at Burgmann, everyone is so eager to support and celebrate everyone else. If you didn’t have any siblings before you came to Burgmann you now have a whole college full!

— Beck Long

President, Burgmann Residents Association

Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Bachelor of Political Science
Why Burgmann?

What was true in the 1970s when Burgmann was established is still true today - we are a small personal college with a strong pastoral care network and ample opportunities for self-governance. Burgmann is an ideal environment for academic, social and professional development.

Burgmann emphasises individual freedom and growth on the one hand and collegiate commitment, responsibility and contribution on the other. We are a not-for-profit institution and our independence has enabled us to prioritise these values and to be highly flexible and agile in responding to changing student needs.

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.

The Principal and Deputy Principal residing on-site

Having senior staff residing in close proximity to residents is considered best practice internationally, yet Burgmann is the only residence at the ANU where this is true and is one of the few remaining residences to do so in Australia.

It is one of the aspects that contributes strongly to residents feeling safe in their home-away-from-home environment and as though they are still part of a family. Principal Sally Renouf continues the great tradition of the Master’s dog, with Eve and Juno for residents to play with. The family atmosphere is reinforced by the children of the Principal and Deputy also living within the community.

A safe and inclusive culture

Burgmann College has a zero tolerance approach to all behaviours on the spectrum of sexual violence, hazing, bullying and discrimination. We are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all residents, regardless of gender, sexual preference, race, religion, physical or mental disability or political opinion.

We celebrate and support each resident to express their unique selves within an inclusive and respectful collegiate environment. We have a whole of community responsibility to promote a respectful culture and to call out inappropriate behaviour.

We set the tone early at the beginning of each year with a week-long new resident induction program, as well as forums throughout the year where residents can share their personal experiences, to create a culture of understanding and empathy.

We regularly hold cultural celebrations that reflect the diversity of our residents and bring the community together. Celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Christmas in July and Eid al-Adha, have a deep impact in nurturing the sense of recognition, intercultural understanding and belonging amongst our residents.

The following features continue to be unique and distinctive to Burgmann:

They call us the ‘real adults’. It’s lovely to be able to invite the residents into a domestic, relaxed environment, and to be able to give them a cup of tea in the middle of the night in the midst of a crisis. It’s important in that moment to be able to give them genuine comfort.

- Amelia Zaraftis, Deputy Principal

Thank you both for being so wonderfully generous to produce food, not just delicious, but which also exudes happiness and love. We appreciate it so much.

- Aadya Ramesh, resident and guest at Eid al-Adha celebration
A high ratio of staff to residents and exceptional pastoral care

With the creation of the College Dean position in 2018, we have three leadership staff (Principal, Deputy Principal and College Dean) for 360 students. We are proud to have a high ratio of Residential Advisors to residents, at 1:13 or 1:16 in our Village blocks. We invest in pastoral care and ensure this level of support because we know it is important.

At Burgmann, pastoral care is treated as a whole-of-community commitment. Within the last two years, every member of our staff, from Principal to Housekeeping and Maintenance, volunteered to complete accreditation in Youth Mental Health First Aid. All of our staff have a desire to support our community, and we believe that by being aware of the signs and challenges of mental ill health, we are better placed to support our residents and colleagues.

Throughout my time at Burgmann, I have been lucky enough to be part of one of the most immersive and supportive environments. I was given the space I needed to grow as an individual, and the support I needed to succeed academically. Weekly events, large study spaces, and a diverse community have made my postgraduate study at Burgmann phenomenal. I feel indebted to all the wonderful staff, community leaders, and Burgmann College as a whole!

- Jonathon Masters, Third Year Resident & Residential Advisor

Unparalleled resident representation in governance

Residents play an extraordinary role in the College’s governance, holding seven of 32 positions on the Council and three of 10 positions on the Board of Management, with full voting rights. This not only gives them a powerful role in making important decisions that affect them and their fellow residents, but provides amazing opportunities in governance training for a future generation of leaders. The residents who grasp these opportunities really rise to the challenge and show extraordinary personal development in their leadership skills within a short space of time.

Non-hierarchical, multi-year resident structure

We maintain the non-hierarchical ethos valued by our founders, with 1st, 2nd, 3rd year and postgraduate students having equal access to all facilities, and no distinctions between ‘junior’ and ‘senior’ residents. Residents may also stay for one to three years of their studies. International research shows that a multi-year model of residence of three to four years creates a much stronger sense of connection amongst both the college and broader campus community, as well as facilitating stronger peer advising and mentoring.

