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Location and General Services – Lake Macquarie Campus

Avondale College (Lake Macquarie Campus) is approximately one hour north of Sydney by freeway and two hours by train. The closest large city, Newcastle, is about 45 minutes north-east of the college. The Tuggerah Westfield Shopping Centre on the Central Coast is one of the closest and largest shopping centres in the region, and is about 20 minutes by car and 15 minutes by train. Local shopping centres near the college offer a variety of conveniences including medical, dental, and optical services as well as x-ray and physiotherapy facilities and a pharmacy. Hardware, electrical and furniture stores, as well as banks, newsagencies, food markets and hairdressers are just some of the major shops in the local area.

The following are within walking distance of Avondale:

Bakery	Pharmacy	Food Market	Café	Music Shop
Physio	Hairdressers	Newsagents/Post Office	Real Estate Agent	
Doctors	Takeaway	Gift Shop	Clothes Shop	Adventist Book Centre

Some of Australia's best beaches are just 30 minutes away, giving you the opportunity for surfing, windsurfing, body boarding and beach games. Lake Macquarie, Australia's largest salt water coastal lake, is only 15 minutes away and is ideal for water-skiing, sailing, snorkelling and sail boarding.

The local Watagan Mountains also provide places for mountain biking, trail riding, horse riding, abseiling, rock climbing, bird watching and hiking.

Mail/Faxes/Phones

Residence Hall students collect their mail from the residence mail room, while students living off campus collect theirs from Student Services in College Hall. Faxes for students will be put in their mail so long as the addressee is clearly indicated. There are also pay phones available for students in the Residence Halls as well as around campus.

Accommodation-Lake Macquarie Campus

A number of residence halls are used for on-campus accommodation. A description of their facilities and services can be found in a later section of this brochure. Students living off-campus are required to respect the privacy of the residence halls and are not permitted to use residence hall facilities, including the laundry, kitchens, or computing rooms, at any time.

Family Housing

A number of unfurnished units are available for students who are studying 18 or more credit points of an approved Avondale degree, diploma or certificate course in any semester. The units are designed for young married couples without children, parents of one or two very young children, or single parents with one or two small children. These units are managed by First National Real Estate, Cooranbong.

Local Real Estate Agents include:

Dowling
Morisset 02 4970 5545

Johnson & Britten
Morisset 02 4973 6888

L J Hooker
Morisset 02 4970 5222

First National
Cooranbong 02 4977 3999

Century 21

Nevada Realty
Dora Creek 02 4973 2822

Raine & Horne
Morisset 02 4970 5577

Ray White
Toronto 02 4959 6577

Ray White
Morisset 02 4970 5411

Lifestyle

Social Life:

Avondale social life is diverse and unique with a wide range of activities and programs. Regular social events occur each weekend including sporting programs, beach games, bonfires and video nights as well as classical and contemporary music concerts. Special guests in the past have included Tommy Emmanuel and James Morrison.

Religious Life:

Worship is integral to every-day life at Avondale College and a number of different worship events provide students with opportunities for building and enriching a relationship with God. These include Saturday services, Forums/Assemblies, 7:28 (Friday night program), and Residence Hall worships.

Dress and Appearance:

Students should be guided by Christian principles of simplicity, modesty and neatness in their choice of clothing for recreation, classes, meals and worship. Students should present a well-kept and tidy appearance with attention given to personal cleanliness and grooming. Casual clothes such as tank-tops or singlets should not be worn in worship services, the library or in situations where more formal dress is required. Shoes must be worn for such occasions as classes, meals, and worship events and also in the library and the administrative building.

Undergraduate Examination dates for Semester 1 & 2

The undergraduate examinations for Semester 1 on the Lake Macquarie campus and for first year students on the Sydney Campus are scheduled for June 15-19. Examination dates for Semester 2 on the Lake Macquarie campus are scheduled for 18-24 November.

