

UWA Albany Accommodation & Local Living Guide



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This guide is designed to help UWA staff and students confidently engage with Albany accommodation providers, understand transport and surroundings, and feel supported in their transition to living and studying in Albany

Welcome to UWA Albany



Albany City Overview

Albany is approximately 415 km southeast of Perth (a 4.5–5-hour drive or 1-hour flight). The city is beautifully situated between rolling hills, pristine beaches, and the Southern Ocean, offering a relaxed coastal lifestyle without sacrificing access to essential services and amenities. Whether you're relocating for study, work, or research, Albany offers a unique blend of lifestyle benefits that make it a welcoming and inspiring place to live.

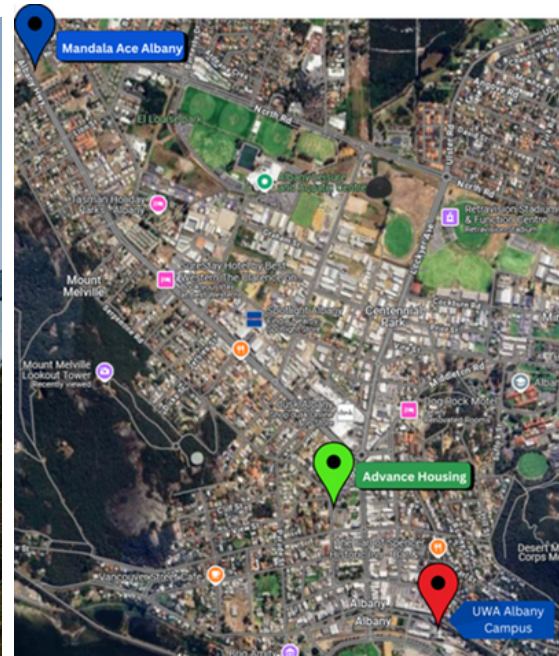
Getting to UWA Albany Campus

UWA Albany Campus Location:
35 Stirling Terrace, Albany WA 6330

Transport Options:

- By Car: Free parking is available on campus.
- By Bus: Use [TransAlbany](https://www.transregional.wa.gov.au/JourneyPlanner). <https://www.transregional.wa.gov.au/JourneyPlanner> (routes vary, recommend checking timetables).
- Cycling/Walking: Albany is generally bike-friendly; some providers are within walking distance.





Accommodation Options

UWA Albany is more than a university – it's your support network. Our close-knit community is here to support you every step of the way.

Advance Housing- A Purpose-Built Student Accommodation

What's a PBSA?

Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) offers independent living with the comfort of modern, fully furnished apartments and the flexibility to live your own way, while still being part of a student community – designed specifically for students!

Nestled in the heart of Albany and the flourishing student community, the Purpose-built Serpentine Road and Stirling Terrace Student Apartments are fully furnished and ideal for students studying at university.

Features and Facilities:

§ Fully furnished. Including semi-equipped kitchen and access to laundry facilities.

- Ideally located in the heart of Albany.
- Stable, high-speed internet on tap.
- Enjoy peace of mind and privacy.
- Welcoming communal spaces.

Long term leasing option available.

Rooms and apartments are available for people that require access friendly spaces.

Transport to UWA Albany:

- Approx. 5-minute drive or 15-minute walk (1km from Campus)



How To Book:

1. Visit Advance Housing webpage
2. Click on 'Check availability'
3. Complete the form



Accommodation Options

Australian Homestay Network- Living Like a Local

What's Homestay?

Starting university in a new country or region can be challenging, and Homestay offers a safe, supportive way to settle in. With UWA Hosted Accommodation, you'll live with a local host—who provides valuable insights into Perth life and a welcoming home environment.

The Australian Homestay Network (AHN) provides a structured and supportive homestay experience for both international students and their hosts at UWA Albany.

Whether students are full-time, part-time, or on placement, homestay provides a welcoming environment to help them transition smoothly into life in University within Albany.

This arrangement also offers students and hosts a rewarding opportunity to engage as well as showcase the Albany Community.

Homestay Options:

- From private to share room accommodation options, inclusive of meal packages.
- Student can choose between:
 - warm, family-style environment
 - A more independent, share house-style setting

Rates:

AHN packages range from \$280 to \$410 p/w

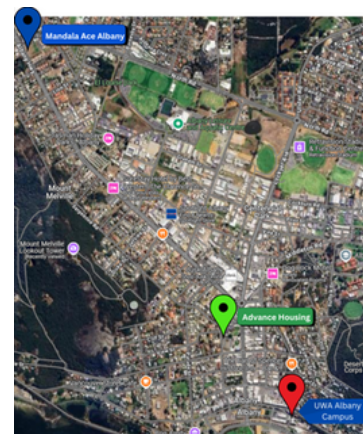
Transport to UWA Albany:

- Varies by host location, typically accessible by bike, public transport, or carpool.
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- Visit [TransAlbany](#) for bus routes info or Google Maps for route planning.



How to Apply:

1. Visit the [AHN website](#).
2. Select 'Apply to join as a student'
3. Complete your profile with interests and preferences
4. Submit your application at least 4 weeks before arrival
5. AHN will contact you with a quote and host details



Accommodation Options

Merrifield Real Estate- Living Like a Local

What's a Rental partner?

