

# Social Work Online Study Residential Handbook 2024



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## Introduction

This Residential Handbook is for Social Work students studying in the online mode. It explains the purposes, scope and scheduling of the residential component of your studies and includes detailed information about transport, accommodation and the ECU South West and Mount Lawley campuses. As you may gather, forward planning for your residential blocks is essential and this handbook will assist you with this task.

**Disclaimer:** Details about the residential and other information contained herein are subject to change. It is the responsibility of each student to confirm the details in this handbook, especially as it pertains to third party services, such as transport and accommodation.

## What are residential?

Residential blocks are set periods of on-campus contact where you receive support, tuition and study opportunities on-campus. Residential enable students to integrate skills development, gain learning support, participate in social events, make contact with social workers and agencies and complete parts of their studies in a face-to-face on-campus learning environment.

Most of the residential blocks for the social work course are provided at the ECU South West campus or the Mount Lawley campus.

The Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) is the national accrediting body for all social work courses in Australia. The AASW makes provisions for social work courses to be delivered in mixed mode, or off-campus delivery modes. A condition of this arrangement is that students attend regular on-campus activities. Social Work at ECU supports this principle and considers on-campus attendance in residential format good practice regarding students learning about social work, but also regarding building stronger ties and connections between staff, students and ECU.

Students who elect to study online will be required to attend campus for face-to-face, classroom-based activities for a minimum of 20 days (140 hours) spread over the four years of the course. This is a requirement set by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) for accredited programs that are offered online. Graduates of accredited programs are eligible for membership to AASW.

## Who do you contact for further residential information?

Student Hub is your student information centre and the place to go with any enrolment related queries including the residential component of your Social Work course. Simply email your query to [enquiries@ecu.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@ecu.edu.au) or call on 134 328 and ask to speak to the Student Hub Team on the South West campus. Student Hub South West is located in Building 1 on the South West Campus.

## Attendance requirements

Attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year program residentials is **mandatory** for online students and is a necessary condition for completing the Bachelor of Social Work in the online study mode. This is an AASW Accreditation Requirement.

Attendance expectations are as follows:

Students are typically enrolled in either 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year level units and will only need to attend a residential when they are enrolled in designated residential block units. These designated residential units are as follows:

### Second Year

- Students enrolled in **SWK2111 Aboriginal Histories of the Present OFF-Campus** *must* attend the residential block component for this unit in first semester on the Mount Lawley campus in Perth, in order to pass this unit.

### Third Year

- Students enrolled in **SWK3112 Social Work Theory and Practice 1 OFF-Campus** *must* attend the residential block component of this unit on the South West (Bunbury) campus in first semester, in order to pass this unit.
- Students enrolled in **SWK3121 Social Work Theory and Practice 2** *must* attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> year residential block unit in Term 4 on the Mt Lawley campus, in order to pass this unit.

### Fourth Year

- Students enrolled in **SWK4111 Social Work Theory and Practice 3 OFF-Campus** *must* attend the residential block component of this unit in first semester on the South West (Bunbury) Campus, in order to pass this unit.
- Students enrolled in **SWK4121 Social Work Theory and Practice 4** *must* attend the 4<sup>th</sup> year residential block unit in Term 4 on the South West (Bunbury) **or** Mt Lawley Campus, in order to pass this unit.

If you foresee ongoing difficulties in attending the residentials and meeting the mandatory requirements set by the AASW, you may need to consider if studying the Bachelor of Social Work in online mode is suitable for you.

## Important dates

### Residential Dates for Semester 1, 2024

Residential Block	Dates	Involves
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Unit Residential	<p><b>Group A:</b> 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March (Week 2 of Semester)</p> <p><b>Group B:</b> 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March (Week 3 of Semester)</p>	<p>Students enrolled in <b>SWK2111 Aboriginal Histories of the Present OFF-Campus.</b></p> <p>This residential is held in at the ECU Mount Lawley campus and is provided by Kurongkurl Katitjin staff.</p> <p>Students will be able to select a residential group when they enrol in the unit.</p> <p>Group B will only run if enrolment numbers support two groups.</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Unit Residential	11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March (Week 4 of Semester)	<p>Students enrolled in <b>SWK3112 Social Work Theory and Practice 1 OFF-Campus.</b></p> <p>This residential is held at the ECU South West (Bunbury) campus.</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> Year Unit Residential	15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> April (Week 8 of Semester)	<p>Students enrolled in <b>SWK4111 Social Work Theory and Practice 3 OFF-Campus.</b></p> <p>This residential is held at the ECU South West (Bunbury) campus.</p>

