



Estimated Cost of Living

The cost of living in both Brisbane and on the Gold Coast depends on a student's lifestyle and budgeting skills. As a guide, it is estimated that you will need between A\$12,000 and A\$18,000 a year (covering accommodation, transport, food, electricity, etc).

These estimated costs, (if you choose private off-Campus accommodation) do not include the purchase of major items for example (a car, computer, mobile phone, television, bed etc).

If choosing private off-Campus accommodation you will also need extra funds available for Rental Bond (refundable) as security. Rental Bond is on average approximately 4 weeks rent plus 2 weeks rent in advance.

Examples for cost of living:

Accommodation	
On-campus (Shafston Mansions)	From \$150 per week (not including meals)
Resort Style Student Apartments (Gold Coast)	From \$170 a week (not including meals)
Private off-campus Rent or Boarding	\$150 to \$250 per week
Medical Insurance (OSHC)	
Provider Worldcare (Student Visa Holders only)	From \$36 a week
Electricity	
On-campus (Shafston Mansions)	included in accommodation cost
Resort-Style Student Apartments (Gold Coast)	included in accommodation cost
Private off-Campus Rent or Boarding may not include electricity in the cost	Extra \$10 - \$15 per week
Food	
Shafston Cafeteria	From \$5.00 per meal
On-Campus Accommodation is self contained (kitchen facilities available)	Students can budget and prepare/cook their own meals
Transport	
Methods of transport available include walking, bicycle, public bus, public train or private car.	A\$10-\$40 per week
More information regarding public transport is available at http://www.translink.com.au/	
Telephone	
Depending on the number of local, long-distance and overseas calls made. Various mobile telephone plans and pre-paid options are available from Australian telecommunication providers	A\$30-\$70 per month
Entertainment	
Depends on the individual's life style	\$40-\$100 per week
Miscellaneous	
Repairs, laundry, haircuts, stationery, postage, etc	\$30 per week