UWA has partnered up with reputable real estate agency to explore the private rental market with you.

Ideal for fixed term leasing.

 Merrifield Real Estate

Merrifield offers a range of rental properties for students comfortable with independent living. Their partnership with UWA ensures a supportive experience.

Transport to UWA Albany:

Visit TransAlbany for bus routes info or Google Maps for route planning.

Mandala Ace Albany

Comfortable, self-contained accommodation with Wi-Fi, free parking, and tailored rates for UWA affiliates. Suitable for short visits or longer academic terms.

Located in the historic town of Albany, WA, just 2km from the Albany central business district.

Short / Short Long term Stay Friendly.

Mention your UWA affiliation, preferred stay dates, and they'll confirm availability and exclusive student rates.

UWA Rates:

Short Stay (1+ night):

- Standard Room (1 Queen + 1 Single): from \$124/night
- Deluxe Room (1 Queen + 1 Single): from \$132/night

Long Stay (7+ nights):

- Deluxe Room: from \$126/night

Transport to UWA Albany:

- Approx. 8-minute drive to campus or 20 minutes by public transport (TransAlbany route info or Google Maps for route planning).



Find out more:

 (08) 9841 4022

 rentals@merrifield.com.au

 merrifield.com.au


Register your interest!

<https://forms.office.com/r/9zkzwTvfVZ>



How to Book:

Contact the Mandala Ace Albany team directly:

 (08) 9841 2911



reservations@mandalaacealbany.com.au

Find out more: visit Mandala Ace Albany website [here](#).

Local Amenities Near You

The UWA study environment is built around immersive learning.



Shopping

Albany Plaza

📍 42 Albany Hwy, Albany WA 6330

🕒 Approx. 1.3 km from UWA Campus (3 min drive / 20 min walk)

🛒 Major retailers include Kmart, Coles, and specialty stores.

Dog Rock Boulevard

📍 324 Middleton Rd, Albany WA 6330

🕒 Approx. 1 km from campus (2 min drive / 12 min walk)

🛒 Includes Woolworths, pharmacy, and eateries.

Albany Farmers Market (Saturdays only)

📍 Collie Street (next to Town Hall)

🕒 Approx. 550 m from campus (10 min walk)

🥕 Local produce, artisan goods, and fresh food

Public Library & Post Office

§Albany Public Library

📍 221 York St, Albany WA 6330

🕒 Approx. 750 m from campus (10 min walk)

📶 Offers free Wi-Fi, study spaces, printing, and local events.

§Australia Post – Albany Post Shop

📍 4/218 York St, Albany WA 6330

🕒 Approx. 700 m from campus (10 min walk)

✉ Mail services, ID checks, and parcel pick-up/drop-off.



Banking

All major Australian banks have branches or ATMs within the CBD, mostly along York Street:

- Commonwealth Bank – 250 York St
- Westpac – 280 York St
- ANZ – 23 Albany Highway
- NAB – 272 York St

🕒 All within 1k m of UWA Albany Campus



Healthcare

- Albany Health Campus (Main Hospital)
📍 30 Warden Ave, Spencer Park WA 6330
🕒 Approx. 4.2 km from campus (7-10 min drive)
🏥 Full hospital services including emergency.

- The Aberdeen Medical Centre
📍 96 Aberdeen St, Albany WA 6330
🕒 Approx. 800m from Campus (2 min drive)

- Southern Regional Medical Group
📍 32 Albany Hwy, Albany WA 6330
🕒 Approx. 1 km (5 min drive)

Eateries- Food & Dining

☕ Six Degrees Albany

This vibrant, modern eatery is ideal for social dinners, weekend drinks, or group hangouts.

📍 Stirling Terrace | 🚶 1 min walk (100 m)



🍴 Kate's Place Café

A local favourite right across the road, this cosy café is known for its fresh, affordable meals and friendly atmosphere—great for a quick bite between classes.

📍 Stirling Terrace (next to Albany Bayview Lodge) | 🚶 Just steps from campus



🍰 Dylans on the Terrace

A go-to café for breakfast, coffee, and light meals—plus fast Wi-Fi makes it a student-friendly study nook.

📍 Stirling Terrace | 🚶 2 min walk (100 m)

🍛 Chanya Thai Restaurant

Craving Thai? This well-loved spot serves up authentic flavours in a relaxed setting—perfect for a casual lunch or dinner with friends.

📍 12 Proudlove Parade | 🚶 3 min walk

🥞 Gourmandise & Co

Charming French-style café offering pastries, sandwiches, and artisan coffee—perfect for a relaxing study break.

📍 Stirling Terrace | 🚶 Less than 100 m from campus

On-Campus options

🏢 Campus Café (within UWA Albany Centre)

Convenient and affordable, the Campus Café offers coffee, sandwiches, snacks, and light meals—ideal for a quick bite or takeaway between classes.

📍 Inside UWA Albany Centre | 🕒 Weekdays, limited hours during semester

🍲 Student Kitchenette

Bring your own lunch? The student kitchenette includes a fridge, microwave, and basic utensils—great for budget-friendly, home-prepared meals.

📍 UWA Albany Student Lounge

UWA Accommodation

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Request a call back via our webpage

Visit us at 130 Winthrop Ave, Reception