Our commitment to an egalitarian ethos is demonstrated in big and small ways. For example, when eating in the Dining Hall, residents fill up the eight chairs at a dining table before starting a new one. This ensures residents form broad relationships across the community and helps avoid cliques from forming.

It really alters the dynamic between the governing body and the resident representatives; it means the residents have a much greater stake in the College—it’s not just a hotel at the University.

- Greg Mills, Chair, Board of Management
Living on Campus

The Village

The Village at Burgmann is more than just a place to live – it is a vibrant community of postgraduate residents in a stunning corner of the ANU campus next to Lake Burley Griffin. The Village has the National Botanic Gardens as its backyard and everything on campus is only a short walk or bike ride away. Canberra’s city centre (called Civic) is within walking distance and provides plenty of restaurants, bars, pubs and clubs to visit whilst you take a break from your study.

The Village prides itself on its community spirit. There are many opportunities to get involved in sports and arts activities in an environment with a strong culture of participation. Regular social activities provide an opportunity to relax with fellow residents.

Accommodation

The Village is comprised of six buildings situated in a leafy and relaxed environment. The ‘Street’ running through the centre of the Village is a place to meet friends or hold social events. The Village is surrounded by trees and gardens making it a very pleasant environment in which to live.

There are four types of accommodation options:

- 5 Bedroom Apartments
- 3 Bedroom Apartments
- 2 Bedroom Apartments
- Studios

5 Bedroom Apartments

Each apartment has a shared kitchen with cupboards for storage space, four hot plates, fridge and an oven. There are two showers and two toilets. There are also apartments suitable for disabled accommodation and these have a slightly different configuration. Each resident in the apartment has a private lockable room containing a standard king-single bed and a study desk.

2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments

On the ground floor of each building and on the second floor of certain blocks there are 2 bedroom apartments. Some are allocated to the Residential Advisors of each block with the remaining available for resident accommodation. The 3 bedroom apartments are similar to the 2 bedroom apartments, with an extra bedroom and a bigger common area. There are only four 3 bedroom apartments. The facilities for these two types of apartments are similar to those found in the 5 Bedroom apartments.

Studios

These are self-contained units, which include a queen-size bed, desk, kitchenette and bathroom. The kitchenette has two hot plates, a microwave oven and small fridge. Due to the high demand for studios, first year postgraduate residents may apply but are not guaranteed to be given a studio apartment. Rooms are allocated to new and returning residents by the College over the summer vacation.

Disability/wheelchair accessible rooms are available upon request.
Kaneeka Gajendra
4th Year Resident / Village Residential Advisor

How did you find coming to Burgmann?
Moving from suburban Melbourne to Burgmann and Canberra was a daunting idea at first. However, as move-in day came closer I became more and more excited at the prospect of independent living and getting started at university. Move-in day was a very nervous day, but it was comforting to know that the 90 other new people were all just as new and excited as I was, and everyone was so friendly and keen to make new friends.

What’s the best thing about living at Burgmann?
Easily the best thing about living at Burgmann is the community and friends you will make whilst here. Before coming to Burgmann, I was a standard Melbourne School sphere kind of person, but now I have friends all across the country and the world. I have been so lucky to have been introduced to such a wonderful group of people and I am incredibly grateful to be able to live with so many friends.

What’s the one thing you didn’t expect about Burgmann?
Something that really surprised me was how open and friendly everyone is at Burgmann. Moving to Canberra and getting used to a new city is so much easier when you’re surrounded by people who are genuinely passionate and excited to meet new people and teach them about their home.

How did you find moving to Burgmann?
Was it what you expected?
Choosing a residence was easy for me, I had two cousins who had attended Burgmann in the past and raved about it, so I was pretty confident from the start of where I wanted to live. I expected an open, friendly and supportive community and I got all of those, but I also got an incredibly active social community. Not a week goes by at Burgmann without an event or something on. It makes the time here fly by and it’s suddenly week 12 and you’re wondering where the term went.

Tell us about a typical week for you at College.
College is a crazy experience in that there is not any “typical” week. Each week has a new challenge or something new to do. One thing you can consistently expect is for a busy week at Burgmann, depending on the time of year there will be a couple of different sports trainings, alongside an arts event practice, as well as a social event on a Thursday night. Between this and actually studying, it can lead to a busy life at Burgmann.