### Residential Dates for Term 4, 2024

Residential Block	Dates	Involves
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Unit Residential	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct– 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct (Week 13)	<p>Students enrolled in <b>SWK3121 Social Work Theory and Practice 2.</b></p> <p>This residential is held at the ECU Mt Lawley Campus.</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> Year Unit Residential	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct– 1st Nov (Study Week)	<p>Students enrolled in <b>SWK4121 Social Work Theory and Practice 4.</b></p> <p>This residential is held at the ECU South West (Bunbury) and Mt Lawley Campus.</p>

Please note that the campus location for residential blocks is subject to change on an annual basis, but their location is confirmed in November of the year prior for planning purposes.

### Winter School Unit 2024

Unit	Dates	Involves
SWK2108 Addictions and Practice	17 <sup>th</sup> June – 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Students enrolled in this Winter Unit will need to complete 7 x 6 hour seminars on campus at ECU South West (Bunbury) campus

## Campus information and maps

For information about the ECU South West and Mount Lawley campuses, including the campus facilities and services, please visit the ECU website at <https://www.ecu.edu.au/>.

The website also contains a link to campus maps - available as interactive maps, access and mobility maps, and downloadable in PDF format: <https://www.ecu.edu.au/about-ecu/our-campuses/campus-maps>

## Meals

The campuses provide a range of food options. This webpage provides opening and closing times for these <https://www.ecu.edu.au/about-ecu/campus-facilities/food-cafes-and-bars>

## Library

The libraries on both campuses provide excellent services for students. Please go to <https://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/library-services/overview> for further information.

## Computer labs and wireless internet

You can access on-campus computing facilities 24 hours per day on any of the ECU campuses. Some off-campus students may not have organised a Student ID card if they have not yet been attending on campus activities. You can obtain an ID card by visiting the [eLab counters located on each campus](#)

## Parking on Campus

It is essential that all cars parked at the campuses display a valid parking permit. Please see <https://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/digital-and-campus-services/our-services/campus-services/parking> for details about parking requirements at the campuses and where you can obtain a temporary permit.

## Getting to Bunbury

The responsibility for arranging travel to the ECU South West campus rests with student. This section explains some options available to students. It should be noted that bus and train combinations are possible, but students need to confirm the specific details as it pertains to third party services.

### Bus services from Perth to Bunbury/Bunbury to Perth

**South West Coach Lines** operate express coach services connecting Perth and Bunbury in the South West. For more information visit their website: <http://www.southwestcoachlines.com.au>

**TransWA** runs a bus and train service between Perth and Bunbury. For more information about this service, please visit the *TransWA* website: <http://www.transwa.wa.gov.au/>



## Bunbury Taxicab and Airport Shuttles

Taxicab services in Bunbury run 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Contact details for Taxicab in Bunbury:

- Bunbury City Cabs: 9721 5558
- Bunbury Taxicab: 13 1008 <https://www.bunburytaxicab.com.au/>
- Herbies Shuttles 0497 354 100 <https://herbiesshuttles.com.au/>