Please note that no special arrangements will be made for an early sitting of examinations for travel arrangements, social or family events. That is, for students who are enrolled in a subject where there is an examination, no airline tickets should be purchased for travel within the period reserved for scheduled examinations, and neither should students make arrangements to attend social or family events that will clash with examinations.

For further details go to http://www.avondale.edu.au/Main::information::2009_Calendar.pdf

Financial Information

Australian Residency Information – Students from New Zealand:

Upon entering Australia, New Zealanders will automatically and electronically get a Special Category Visa with no record kept in your passport. In order to receive financial assistance from the Australian Government you will need to apply for residency. Eligible students are those who have lived in Australia for a total of 104 weeks (2 years).

Living Costs:

A comprehensive list of the living costs for studying in Australia is available on the Avondale website. For more information visit www.avondale.edu.au/future_students::financial/

Austudy/Youth Allowance

Austudy is financial help from the Australian Government offered to full-time students who have Australian residency and are over the age of 25. This is not required to be re-paid.

Youth Allowance is available to full-time students aged 16 - 24 who have Australian residency, and is not required to be re-paid.

To apply for these financial aids, you will need to include a citizenship certificate, passport, Medicare membership, proof of enrolment, bank account balance both in Australia and at home, and proof that \$18,525 has been earned since leaving high school to claim independence.

For more information, please visit www.centerlink.gov.au or call 13 2490 (from Australia) or 0800 441 248 (from NZ).

FEE-HELP

Fee Help is available to Australian citizens and holders of Permanent Humanitarian Visas. FEE-HELP is a loan given to eligible fee paying students that contributes to part or all tuition fees. The loan is repaid through tax once the minimum threshold amount (approx. \$41,500 per annum) is reached/earned. FEE-HELP may only be used for units in eligible accredited courses (excludes bridging programs). A loan fee of 20% may apply depending on whether the course is classified as undergraduate or postgraduate.

For more information, please visit www.goingtouni.gov.au.

HECS-HELP (Commonwealth Supported Students)

HECS-HELP is available to Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holders, New Zealand citizens and holders of a Permanent Visa residing in Australia. This loan is available from the Australian Government to eligible students. Students pay a contribution to their fees while the government funds the remaining amount. The student contribution may be deferred if you are an Australian citizen or Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder, and repaid through tax once the minimum threshold amount (approx. \$41,500 per annum) is reached/earned. There is no interest paid on this loan, however the accumulated debt may be indexed annually. Offers for HECS-HELP are based on academic merit and usually allocated early January.

For more information, please visit www.goingtouni.gov.au.

Student Work:

The Lake Macquarie Campus student work program provides a credit against fees payable in exchange for work. Limited work is available in various departments including: auditorium, swimming pool, cafeteria, campus cleaning, land management, library, maintenance, residence halls, Marketing and Public Relations. Students will need to contact the Employment Information Officer at Student Services to fill out the employment application forms. You may need a short resume.

Students on the Sydney Campus may also apply for work at the hospital, but cannot work in the nursing field until after their first year of study. Work opportunities are limited.

Facility Package:

As a student at Avondale College, you can take advantage of the use of the facilities available which include a variety of discounts such as at the bookshop, parking, use of the buses, use of the Chan Shun Auditorium and courts, computer network, reduced club fees etc. For a full list of these services and further information, please refer to the Avondale College website: http://www.avondale.edu.au/future_students::financial::Student_Financial_Forms/

Health Care

Medicare is Australia's government healthcare system that ensures all eligible Australian residents and New Zealanders who are permanent residents in Australia have access to affordable, accessible and high-quality health care.

Membership with Medicare provides access to free treatment as a patient in a public hospital as well as subsidised treatment by medical practitioners including general practitioners, specialists, participating optometrists and/or limited dental procedures.

To apply for Medicare, please download an enrolment form from www.medicareaustralia.gov.au.

Australian Students

All students must be registered with Medicare. Students can apply for Medicare cards independent of their parents and should do so before they arrive at College. All students will need to bring their Medicare card to College.

