LIVING AND STUDYING AT UNSW AUSTRALIA MIGHT JUST BE THE BEST DECISION YOU'VE EVER MADE
Your guide to life in the house!

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Welcome letter
Hey there! Welcome to Colombo! My name is Cian and I’m your 2017 Colombo President. As part of my role I’ve been given the honour of welcoming you to Colombo House. You are now officially a part of the most unique and diverse college on campus. As many of you may be aware Colombo is a diverse college in not just age and experience but our international backgrounds as well! This adds an individual twist to our college’s personality that makes for an amazing experience. We also have new facilities; amazing common rooms and all rooms come with your own ensuites!

As a part of every college there is a House Committee who helps represent you, the resident, in running our College. This year that includes our 3 executives; Justin our Treasurer, Ciara our Secretary and me. The House Committee also includes our amazing Directors. They’ll be running our events throughout the year and doing their best to ensure you have an amazing year! Our Sports Directors Amy and Rachel, Social Directors Liam and Charlie, Charity Director Karan, International Director Sang, Post Grad Director Mustafain and Food Directors Jessica and Christa.

To get the year started we have Orientation Week (O-Week) for all you amazing Freshers. Every year has a different theme and this year the O-Week team has decided on Military! So get your camo ready! This is one of the best weeks of the year with awesome activities and events. It’s a great way to make new friends and meet everyone.

After O-week the fun doesn’t stop! Throughout the year we have so many incredible activities and events to participate in. Ranging from sports, parties and delicious food. We have themed weeks such as Assassin’s and Angels weeks as well as sightseeing for those of you new to Sydney life.

My advice for College life is to get involved as much as possible. I think the more you do the more fun you’re going to have. No matter your interests you’ll be able to find events and people here that you’ll love!

I’m super excited to meet all of you and can’t wait to get the year started!

Cian O’Reilly  
President, Colombo House

Our RA’s
Max Chan  
Level 1, Room 130

Hi everyone! My name is Max and I will be your floor one RA this year. So, a little bit more about me, I am from the beautiful hustle and bustle city of Hong Kong and I am going to be a second year computer science student. If I am not studying, you will always find me either around the pool table area or in the gym.

I have been living in Colombo for a year now, and I love every single moment of it. Colombo House is the single most diverse and friendly place you can ever be in, and I had the most amazing time meeting most of them. That is why I wanted to become an RA, to contribute back to the Colombo community, but most importantly to make sure everyone is able to join the Colombo Family no matter where they are from.

And this is about it from me for now, I look forward to meeting all of you soon!

P.S. FLOOR ONE IS THE BEST! :)}
Raymond Lau  
Level 2, Room 230

Hello, hello! Raymond here, and I'm an aspiring accountant (no, really) who's lived in Colombo for about a year now. I'll be the RA for Floor 2 this year! I've lived in North Sydney for a few years when I was a wee little child, then moved to Malaysia for like a decade, and now I'm back in Sydney for my undergrad!

Before I moved into Colombo, I had literally no idea how to take care of myself. I didn't know how to cook, wash dishes, do laundry, take the bus, pay my bills - you get the idea. I was absolutely hopeless, but I managed to turn myself around (I don't know how). You'll usually see me in the kitchen cooking up a storm, whether it's a big pot of spaghetti bolognise, my ever-so-famous brownies, my also-famous-but-not-really cinnamon rolls, or just stuffing my face with chips and ice cream. I kid you not, the amount of ice cream I eat on a daily basis is enough to feed a zoo.

As you can see, I'm a huge foodie! I love food, to the extent where I dream about it, sing about it, write poetry about it (okay, maybe not that much), but bottom line - I love food so much that I became Colombo's Food Director last year! I also carry that same amount of love for anime, which Colombo is in very short supply of. I'm one of the very, very few people in Colombo who actually watches anime regularly, so if you're into anime, we gonna be BFFs immediately. Oh, and one more thing - if you don't see me around downstairs for days in a row, it's probably because I've holed myself up in my room playing video games on my PS4.

