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2020 Undergraduates
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. Our staff are passionately committed to ensuring our young people have the best possible start in their grown-up lives and careers.

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

Sally Renouf
Ms Sally Renouf
PRINCIPAL

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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 following features continue to be unique and distinctive to Burgmann:

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 June 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.

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 1:20 in our undergraduate wings. 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.

Our staff genuinely care about our residents: the housekeeping staff teach them how to iron and separate their laundry; the maintenance staff help them set up for events and build props; the kitchen staff leave out sandwiches to toast for late-night exam study and provide cooking classes in the Residents’ Kitchen; and all of the staff regularly turn up as supporters at inter-hall cultural and sporting events, including madly cheering at the End Point for Inward Bound. The bond between the staff and students is so special, it endures well beyond residency, with alumni making regular visits and calls after they leave.

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 three to four 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.

Supporting young people through transitions

We know we are supporting students going through two of the most extraordinary transitions of their lives: from home and school to semi-independence and young adulthood, to career and life beyond. Our mission is the growth of the whole person—and there is, quite simply, nothing like the Burgmann residential experience to equip young people with the interpersonal and intellectual skills that will best serve them as employees and citizens of the world.

Happy and healthy residents mean happy and healthy students—we see our job as growing brilliant people. College life is a transformative experience.

- Sally Renouf, Principal

- Olivia Ireland, Residential Advisor, Undergraduate

- Greg Mills, Chair, Board of Management
Accommodation

As an undergraduate 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.

Living on Campus

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 and wifi internet and central heating. Swapping of beds is 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?
Before I arrived at Burgmann I felt extremely nervous because I did not know a single person who I would be living with. However, when I pulled up in the car on move-in day with Mum, my RA came running across the grass to welcome me; it was pretty much from here that I knew I was in the right place. After I experienced the first few weeks I felt right at home. I had never been in such a vibrant, inclusive and amazing community before and I could not wait to spend the next few years here.

What’s the best thing about living at Burgmann?
There are three things that I would say are the best things about Burg. First, it’s the people - I have made so many incredible friends here, each of them from a different part of Australia or the world. You really get an insight into what growing up in different places is like, and you get to go and check them out when you visit your friends on uni breaks. Second, it’s the events that we run - from traditions like O-week, Bush Week, BurgDay, Dawborn, Mr Burgmann, Inward Bound, to new events that are being created each year, there is literally something here for everyone. The events are always so inclusive and really help to challenge your ideas. Finally, the support we receive is one of the best things. I believe that Burgmann has one of the best administration teams or peer to peer support, you always have someone to talk to or something is going on.

What’s the one thing you didn’t expect about Burgmann?
There’s a lot of things I didn’t expect. I didn’t expect to meet the people that I have or do some of the crazy events that I have done. Probably the biggest thing that I didn’t expect I would do is Inward Bound, being blindfolded on a bus with 40 other people, dropped in the middle of the bush and then running 80km to an endpoint where my whole College was cheering me on was pretty crazy.

How did you find moving to Burgmann? Was it what you expected?
I think I always knew that I wouldn’t find moving very hard, but I didn’t think that it would be as easy as it was. The support and education that you receive in New Resident’s Week really sets you up for the year.

Tell us about a typical week for you at College.
There is no such thing as a typical week!! But most weeks include lot’s of time spent in the dining hall ‘studying’, a couple of Burg sport trainings, hanging out with my floor at Wednesday night Tim Tams, a trip to Messina... or two, a cool event run by our resident’s association, work (so I can earn some money to pay for said Messina), and probably more study.

How do you feel you might be different for having lived at Burgmann?
This is actually a really hard thing to sum up - but I definitely am the person I am today because of the Burgmann community. One of the things that you learn is the importance of being an active member of a community. I think everyone at College develops a heightened awareness of those around them and I think that we all take this skill with us in the future. I also think that living at College has surrounded me with so many incredible people that are so passionate about the things that they do. I definitely would not have involved myself in university life as much as I have or have done as well in my academics if I didn’t have these people in my life.

What are you involved in at Burgmann?
This year I’m a Residential Advisor, so I live on 1B and I am in charge of pastoral care and creating the culture for that floor! I also have a portfolio called ‘Career Preparedness’ so we run events for students intended to broaden their ideas of what careers they might be passionate about, and do practical skills workshops to help them get there (e.g. CV writing). I also do just about every sport at College and this is my favorite part... never thought I would play ultimate frisbee but here we are! I also have been involved in Burgmann’s Indigenous Community Partnership over the past two years which I think is also one of the most valuable things I’ve been a part of at College.

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 taken in the Dining Room, in 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 looks forward to having the opportunity of serving you soon.

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 residents to develop their culinary skills and share home-style cooked food with the community.