Students may need to provide proof of their student status when applying for a Medicare card and should keep their Letter of Offer from Avondale College for this purpose.

New Zealand Students

Australian Government regulations deem that New Zealand citizens who come to Australia for the specific purpose of study are eligible for Medicare benefits under the Reciprocal Health Care arrangements applicable to New Zealand citizens. Students from both New Zealand and Ireland are entitled to free treatment in a public hospital but are not entitled to non-hospital benefits.

International Students from Countries outside New Zealand and Australia

The Australian Government requires international students to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) in order to receive a student visa. International students pay for this upfront together with the rest of the fees. The Enquiry & Enrolment Centre will provisionally enrol international students in Medibank Private. Upon arrival at Avondale, students should call at the Enquiry & Enrolment Centre where they will receive further information about obtaining a Medibank Private card. Students are also reminded when to renew OSHC before it expires. The closest centre to the Lake Macquarie Campus for Medibank is at 2056 Westfield Tuggerah (approx 20 minutes from college). The closest centre to the Sydney campus is at Shop 3106 Westfield Shoppington Cnr Edgeworth David Drive & George Street, Hornsby.

Medibank Private and ACA Health Benefits Fund

For a more comprehensive health care cover, private medical insurance such as Medibank Private is recommended, which offers the benefit of private hospital usage. For information about Medibank Private please visit www.medibank.com.au. (*International students will be registered for Medibank Private (OSHC) by Avondale*)

ACA (Australasian Conference Association) Health Benefit Fund is available to students who are connected to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and/or associated entities. For more information about this health fund, please visit www.acahealth.com.au.

Doctors

For students at Lake Macquarie Campus, Avondale has an arrangement with a doctor's office in Morisset and appointments can be made through the Residence Directors or Student Services.

Ambulance Cover

Australian Students

Ambulance services are not covered by Medicare. Students need to ensure that they are covered for ambulance transport in NSW through membership of a NSW registered fund. This cover is reasonably priced and students can join at any Health Fund office.

International Students with OSHC

OSHC pays 100% of the charge for emergency ambulance transport for the provision of acute medical attention which is required immediately or is of an unforeseen nature, and is provided by a registered medical or paramedical officer. However, benefits for the use of an ambulance (even if offered) for routine journeys, are excluded.

Health Care Cards

The Federal Government will issue Health Care Cards to some students, but there is a means test as part of this application. This entitles the recipient to ambulance cover, dental and optical treatment at a public hospital and to some pharmaceutical benefits. Students should apply at Centrelink for this card, and should first phone Centrelink on 131 021 to ascertain if they are eligible.

Insurance/Income

Avondale College does not hold insurance cover for student's personal belongings. Students are encouraged to take out private insurance cover with a company of their choice. The college is also not responsible for any items that are left in cars, buildings or on campus, and damage or loss of personal property is the owner's responsibility.

Some insurance companies include:

Allianz: www.allianz.com.au

AAMI: www.aami.com.au

ING: www.ing.com.au

Budget Direct: www.budgetdirect.com.au

NRMA (IAG): www.nrma.com.au

Westpac: www.westpac.com.au

Tax File Number

Students who wish to take up available work on or off campus must obtain a Tax File Number (TFN) from their local Australian Tax Office before they arrive at Avondale. New Zealand students can obtain a TFN on arrival in Australia.

Lake Macquarie Campus students may go to:

Australian Tax Office
266 King Street
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Sydney Campus students may go to:

Shop 42 Lemon grove
Shopping Centre
441 Victoria Avenue
CHATSWOOD NSW 2067

Students need to take their passport, birth certificate and bank details, and may need to provide other documentation as required by the Tax Office. Overseas students can apply online at www.ato.gov.au/individuals once they have commenced classes.

Banking

An ATM is available on the Lake Macquarie campus near Student Services. Also, representatives from Westpac are available at registration to make it easy for you to open a bank account, provided you have sufficient ID (such as a driver's licence, passport etc).

Banks close to Avondale include Westpac, Commonwealth, Greater Building Society, Newcastle Permanent and St George banks in Morisset.