Colombo House is a place that's filled with great friends and great fun almost all of the time. Congrats on moving in! I'd love to get to know you if I haven't met you yet. Just shoot me a message - I'm always open for a chat…unless I'm playing games. Then I'm completely oblivious to the outside world.

Tom Little  
Level 4, Room 430

Hi I'm Tom Little, from the Central Coast, NSW, and I moved to Sydney in 2016 to study Computer Science. Originally from the UK I moved to Australia in 2000 and have lived here ever since.

I am floor 4 RA, room 430 and one of the O-Week leaders for Semester 1 2017. My door is always open to all residents if you ever need anything or just want to talk.

Colombo House has offered me so many valuable memories and friendships, and I hope you enjoy your time here and have the same amazing experience.

Zali Kakko  
Level 5, Room 530

Hi I'm the floor 5 RA here at Colombo House. I moved here at the start of 2016 from Adelaide, South Australia to study Psychology at UNSW. It was a dream of mine to experience the college life but in a college that really understood the importance of cultural diversity.

My experience with the college has been nothing but an adventure. You learn to grow as well as learn how to balance your studies with social and college activities very quickly.

Colombo House offers a great college experience that I would recommend to anyone who is willing to grow and experience other cultures in a home-like setting, with what feels like a family away from home.

Since moving here I've learnt a lot about my personal strengths and abilities. I've learnt what it's like to be an adult at 17, now 18; and am extremely grateful to have learnt these skills very early on in
my life. I look forward to 2017 and to meeting the new residents. Let’s have a great year together!

Caitya Shakespeare
Level 6, Room 630

Hello to all you new Colombians (and congrats on getting into the best college at UNSW)!
My name is Caitya Shakespeare (yes, that is really my last name) and I am a fourth year medical student. I love sports (especially AFL and basketball), TV sitcoms (FRIENDS is my favourite!) and board games (I dominate at risk). I am also the 6th floor RA at Colombo House for 2017. As an RA my main job is to help all residents, particularly those on floor 6, adjust to life at Colombo House and UNSW. Moving away from home and into a place like Colombo house is super exciting and A LOT of fun, but I know it can also be a bit intimidating too. I am here to help you guys get used to the new environment, introduce you to the different facilities on campus, and just be a person you can talk to about any issues you might be having.
I am really excited to meet all the new residents, and I am always up for a chat! I promise I am really friendly and approachable, so please come say hi to me if you see me around, or need to talk about anything!!

Meet your House Committee (HC)
The Executive teams (Execs)

The President
Cian O’Reilly

Hi! My name is Cian O’Reilly. I moved into Colombo at the beginning of 2016. I’m in my 3rd year of studying Science and Business. Two pretty different but awesome degrees.
I’ve spent the last 8 years of my life in the beaches of Sydney but before that I had a pretty global experience. I was born in Guam, lived in Thailand and grew up in Toronto, Canada for 10 years. A huge part of my life has been dedicated to sports. I’ve played Rugby and Water Polo for my high school, was Captain of the Swim team and was even Colombo’s Sports Director for the end of 2016.

But being Canadian my main sport and love has always been Hockey (or as Aussies call it Ice Hockey).
Right now I’m working as a swim coach in a nearby swim school so if you ever catch me smelling of chlorine that’s why. I also do work as a Surf Life Saver so chances are if you’re looking for me you might find me in the water.
The past year of living in Colombo has been one of the best and most unique of my life. Being able to meet so many incredible people and make so many amazing friendships has been amazing. Being able to sit down for dinner with an Englishman, an Australian, a Canadian and a Singaporean isn’t just the start of a funny joke but it’s also an incredible experience.
I like to think of myself as a people person so if you ever need someone to talk to or just wanna here a few lame jokes don’t be afraid to knock on my door. Can’t wait to meet you all!