How do you feel you might be different for having lived at Burgmann?
Burgmann has allowed me to develop my interpersonal skills alongside becoming more independent as I prepare for the real world. If I had had stayed at home, I would have stayed in the same social groups, not really getting out of my comfort zone or experiencing anything new. Burgmann really allows you to grow into being a better person, and it is something I am glad I decided to do.

What are you involved in at Burgmann?
I have played almost every sport at Burgmann. Having only played AFL and Rugby before College, it was fun to learn all these different sports around friends. Socially I have helped organise and set up a lot of events, from BurgBall, to Christmas in July, O’Week and Bush Week. Getting involved in the College events is a great way to meet people and expand friendships and I cannot recommend it enough. In my position as Commerce Portfolio coordinator, I have helped run workshops for students, whilst promoting events across the University.

Do you have any advice for students applying to the ANU and Burgmann?
Application wise you are trying to prove that you will be a positive influence on the College community. Talk about your school involvements, community volunteering and sports or arts you might be involved in at home. Academics are also important when it comes to the community. Focus on what will make you a great Burgmann resident.

Food and Catering Packages
The heart of our College, the Dining Hall, underwent significant refurbishment in 2015.
All Village accommodation is self-catered. However, various meal packages are available and can be tailored around your schedule and needs.
Meal packages are reasonably priced and meals are provided in the College Dining Hall.
Postgraduate resident fees include a weekly dinner in the dining room, and periodically when a special theme dinner is arranged.
For more information on catering packages, please contact reception@burgmann.anu.edu.au

Dinners for New Residents
Moving into your new home may feel daunting, particularly if you have come from interstate or overseas.
In order to ease the transition of settling into College, we offer our new Village residents complimentary meals in the Dining Hall for the first two weeks of their stay. We believe it is a big enough step to have to move to a new place, you don’t need the stress of working out what to cook!

Village formal dinners
Villagers come together two times a year for a formal dinner in the Dining Hall where they celebrate community, good food and each other’s company.
**Facilities**

Burgmann has many common spaces where you can relax, socialise and study.

**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.

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

**Dining Hall**
Open from 7:00am till 10:30pm, for Villagers with catering packages the Dining Hall provides access to fruit, tea, coffee and hot chocolate throughout this time.

**Laundry**
A communal self-catered laundry block is centrally located in the Village. The washers and dryers are free, and residents provide their own washing powder. Communal clothes lines are also available.

**Other Meeting and Study Areas**
There are a number other rooms in the College that can be used as meeting and study areas for residents.

**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 and provides a creative array of non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages. No BYO permitted.

**Computer Lab**
Our 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.

**Gallery/Study & Meeting Room**
When it is not hosting an exhibition it is free to be used as a study space and meeting room. Open 9:00am – 10:30pm this space was refurbished in 2019.

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

**Village Vegetable Garden**
Green thumbs are welcome to be part of the communal Village Vegetable Garden. Residents can buy into the plot for $5 with the funds going towards the purchase of seeds, gloves and tools.

**Grounds and Gardens**
The College’s extensive gardens and grounds play a key role in the life of the College; residents enjoy our lawns every day for lunch and use them regularly for special events.

**Laundry**
A communal self-catered laundry block is centrally located in the Village. The washers and dryers are free, and residents provide their own washing powder. Communal clothes lines are also available.
Rittwick Visen
2nd Year Resident / International Student & RA

How did you find coming to Burgmann?
Coming to Burgmann was the best thing which happened to me at ANU, after being homeless for almost two weeks in Canberra, Burgmann came as a savior and I could proudly say, “Good things take time” and moving to Burg was the best decision of my academic career.

What’s the best thing about living at Burgmann?
Culture, Community & Connectivity is the best thing about living at Burgmann. You find people from different spectrum of life, different parts of the world with so much rich experience in their respective disciplines, making your experience valuable and yes you find friends for life.

What’s the one thing you didn’t expect about Burgmann?
The Burgmann staff are the most caring people you’ll ever find. They care about the minutest details and problems you have in your day to day living and that is something which I hadn’t expected.

How did you find moving to Burgmann?
Moving to Burgmann was like exploring the Uni life at its best. Right from View to Vision, Events to Environment, everything around is so beautiful, I was expecting Burgmann to be good but it came out to be the best.

Tell us about a typical week for you at College.
Burgmann has a very strong community, which keeps you connected and engaged throughout the week. Be it a Tim Tam party with Village residents, weekly dinner with energetic undergrads, Flat Chats with RAs, Drinks & Nibbles at the Lounge, you have a perfect blend of academic and social life.