Stella Ajani
3rd Year Resident & Residential Advisor

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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, the Dining Hall provides access to fruit, tea, coffee and hot chocolate throughout this time. At night time, residents can make a toastie or wrap too.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
Darshan Brijball
2nd Year Resident

How did you find coming to Burgmann?
I’ve found that coming to Burgmann was one of the best decisions that I could’ve made. Since moving in, I’ve developed as a person quite a lot. Before coming to college, I would’ve described myself as someone who is quite anxious and whilst I enjoyed the company of my friends, I was quite introverted. Since moving in, I’ve found that I am much more open and confident, and this has translated to the other facets of my life. Now, I back myself more than I ever have, both academically and in extra-curricular undertakings. All-in-all, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Burgmann so far, and hope to do so in the future.

What's the best thing about living at Burgmann?
It really is hard to say what the best aspect of life at Burgmann is – there is quite a lot to choose from. Although, if I had to narrow my answer down to one main facet, I would say that the culture is what makes the college life so enjoyable. It’s hard to put into words, but what makes Burgmann’s culture so terrific is how it promotes togetherness by supporting our fellow residents as a unit, be it for an academic or extracurricular undertaking. It’s promoting growth, by building each other up through our academic college groups. It’s a sense of belonging that everyone feels at the weekly floor meetings. It is joy brought to people through random acts of kindness.

How did you find moving to Burgmann?
I moved into Burgmann in semester two of 2018, in my first year. Initially, I thought that moving into a college where everyone had already been well acquainted for a whole semester would be quite a daunting task. However, this was not the case at all. Very quickly, I learnt that Burgmann College is warm and nurturing environment in which every resident cares for one another. Upon commencing, I made genuine connections and found my feet in the ebb and flow of everyday life. In Burgmann College, I found a supportive community in which I could develop and was excited to live with.

What’s the one thing you didn’t expect about Burgmann?
One thing that I didn’t expect about Burgmann is how much people care. Coming into a college, I knew that everyone would be busy and almost expected only admin and residents in leadership positions to care about me. However, even from my first day, I have always been struck by how much everyone cares about each other. There is always someone to talk to, or someone to help, or someone to just give you a hug. The residents of this college really do care about one another. Irrespective of how busy we are, we build each other up.

How do you feel you might be different for having lived at Burgmann?
If I hadn’t had of come to Burgmann, I wouldn’t have grown as I have as a person. I wouldn’t have pushed myself to come out of my shell, and I would have lost out on developing the relationships that I have developed so far. Starting at an interstate university from where I lived, it can be hard to settle in during your first year, but having become more confident, I was able to settle into university life much more seamlessly than I would’ve otherwise.

Do you have any advice for students applying to the ANU and Burgmann?
The most important piece of advice that I wish I took to heart more was to not be afraid and embrace the challenge that lies ahead. The jump into university life can be quite daunting and may seem quite challenging at first, but everything will become better when you start taking things in your stride. It’s normal to be afraid of the uncertainty because you will have never experienced university before, and that’s fine. At the end of the day, you’ve got to where you are now, and that’s fantastic, so there is no reason to doubt yourself. The main thing that holds us back from a successful start to university, and I can speak from my successful experience, is ourselves. So, if you’re applying to the ANU, and more specifically Burgmann, my main advice would be to believe that when you get here, you belong here. I hope to see you in the future and wish you the best of luck for the rest of the year!

Academic Network
Our peer learning community is led by the Deputy Principal and a team of Academic Network Coordinators. These 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.

Burgmann’s community is also home to 120 postgraduate residents who are studying higher degree research, masters, medicine and more. Everyone in our community is able to learn from one another, and having some older mentors who have already studied what you are studying can be very helpful.

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. See: https://studentjournals.anu.edu.au/index.php/burgmann/about
Residential Fellows

Burgmann’s three Residential Fellows live within our community and share their professional and life experience with residents.

**Professor Asmi Wood**

BE LLB (Hons) PhD Law, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Law, International Law, Religion

Asmi is a descendant of the Torres Strait Islands, and grew up on the mainland. Asmi is a Professor of Law, an ANU Distinguished Educator and the Acting Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies. Asmi’s research and publications include areas such as Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous people in Australia and Indigenous Participation in Higher Education. His PhD was in the area of International Criminal Law/Humanitarian law and examined the legality or otherwise of the use of force by non-state actors under international law and in cases, domestic Australian law.

**Lara Nicholls**

MA, BA(Hons) Australian Art, Curatorship

Lara Nicholls is an Assistant Curator, Australian Paintings, Sculpture & Decorative Arts at the National Gallery of Australia and a PhD candidate at the ANU in the Research School of Humanities and Arts majoring in Art History and Visual Studies. She is a graduate of the University of Melbourne and holds a Masters of Art (Art History) awarded in 2000 for her thesis, The Duc d’Ummele and his Orientalist Paintings. Lara lives with her two daughters in the undergraduate section of the College.