The Treasurer
Justin McKee

Hi everyone! My name is Justin McKee and I’m the treasurer of Colombo House. I’m currently in my second year studying Mechanical Engineering at UNSW and hope to finish in 2020.
I’ve really enjoyed living here over the last year and I encourage you to get actively involved and put your hand up for any leadership roles you can. I have found the events to be the most rewarding of experiences and look forward to contributing to the events of 2017. Colombo College provides a very supportive and accepting environment for all its residents and as a member of next year’s executive team I hope to build on this reputation.
Random facts about me: I lived in Hong Kong for 6 years and returned to Australia in 2012. I’ve moved house 9 times and have attended 4 schools. My face was on national TV in September last year for approximately 1 second while sitting in the audience of a Q&A show on a Colombo outing. I like solving problems whether it’s engineering related, about the world or just general life stuff.
Pro tip: Treat Colombo like your massive house and the residents like extended family members you never knew and you will do just fine here 😊
The Secretary
Ciara Mueller

Hello fellow Colombros, and welcome to a new year at Colombo House – whether you’re a returning resident or brand new! Each semester is an exciting new adventure to embark on, only made better by everything this amazing college of ours puts on throughout the year. This semester we have an incredible new House Committee line up that will be organizing loads of brilliant events that I highly recommend you attend, to really make the most of your stay here as it’s a wonderful opportunity to get involved and make new friends!

Colombo House is founded on the ideals of international communications and is thus the best place to mingle with people from all around the world, so don’t be shy – leave your rooms to hang out by the pool table (a personal favourite), or spend some time in the common rooms to ensure you meet all the amazing, internationally diverse group of people living with you.

Finally, let me actually introduce myself. I’m Ciara (pronounced “Kira”, but don’t be surprised if you hear me called Clara – it’s a nickname from my first semester that seems to have stuck), I’m 21 years old, and a Second Year international student studying Media in Communications and Journalism, and this will be my second year living at Colombo and it couldn’t feel more like home. I’m a bit international myself – I’m half Irish, half German (so I speak German fluently too – Guten Tag!), and grew up all over the world, from Indonesia to Dubai. I’m generally always around college and most events that get put on, so if you see me don’t hesitate to come up and say hi and I’ll do my best to try and get to know everyone new moving in throughout the semester.

Social Director
Liam Olivieri

Hi! My name is Liam Olivieri and I’ll be one of the social directors throwing awesome parties and organising fun events for Colombo House this year.

A bit about me: I moved into Colombo House in February of last year; This will be my second year of studying Material Science and Engineering; I grew up on the Central Coast, NSW, which is about a two-and-a-half-hour train ride north, I would definitely recommend visiting- there are some amazing beaches up there; I am the Colombo House pool champion so if there are any pool sharks that want to see what their made of, you’re welcome to try to beat me.

I’m sure many of you will see me hanging around the common room so feel free to come over and have a chat, ask any questions you might have or let me know if there’s something you’d really like to have as a social event and I’ll do my best to make it happen.

I hope you enjoy your time in this fantastic college, I’m sure you’ll make loads of friends and have heaps of fun.

Social Director
Charlie Pearson

Hi Colombros! I’m Charlie, a study abroad student from the University of Birmingham and I’m one of your social directors. I’m 21, I study International Relations, and play American Football and ski in my spare time. I’ve been living in Colombo since July last year, and I found that the social side of the college is one of its biggest strengths, so I’m looking to help with keeping that going this semester!

Liam and I have got some great ideas to keep you all involved and meeting new Colombros throughout the year – we both live up on floor 6 too so if you ever want to ask either us or something feel free to come up and say hi! I’m really looking forward to meeting all of you in O-week, and the last thing to do is to say a warm welcome to Colombo House!