## Public transport in Bunbury

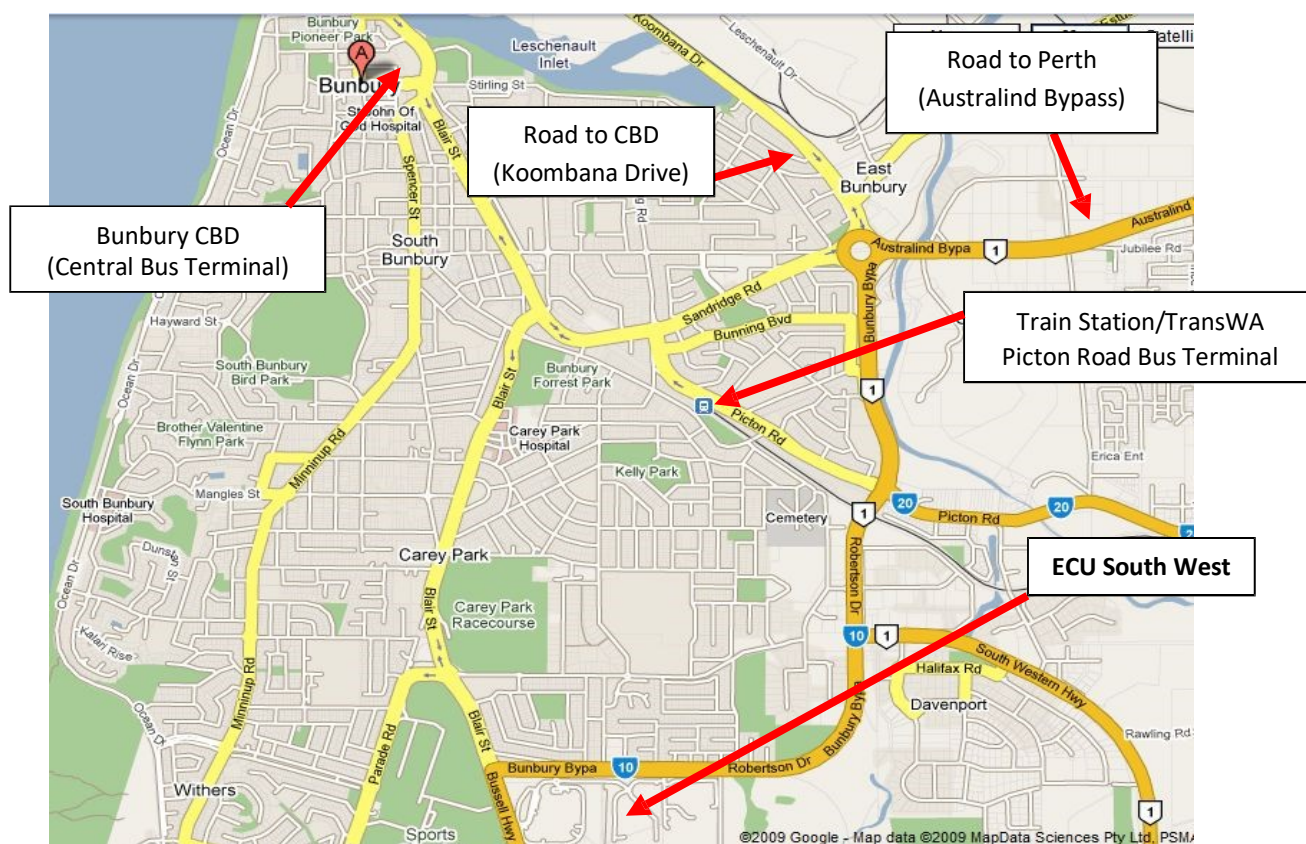
TransBunbury is the local public bus service and for more information visit their website at: <https://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/using-transperth/regional-services>. You will need to click on the **TransBunbury** link and download the 'South West Campus' timetables.

Simply look for the 'Bunbury Health Campus' or 'South West College' stops as these are located either side of the EDU South West (Bunbury) Campus.

## Travelling to Bunbury by road from Perth

Bunbury is approximately 180kms south of Perth. Depending on Perth traffic, car travel from Perth to Bunbury takes approximately 2 hours via the south-bound Kwinana Freeway / Forrest Highway. As you head into Bunbury via the Australind Bypass, turn left into Robertson Drive. The ECU South West campus is on Robertson Drive and the location of the campus and key travel points are outlined in Figure 1.

**Figure 1:** Location of ECU South West Campus and key travel points



Please note that when searching for the ECU South West campus using Google Maps or some GPS devices, the location provided is not always correct. Please use the above map as a guide.

## Accommodation

The responsibility for arranging accommodation rests with the student. This section explains the accommodation options available to students. Some students may not need these options as they may reside in the location where the residential or block unit is happening and therefore can travel to and from the campus each day. This information is for those students who live outside the area in which the residential or block unit is being held and therefore need accommodation options.

## Student accommodation at the ECU South West and Mount Lawley

### Campuses

There may be limited accommodation options available at the campuses. For more information, please visit the On-campus Accommodation webpage: <https://www.ecu.edu.au/about-ecu/campus-facilities/accommodation>

### Low-cost accommodation

Both the South West and Mount Lawley campuses have a range of low-cost accommodation available in the surrounding areas. It is recommended that students who need to utilize accommodation services for their residential attendance contact the local visitors centre in Bunbury <https://visitbunburygeographe.com.au/> or Perth <https://www.experienceperth.com/page/perth-visitor-information-centres> . Students may also wish to utilise [AirBnB](#) or similar webpages to locate appropriate accommodation.