Information for International Students

Avondale is required by law to tell the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship if you

- Change the course of study for which you are enrolled;
- Change the duration of your course of study;
- Breach a visa condition relating to attendance or satisfactory academic performance.

It is important you provide us with your current address by emailing caryl.stanley@avondale.edu.au . If we do not have your current address, communications relevant to your student visa may not reach you, resulting in possible cancellation of your visa.

Arriving in Australia

International students may need to plan to arrive in Sydney the Friday before the advertised College check-in dates in order to commence the registration program on time. New international students arriving at Sydney Airport for the first time will be met and transported to Avondale in a College vehicle if flight number, airline, date and time of arrival are provided in advance to our International Office by emailing caryl.stanley@avondale.edu . This information can also be sent to the details below. International students are entitled to one pick-up on arrival and one departure shuttle to and from the Sydney International airport per year. The cost for this service is included in the Facility Fee payment.

Enquiry & Enrolment Centre
Avondale College
PO Box 19
Cooranbong NSW 2265
Phone: +61 2 4980 2374
Fax: +61 2 4980 2151
Email: enquiries@avondale.edu.au

Airport pickup for New Domestic, New Zealand & South Pacific applicants

New students from Australia, New Zealand or the South Pacific may request a pickup from Sydney airport to Lake Macquarie Campus for a small fee of \$50.00 that will be charged to the student's account. This service is available on allocated dates as follows:

Semester 1

- Friday February 27 (see application form for times)
- Sunday March 1 (see application form for times)

If you wish to be included in this service, please complete the application form included in this pack and return to the Enquiry & Enrolment Centre before 20 February 2009.

Students planning to travel to the Lake Macquarie Campus by train are advised to book for Morisset station on the Newcastle & Central Coast line. A college bus may be arranged to bring them to College by contacting the Student Service Office (02 4980 2148) at least twenty-four hours in advance. Otherwise taxis and limited bus services are available. The campus is about 8km from Morisset railway station.

For train times go to www.cityrail.com.au

Local bus times go to www.torontobus.com.au

Residence Halls Information – Lake Macquarie

Each room is provided with bed(s), a bookshelf, desk(s), chair(s) and wardrobes. All rooms have blinds, but no drapes are provided. (Curtain rods are provided in the ladies residences should students wish to supply their own curtains or drapes.) Students need to bring their own bedding, towels and pillow/slips clearly marked with their name. Linen is available for hire to all students including those from overseas for a cost of \$75 per semester.

A refrigerator up to 137 litres in size as approved by the Residence Director may be installed in a residence hall room. A floor tray must be used to protect the flooring.

Ironing Rooms

Ironing facilities are provided on each floor. Residents need to provide their own iron.

Kitchenette

Small kitchenettes are provided in the residence halls and are a basic facility for the occasional meal. These contain refrigerators and microwave ovens. Utensils are not supplied.

Laundry

Washing machines are available for student use. Clothes lines and drying rooms are provided. Please ensure all clothes are labelled clearly with a permanent marker.

All personal belongings will need to be removed promptly from the laundry or drying rooms (the college is not responsible for any items lost or damaged in the laundry rooms, or the outside clothes lines.)

Storage

There is limited space for storage. All items stored must be labelled with the student's name and date the article was stored. Small items should be packed in cartons and effectively sealed and labelled. The College will assume no responsibility for the protection of stored items and reserves the right to dispose of stored articles after twelve months. Storage for large items will be dependent on available space.

Meals

Avondale College offers a variety of meal packages designed to suit your style. These packages allow you ease of meal purchasing at the cafeteria throughout the semester. Please be sure you indicate your preferred meal package on the "Residence Halls Application 2009" form.

The College Cafeteria will begin offering meals on Sunday evening, 1 March 2009. Meals from this time onwards will be charged to your account through the use of your ID card at the cafeteria. By paying for a meal package, you are given that amount as credit.