Food Director
Christa Cahill

Hello everyone! My name is Christa Cahill and I am one of your food directors for this semester, along with my good friend Jess. I am a British exchange student from The University of Leeds, and this will be my second and final semester at UNSW, before I return to the U.K. I consider myself a complete ‘foodies’, which is why I applied for this role on the house committee. So be prepared for lots of fun food-related activities, as we have some fabulous events and outings already planned for you. We will be organising many food outings around Sydney that
everyone in Colombo is welcome to join, for example, a trip Speedos at Bondi is an absolute must. So don’t miss out! Also, we would like to take you to the various food events that happen regularly around the city, such as the Noodle Night Markets, and The Grounds of Alexandria. There will be plenty of chances to join Jess and I down in the ground common room, where we will host cooking classes and create lots of lovely sweet and savoury meals. All abilities are welcome and it will be a great way to meet new people who love food as much as you do (and we do).

In previous semesters, there has been a Colombo shop that is open once a week for a few hours in the evening. This semester we would like to get more people involved, in order to get the shop running every week, selling a large range of (essential) items such as chocolate bars, lollies and evening meals.

**Food Director**
Jessica Lyttle

Hi guys! I’m Jess and I will be one of your Food Directors for Semester 1 2017. I am 20 years old and an exchange student from Northern Ireland. I study Marine Science and I am currently in my 3rd year of university. I’ve been living in Sydney for the past 6 months and am very excited for the next semester here.

I have really enjoyed living in Colombo, you become friends with people from all corners of the world and there is such a great social environment in college. Christa and I have lots of fun food filled events to bring to you guys. Including subsidized restaurant outings, cooking classes and just free food in general! Food events are a great opportunity to get you guys involved and it’s a great way to meet new people.

We’re always open to new ideas so if there’s anything you want us to do for you as your food directors, feel free to let us know!

**Sports Director**
Amy Booth

Hi, I’m Amy and I am one of the sports Directors for 2017. Welcome to Colombo House!! I am an Exchange student from Birmingham in England. I study Exercise Physiology here and Sport and exercise science back home. I also play field hockey and netball, so if you haven’t guessed already I’m pretty keen on sport.

I arrived in Australia for the first time last year, moved into Colombo and never looked back. My first semester was so much fun and everyone made me feel completely at home even though I was on the other side of the world! So I hope you have as much fun as I had! If I could recommend one thing to anyone that moves into Colombo it would be to get involved in as much as possible whilst you’re here. There are constantly events and activities being put on and its a great way to meet new people and create friends that you can share your experiences at UNSW and Colombo, plus everyone is super friendly so don't be afraid to go and say hi!

As an exchange student I love going to explore all the places Sydney has to offer and do all the touristy things, so I would definitely take some time outside of uni commitments to go and explore what the city has to offer. I personally love going out for food and finding fun places to eat, so if you’re into that kind of thing I can suggest a few places to try!
I hope you all have the most fabulous time living in Colombo and get involved in some of our sports events throughout the year whether that be participating or supporting!

International Director
Sang-Eun Lee
Hi everybody, my name is Sang-Eun Lee. Please feel free to call me Sang! (Simple and easier to pronounce) I will be your international director for semester one, 2017. I’m a postgraduate student studying Nuclear Engineering. I’m from Seoul, Korea and just joined Colombo House last July. Throughout the semester, I had great fun and precious memories (even though I missed some events that I REALLY wanted to join, oh well, that’s the uni-life). I want you to have an awesome time in Colombo House as well. There will be many exciting events where international and local students to enjoy together and share the moments and cultures. I’d LOVE to have all of you there! Finally, if you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me and let me know! Hope you enjoy ;)

Charities Director
Karan Alimanchandani
Hey guys, I’m Karan and I’m your Charity Director for this semester. I was born and raised in Canberra, but moved here when I started Uni. I’ve been studying Design over at the Paddington campus (come talk to me if you need help commuting/finding your way around!) I’ve been in Colombo since the start of 2016, and I genuinely hope you all feel as at home here as possible.