How do you feel you might be different for having lived at Burgmann?
Had it not been for Burgmann, I would have missed out on many important aspects of my Uni life like exploring campus, meeting people from different countries and background and most importantly getting to know and learn about Australian people and culture.

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Do you have any advice for students applying to the ANU and Burgmann?
Burgmann would be a game changer in your Uni life. Down the line five years from your graduation, you’ll be remembering every minute of your life spent here. If you get a chance to be a Burgie, go for it without even a second thought. Create, Connect and Communicate with your fellow residents and enjoy the vibrant community around. Communicate with your fellow residents and enjoy the vibrant community around.

Burgmann Support

Academic Network
Our peer learning community is led by the Deputy Principal and a team of Academic Network Coordinators and Residential Advisors. The Academic Coordinators support students studying their specific academic areas as well as residents who are interested in related topical issues. They each hold portfolios in their academic field and are responsible for organising round tables, guest lectures and other academic events which enrich our learning community. They are the first point of call for coordinating academic support for Burgmann residents.

Residential Advisors
Residential Advisors (RAs) are residents appointed by the College to undertake pastoral and leadership duties. Each RA is responsible for a portfolio. Portfolios have either an academic or a community development focus.

There is at least one RA 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
• listening to individual concerns, and helping to find the best ways to support floor, group, individual and community well-being
• referring residents to College staff and external support services.

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.

Burgmann Journal

Burgmann Journal is an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed publication of collected works of research, debate and opinion from residents and alumni of Burgmann College designed to engage and stimulate the wider community.

As a resident you have an opportunity to have your work published in the Burgmann Journal and also be part of the Editorial Team. See https://studentjournals.anu.edu.au/index.php/burgmann/about

The Burgmann Alumni Mentoring Program (BAM) and academic college groups have helped me tremendously to network, and stay on top of opportunities to put myself out there and gain substantial experience.
- Darshan Brijball, Second Year Resident
Reconciliation

We aspire to play an active role in Australia’s national reconciliation movement. In formally communicating our commitment to reconciliation, the College affirms its wish to foster and maintain a respectful community of informed residents, staff and alumni, embedding respect for the world’s longest surviving cultures and communities throughout our practices and programs.

In developing our inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan in 2018, the College seeks to understand and reflect on our current practices and programs. We want to ensure we are providing a culturally safe and supportive environment in which current and future Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents can achieve their highest potential, and determine areas for future improvement.

In providing a welcoming home environment where racism is not tolerated and where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents are supported to achieve their highest potential academically and personally, we hope to contribute to the achievement of excellent educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ANU students, and to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who choose Burgmann as their home while studying at ANU.

Reconciliation Events

The College holds an annual Reconciliation Dinner as part of an annual program of cultural and education events. These events have included a lecture by Ms Nova Peris OAM OLY and a poetry reading by award winning poets Ali Cobby Eckermann, Jeanine Leane and Sassi Nuyum.

Doomadgee-Burgmann Partnership

The Doomadgee-Burgmann Community Partnership (DBCP) commenced in 2008 and is an association within Burgmann College. DBCP’s mission is to encourage enduring and meaningful friendships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, in particular, through Burgmann’s relationship with key members of the Doomadgee community in remote north-west Queensland. Central to the DBCP is an annual program of events, including an annual trip to the Doomadgee Community, and when possible, the hosting of members of the Doomadgee community at Burgmann College.
Student Life at Burgmann
An abundance of social and academic activities

Burgmann has one of the most active calendars of events, and a high level of residential participation. There are at least half-a-dozen activities happening every week. At the heart of this is a deep appreciation for Burgmann history and tradition, with so many handed-down legacies not only living but thriving - St Beryl’s benevolent emergence on BurgDay, the Brick Race, Luigi’s and Dawborn, to name just a few.

Academic roundtables within the College are well attended and the Alumni and Friends Mentoring Network is hugely popular, with 100 alumni mentors matched to residents each year. The residents place a high premium on the value of their live-in academic network.

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.

Some of the events enjoyed by residents at Burgmann

The Annual EH Burgmann Lecture
A public lecture on leadership and life by esteemed members of the community. Past lectures have been delivered by human rights barrister Julian Burnside AO QC, author and social research Hugh Mackay, The Hon Kevin Rudd AC, Mr Brendan Nelson AO, the former Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick AO and The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG.

