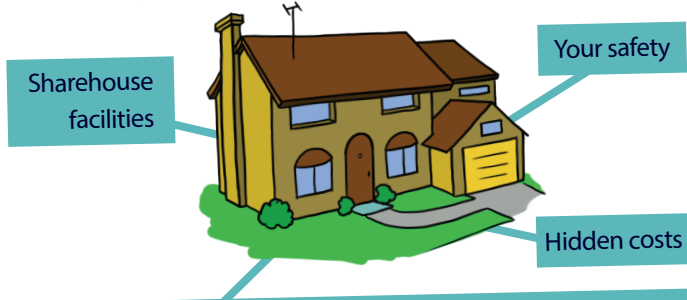


CHECKLIST FOR FINDING A FANTASTIC SHAREHOUSE!

Living in a Sharehouse is great fun, but when choosing your Sharehouse make sure you consider:



Your landlord is available to help in the event of a dispute

Where possible get recommendations from a friend, your host family, your school, or even Study Cairns **before** paying any money.

*It's not just about finding a cheap room!
Ask these questions ...*

1 SAFETY

- ☐ Do you have fire and safety plan?
- ☐ Do you provide fire extinguishers and blankets?
Are your smoke alarms checked regularly?
- ☐ Do you have a security gate?
- ☐ Do you have locks on the bedroom and toilet doors?

2 PERSONAL CARE AND SUPPORT

- ☐ What do I do if I have a problem with my sharemates?
- ☐ Do you have a cyclone plan?
- ☐ How long do you take to respond to maintenance requests?
- ☐ How do I contact you should I have a problem?
- ☐ Are you available after hours in case of an emergency?

3 LOCATION

- ☐ How far is it to walk to the city centre/school/shops/nightlife, or will you have to pay for public transport (Parramatta Park is one of the most popular suburbs for sharehouses)

4 MONEY MATTERS

- ☐ What is the weekly rent and what is NOT included?
- ☐ What is the minimum/maximum length of stay?
- ☐ How can I pay rent; credit card, cash etc?
- ☐ Do you provide a written contract & receipt for payments?
- ☐ How much is the bond and how do I get my bond back?

5 BEDROOM

- ☐ Does the bedroom have a window, fan or air conditioning?
- ☐ Does bedroom have: wardrobe, bedside table, desk and chair?
- ☐ Do you provide bed linen?

6 GENERAL

- ☐ How many bathrooms?
- ☐ How many people in the apartment and where are the people from?
- ☐ Do you provide a cleaner?
- ☐ Is the internet included in my rent?
- ☐ Do you have house rules and can I have a copy of the house rules?



For further information about fantastic sharehouses
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