Room Deposit Clearances

All residents will be charged a room deposit. Refunds are given subject to the condition of the room prior to departure. All student rooms will be inspected by the Residence Directors prior to students leaving at the end of each semester. Students will need to leave their room clean and free of damage. Any maintenance requirements need to

be reported promptly to the Directors. There will also be a charge for any extra cleaning or removal of items to storage.

Room keys must be returned at the end of each semester or a fine of \$30 will apply.

Holidays

During time when classes are not in session, accommodation is available in the residence halls at a cost of \$16 per night. While the cafeteria operates at limited hours during these times and will sometimes close altogether, the library, bookshop and Administration Office remain open and jobs are still available.

Computers

Computers are provided for general student use. Additionally, there are computer labs for specialised academic purposes. Students are encouraged to bring their own computer for personal use. Wireless network access is available in most buildings on campus and wired network connections are available in some of the residences on the Lake Macquarie Campus.

Security

For security reasons, access to the residence hall after 11pm is only available with a student ID card. For your safety, security guards survey the campus at night and boom gates operate around campus.

Application for Accommodation

Students wanting on-campus accommodation on the Lake Macquarie Campus are required to apply by downloading an "On-Campus" Application form at http://www.avondale.edu.au/Main::Students::financial::Res_halls_new_students.pdf. Once you have completed your form, please return to:

Student Finance
Avondale College
PO Box 19
Cooranbong NSW 2265

As mentioned, a holding deposit/bond of \$300 MUST BE INCLUDED with your on-campus accommodation form payable to Avondale College before 7 February 2009. All international students, with the exception of USA and Canadian citizens should have paid this deposit with the requested semester fee payment.

All rooms for new students are assigned according to the date the \$300 new student deposit and residential application is received. No room reservation is valid until the college receives the deposit and contract.

Preference will be given to students aged up to 20 years of age. Accommodation may be provided to students over the age of 20 subject to availability. Also, preference will be given to students whose dependent family resides more than 25km from Avondale.

Other Expenses

Other expenses that may be incurred on the Lake Macquarie Campus include the following:

Textbooks

Costs for textbooks and course-related material vary depending on the course. Textbooks are available from the College Bookshop and can range in price from \$6.00 to \$200.00. Second-hand books are often available from other students, and it may also be beneficial to share the cost with a classmate.

Sport Fees

These sport membership fees are paid separately to the facility fee:

Basketball: \$45

Netball: \$30

Soccer: \$30

Gym Membership

You can choose the use of the gym individually by contacting the Gym on 02 4980 2308 or alternatively, this is available for an extra cost of \$50 on top of your \$300 facility fee.

Swimming Pool

This is also included when you pay for your full facility package. However, if you wish to choose this option individually, you will need to contact the Gym once you arrive.

Shopping Trips

Buses run daily from Avondale to Morisset so you can reach other services and facilities such as Coles (supermarket), GoLo (small warehouse), Domino's Pizza, Subway, Retravison (home appliances/electronics and computers), Video Ezy, and various banks and cafes.

Registration & Enrolment

For Lake Macquarie Campus students and level 1 Nursing students, Registration and Enrolment for 2009 will be Monday 2 March. For level 3 and 5 Nursing students this is 9 February. At this time, you will be able to choose your units, as well as sign up for various clubs, and set up banking with Westpac.

Tours around the campus are run throughout day, ensuring that you can find your way to key locations such as your first class. Various activities are held throughout the first week to assist you in networking with students.

Detailed information will be provided to you before your arrival.

Financial Services

Various financial arrangements can be cared for at the Financial and Business Services office. The College operates a Commonwealth Bank Agency for deposits and withdrawals, including on-line facilities. Students who wish to use this agency should open an account with Commonwealth Bank before arriving at Avondale College to avoid delays with banking. A Westpac EFTPOS facility is available and will accept all cards for cheque and savings accounts.