Commencement
An annual formal dinner celebrating the commencement of the academic year, usually held at the Australian National Arboretum.

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

Burg Day
A day celebrating the history of Burgmann College, featuring St Beryl and the blessing of a brick.

Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony
Our community commences the year with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony on the front lawn of Burgmann College. In 2019 we were honoured to have Dr Matilda House Welcome us to Country.

Burg Concert
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.

Dawborn
A snooker competition involving nearly the entire College population which culminates in a grand final night.

The Coming Out Forum
A panel of residents who share their stories as members of the LGBTQI+ community. These individuals share their extraordinary stories each year, giving insight into their experience.
Arts

BRA Arts Representatives facilitate and promote arts activities and events, enabling all Burgies to perfect their passions and 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, an inter-hall, battle of the band type 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, 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.

By Hannah Merchant from the series Fading into the Night
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Dhruv Haria
2nd Year Resident & Residential Advisor

How did you find coming to Burgmann?

Most students at the ANU are not Canberra locals so everyone’s hoping to find the community that they can be a part of. Coming to Burgmann helped me find that community. I look back on my time here at Burgmann fondly having made fruitful relationships and meeting kind and loving people.

What’s the best thing about living at Burgmann?

Living at Burgmann helped me cultivate my life around the things I prioritise the most. I was able to meet people from different parts of the world, develop professional networks and have the platform to succeed academically. As a postgrad, I liked being able to have privacy and go about my life the way I’d like to. Burgmann afforded me that luxury.

What’s the one thing you didn’t expect about Burgmann?

I was thrilled to find that it can be extremely peaceful and quiet compared to the rest of ANU despite being a 10 minute walk to all my classes. Fancy a hike? Black Mountain is literally on the other side of the road. A jog along the lake? You’re closer than you know. I love living here. It’s convenient and a really good standard of accommodation.

How did you find moving to Burgmann? Was it what you expected?

I applied to Burgmann after applying to a separate ANU accommodation but being told it was full. I cannot stress enough how thankful I am that the other accommodation didn’t have any spots left. From the first day, Burgmann has made me feel like a valued member of the community. I have realised what you give in is what you get and cannot recommend Burg enough.

Tell us about a typical week for you at College.

The beauty of living at Burg is that there is no such thing as a “typical” week. This week is a Prom Night organised by the residents association and last week we were at our Principal, Sally’s residence celebrating Eid al-Adha. If I had to I’d say in a typical week, I’m usually busy in the day with university and work, and in the evenings I unwind with my friends at College or go to an event organised by the residents at college.

How do you feel you might be different for having lived at Burgmann?

Burgmann has given me the platform and the support to achieve what I set out to do almost two years ago. Academically, socially and professionally Burgmann empowers you to strive for excellence. I stress how vital it was being at Burg for this to happen.

Do you have any advice for students applying to the ANU and Burgmann?

Whether you’re interested in arts, politics, science, law or sports – you’ll find you’re not the only one at Burgmann. There’s something for everyone here.

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

Bursaries and scholarships generally 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.

How do I apply for a Scholarship or Bursary?

Application forms are available on the Burgmann website from October 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

ANU Accommodation Bursaries

ANU accommodation bursaries are designed to assist full time ANU students, established in permanent accommodation, who are experiencing unexpected financial hardship. Priority may be given to students nearing the end of their studies and needing assistance to complete. For more information visit www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation/advice-procedures/accommodation-bursaries
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 ‘Postgraduate Village at Burgmann College’ as your first preference. When you do this, you will then be asked to fill out a Burgmann-specific application form and provide supporting documentation. Supporting documentation includes documents such as a Personal Statement, CV and Reference Letter(s).

**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.

Further detailed information on how to apply for a place at Burgmann can be found on the ANU University Accommodation website or you can contact Burgmann College Reception at reception@burgmann.anu.edu.au.

**Questions?**

**How much are the residential fees?**
In 2019, 46 week contracts were available in the self-catered Village and fees started from $279.42 per week in a 5-share apartment, to $352.01 for a studio.

Fees and contract durations for 2020 will be published on the Burgmann website in September. Burgmann offers three methods of paying College fees: annually, semester and fortnightly instalments.

**Is there a catered option?**
Yes, catered accommodation is available on request and a package can be tailored to your needs. Please contact Burgmann College Reception for further information: reception@burgmann.anu.edu.au

**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?**
Studio apartments have queen beds; all other rooms have king single beds.

**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.