**Brodie Buckland**

BA (Harvard), Dip. Legal Studies (Oxon), JD (ANU) - Law, History, German

Brodie graduated from ANU with First Class Honours in his Juris Doctor in 2013. A Burgmann resident since 2011, Brodie is usually working at Blackburn Chambers as a Barrister, helping residents with law queries, or playing with his dogs, Juno and Eve. Brodie competed in the Men’s Pair division at the London Olympics where Brodie and pair partner James Marburg were placed fifth. Brodie lives onsite with his wife, Sally and Margot.

**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 in 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 Nyuyum.

**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.
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.

**Student Life at Burgmann**

**An abundance of social and academic activities**

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**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 LGBTQ+I 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.
Janka Reynders
1st Year Resident

How did you find coming to Burgmann?

Coming to Burgmann I felt excited and enthusiastic. I had spent weeks waiting for orientation information, calling reception about three times a day to ask another question and waiting for my move to Burgmann. When I arrived, I was the first resident to arrive, and was greeted by my Residential Advisors. They too had been waiting eagerly for the arrival for new residents, and from that moment on, I knew that I had found myself in a wonderful group of like-minded individuals.

What’s the best thing about living at Burgmann?

The best thing about living at Burgmann is the people you meet and the freedom you are given to develop yourself. In found that at Burgmann there are always people, friends, staff, RAs to help you when you need it, but that you are also given the opportunity to find your own way. Having this community support when trying new things, taking on a challenging course or going for a job gave me confidence to tackle each day. Many a time, on the way to a class or interview did I get a break pep talk, leaving me with a smile on my face and a hopeful outlook to each day.

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

One thing I didn’t expect from Burgmann was the ease in which you find yourself part of a community. Everyday at breakfast I sit next to a new person, discover something new about the world, and this is due to the wide diversity of people at Burgmann. I never thought that I would have friends from Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide, Darwin and everywhere in between. I now have an excellent excuse to travel the country!

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

I feel as though Burgmann College gave me a chance to grow as a person. Before coming to college I had just finished High School and still felt overwhelmed by learning how to live independently. However, at Burgmann I learnt how to solve challenges both on my own and with the help of the people around me, and this fundamentally changed my outlook.

How did you find moving to Burgmann?

Moving to Burgmann exceeded all my expectations about living at College. I moved from rural Western Australia and so I was a little nervous about moving across the country to attend university in Canberra. However, through living at Burgmann, I found myself part of a close-knit and welcoming family. My fellow residents are kind and thoughtful, the staff are welcoming and understanding, and I believe this made my move so easy and enjoyable. Burgmann gave me a community to support me in my studies away from home, and this support set me up to settle in Canberra both academically and socially.

Tell us about a typical week for you at College.

They get busy! My Monday mornings I usually get a sleep in, unless there is a sport training session on, before I go to work and finish with independent study in the D-Hall. Tuesdays, again with some sort of sport training, followed by tutorials, lectures or seminars until the evening, when I head back to Burg. Wednesdays I spent the whole day looking forward to Tim Tama, our weekly floor catch-up session. On a Thursday I again have classes followed by a cheeky coffee date with friends, and an afternoon or relaxing, studying or an afternoon of sport training. Fridays and the weekend are usually filled with sporting events or going on Canberra adventures with friends, and the week is nicely rounded off with a tea and scone at Luigi’s on Sunday.

What are you involved in at Burgmann?

At Burgmann there is no shortage of activities to try. Whilst I have been mainly involved in College sport and arts, playing volleyball, touch football, basketball, girls AFL, netball and soccer, I have also danced with the College Dance team for College Arts. This year I was also fortunate enough to play for the Burgmann-Johns rugby union team against Basser College, raising awareness for both Burgmann’s and John’s indigenous community outreach programs, Doomadgee and Mutitjulu. Aiming to Review and strengthen existing partnerships, the Doomadgee Partnership is an integral part of Burgmann’s Reconciliation Action Plan, and I was honoured to participate in a game of rugby to recognise the effort and importance of this partnership.

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 students. 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 resident Burgmann College in that year. Selection is on academic merit, the student’s need for financial support and their contribution to the community.

Tuckwell Scholarships

Founded in 2013 by philanthropists Graham and Louise Tuckwell, the scholarships allow and encourage students to take full advantage of their time at university, including the many academic, social, cultural sporting and leadership opportunities that come with life on campus at ANU. Every year, 25 Tuckwell Scholarships are awarded to highly talented and motivated school leavers planning to study at ANU, to help them fulfil their potential and reinvest their knowledge, skills and experience in ways that positively benefit others. For more information visit www.tuckwell.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 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

When should I apply?
Standard 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.

Note: from 2019, the University commenced an additional early round application process known as the Admission, Scholarship and Accommodation (ASA) application. Further information can be found here: www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/domestic-applications-anu-undergraduate/applying-to-anu-application-details/how-to-apply

When will I find out?
For non ASA applicants, a few early offers may be made at the discretion of the Principal from mid-December each year with the majority being offered late December and early January.

Questions?

How much are the residential fees?
In 2019, 41 week contracts were 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 2019, fees were $428.17 per week.

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?
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 long single beds. The small number of larger 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.