The Student Services Centre has an ATM for access to banking services after business hours. College also accepts credit card payments (Visa, Mastercard, Bankcard and AMEX) but cannot give cash advances on credit cards. The ATM can provide you with access to money on a credit card via your PIN (Personal Identification Number) issued by your bank.

Important Facts about Money for International Students

Avondale College can accept payment for fees in foreign currency cheques, Visa, Mastercard, Bankcard and American Express – check with your bank to authorise overseas transactions. To exchange foreign currency you will need to visit a bank as Avondale College does not accept foreign notes or coins.

Once in Australia, we recommend you open a bank account as it's easier to deposit cheques and access your money. Your parents and others can also easily transfer money to your account. Please note student fee accounts are not to be used as a bank account.

For further information regarding money matters, please email student.finance@avondale.edu.au

Credit Cards and Wages

Our Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) will give you cash from your credit card, but you must have a PIN (Personal Identification Number) issued by your bank.

Our cashier is not able to give you cash from your credit card.

If you work on the Lake Macquarie Campus your wages are paid directly into your student fee account. You can withdraw wages as cash if your fee payments are up-to-date.

For further information regarding money matters, please email student.finance@avondale.edu.au.

Sydney Campus

Accommodation & Cafeteria

At the Sydney Campus the Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAN) provides a residence with single rooms and a shared kitchen with limited cooking facilities. Access to the cafeteria meals or the cafe at the SAN is available on a pay as you eat.

Students must provide their own bed linen and may bring some furniture including a small fridge. Accommodation is available all year round. A holding bond will be required.

Student must carry their ID card at all times for access to various buildings.

Accommodation on the Sydney Campus can be arranged by contacting the Nurses Residence Manager, Chris Gray, on (02) 9487 9330 or by emailing chris.gray@sah.org.au. Further information can be found by going to <http://www.sah.org.au/education.vacancies.asp> and clicking on Accommodation at the SAN.

Health Services

For health services, a medical centre in the grounds of the San offers independent medical and dental services to the public. Dental practices are also located at the local shopping complex in Wahroonga.

Public Transport

Public transport operates daily from the hospital to Hornsby and other local areas. The SAN also provides students transit services between the hospital and nearby train stations.

Computing and Internet Access

Computer resources and internet access are located across the campus of the SAN, providing equipment for students to study and research.

Library

The library on the Sydney Campus contains an extensive range of nursing and health resources that all students can access. Texts books are available for purchase directly through a sales representative and/or via order.

Sporting Facilities

A swimming pool, tennis court, basketball court and cricket pitch is available for use without further costs for those who have payed their facility fee.

Shopping/Banking

Nearby the SAN is the Westfield Hornsby shopping and cinema complex. It is home to several major retail outlets and many other specialty stores. A small grocery store, chemist, cafe and hairdresser are also located a short walk from the 'SAN'. An ATM is available on campus and banks nearby in Hornsby and Pennant Hills.

Contacts and Phone numbers

Main Switchboard	02 4980 2222
Enquiry & Enrolment Centre	
New student enquiries	02 4980 2377
Free Call	1800 991 392
Email	enquiries@avondale.edu.au
Fax	02 4980 2151
Student Services	
General Enquiries	02 4980 2148
Student Services Director	02 4980 2146
Chaplain	02 4980 2283
Counsellor	02 4980 2259
Email	student.services@avondale.edu.au
Fax	02 4980 2256
Academic Office	
General Enquiries	02 4980 2122
Fax	02 4980 2124
Ladies Residence	
Andre/Ella Boyd Halls	02 4980 2260
Residence Directors	02 4980 2239
Fax	02 4980 2256
Men's Residence	
Watson Hall	02 4980 2280
Residence Directors	02 4980 2236
Fax	02 4980 2256
Financial and Business Office	
Student Finance	02 4980 2108
	02 4980 2115
Email	student.finance@avondale.edu.au
Free Call	1800 804 324
Fax	02 4980 2118
Sydney Campus	
Faculty of Nursing and Health	02 9487 9630
Nurses Residence	02 9487 9333
Chaplain	02 9487 9617