### Nearby childcare centres

The South West and Mt Lawley campuses have [creche](#) facilities which offer *short-term* care for children 2 months to 5 years of age – costs are around \$5 per child per hour within a minimum booking time of 1 hour.

For other childcare options nearby the campuses. Please check the following webpage for details <https://www.ecu.edu.au/about-ecu/campus-facilities/childcare>

## About Bunbury

The City of Bunbury is found within Wardandi Country of the Noongar Nation. Wardandi Country encompasses the land from Bunbury through to Cape Leeuwin and the Geographe Bay.

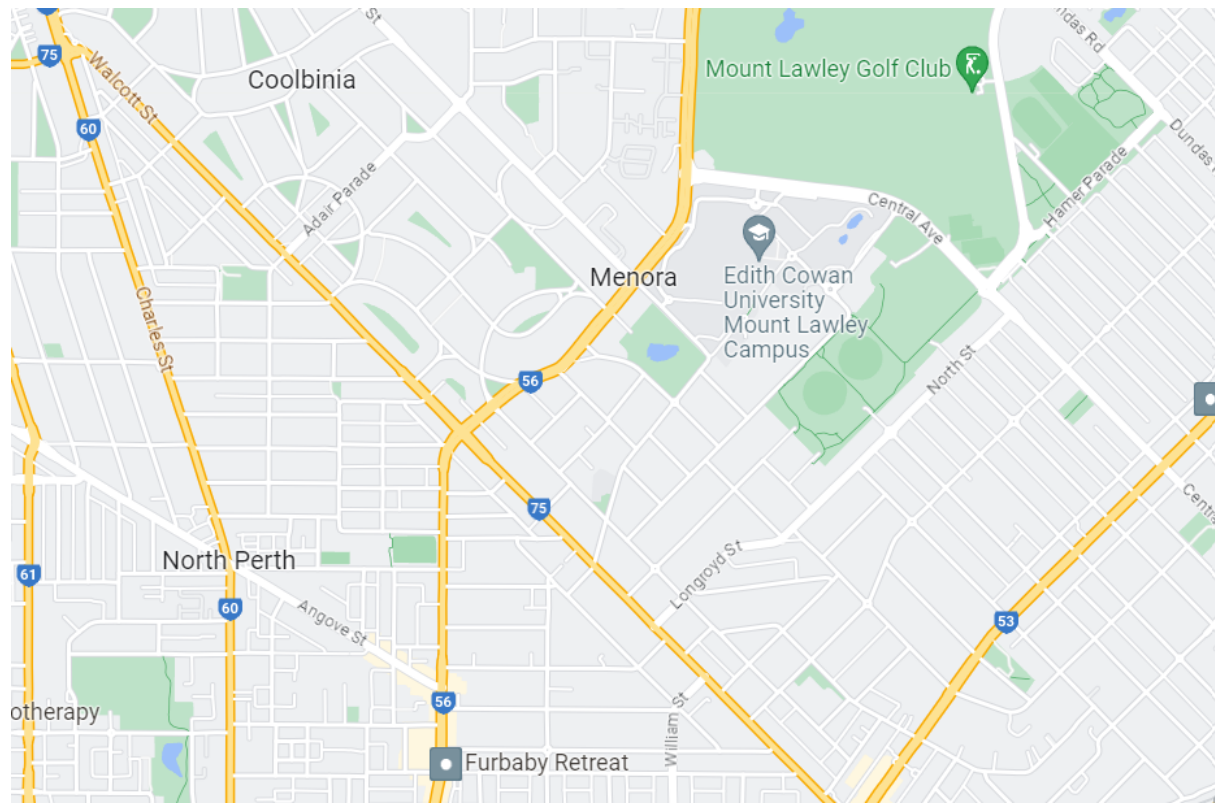
Bunbury is a coastal city, situated approximately 175km away from Perth in Western Australia and is the third largest city in Western Australia after Perth and Mandurah and was founded during the early colonial period in 1836.

Bunbury boasts beautiful beaches and a Mediterranean climate and for more information about Bunbury, please visit the [Bunbury Visitor Centre](#) website .



## Location of Mt Lawley Campus in Perth

**Figure 2:** Location of ECU Mt Lawley Campus



## Notes