



“Campus Living Villages has a focus on delivering student accommodation which is affordable, well designed, comfortable and well maintained all within a vibrant community environment.”

Andrew Kirk, Campus Living Villages

University of Western Sydney Student Housing

# UWS Student Housing

Student housing has been recognised by universities as essential to active campuses with healthy living and learning relationships. The University of Western Sydney with Architectus and Campus Living Villages have developed a highly successful and affordable model for accommodation on the Parramatta campus. 74 new apartments containing 342 bedrooms have been provided for students for the 2009 academic year.

Architectus brought the environmental aspects of the design to the brief which were immediately supported by Campus Living and UWS. The principles and technologies employed include cross ventilation to each individual bedroom and natural daylighting to all spaces, insulated

walls and roofs, reverse masonry veneer walls, solar hot water, grey water reuse for the central laundry and optimum orientation and sunshading. The aesthetic is one of natural and durable quality coupled with good environmental credentials.

Students enjoy living, studying, and socialising within the new precinct which is legible and welcoming. For students living away from home it is important that planning arrangements support social interaction and living patterns to create privacy without seclusion and community without crowding.

The students can enjoy a ‘family’ situation as each apartment has a well appointed living and dining area, and they have their own rooms with good

environmental comfort levels, even when doors are closed.

The communal areas bring students together for social activities such as study groups, games, BBQs, or just a cup of coffee. Even the laundry has a large window to the street and is situated near the club room, so that washing need not be a lonely chore.

#### Project Details

Client: Campus Living Villages  
 Location: University of Western Sydney, Parramatta  
 Approx. Value: \$20m  
 Floor Area: 8000 m<sup>2</sup>  
 Completion: 2008

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