The Colombo environment is quite unique, and whether you’re only here for a semester or you have plans to stay a while, you’ll undoubtedly find your place here. As your Charity Director I’ll be facilitating a lot of different events throughout the semester for charitable causes, and I hope to get as many of us involved as possible. It’s going to be a big semester so get keen!

I’m really looking forward to meeting and getting to know you guys, and I remember all too well how I felt when I moved in, so don’t hesitate to ask me for help or even just stop me for a chat! Welcome to Colombo House :)
all volunteers. We expect that after going through the program you will also sign up and apply to become a Colombro to help future new residents to the college.

The office
The Student Accommodation office is located at the entrance of Gate 5. If you walk out of Colombo House, turn right and it’s just past the driveway. The office will help you with any mail, financial, maintenance, cleaning and contract questions. It’s also where you go to pick up any large mailed parcels.

Some basic house rules
We’ve got a few basic rules for you to follow so that everyone can enjoy their time at Colombo House. Follow these rules and you won’t ever get into trouble with us.

Quiet time
From 11pm to 8am it’s time for quiet in the house. Please be respectful of this to make sure that anyone who wants to sleep or study is able to. We all love a good party but between these times you’ll need to take it to the Regent or another pub if you want to be rowdy. This ensures that Colombo House is a nice place for everyone to live.

If you hear noise after 11pm, let one the RA’s know or report it to a duty tutor so we can solve the issue for you. And yes, quiet time also applies on the weekend.

No smoking
UNSW is now a smoke free campus which means that all parts of Colombo House are strictly no smoking zones.

‘But what about my balcony?’
Nope, no smoking anywhere at UNSW.

‘But what about the fire stairs?’ Nuh uh, still UNSW.

‘How about in the stairs out the front or the little alcove near Gate 4?’
……No.

‘What about across the road, completely off campus’
That’s where you go!

Penalties will apply if you’re caught smoking in Colombo House.

Shared space
There are a number of communal places and facilities that you share with all the residents in Colombo House. Make sure you clean up after yourself in the kitchens, common rooms and study areas.

Residents need to ensure that they do not leave old food out in any areas. Food left out in the kitchens and common rooms will be removed by RA’s, cleaners or Deans. Each student has one pantry and one draw in the fridge and freezer - this is where food should be stored. We have created a space for you to store your kitchen boxes, labelled with your room number, so please keep any extra items you need in this area.

We have a rooftop BBQ area on level 6. It’s open until 10pm and alcohol is permitted in plastic containers only between 5pm - 9pm. The same goes for our ground floor external courtyard.

Student ID
Make sure you keep your student ID on you at all times. It’s how you access Colombo House and you will not be able to use the elevator, re-enter the building or your room if you don’t have your student ID. If you lose you ID during office hours, go to the Student Accommodation office. If you lose it after hours, call the duty tutor.

Can my friend stay over?
Guests are welcome in Colombo House, however, it’s your responsibility to look after your guests. If you want your guest to stay overnight you’ll need to request this in writing to the Dean (Michael Patoka) with the names, dates and contact details for your guest along with written confirmation you will be responsible for them during their stay. Email is fine however please don’t leave this to the last minute,

Responsible alcohol policy
This is your home and it’s completely fine to have drinks with friends. However, Colombo House has a strict no drinking games policy, simple as that.

Though it would seem ideal, we’re not a pub or venue for large drinking and non-approved gatherings. There are many pubs and venues available for that near or on campus.
Vomit
In the unfortunate moment that you fall sick and vomit, it’s your responsibility to clean up after your own mess. If you don’t, then you’ll be charged for a biohazard crew to come in and clean it up.
If no one confesses they were the ones that vomited, then the payment will come out of the House Committee budget, which means less events and activities for everyone.

Have fun
Make sure you try and get to know everyone at Colombo House, participate in all our social, cultural, charity and sporting events and have a good time!

Help
There are people willing to help you with anything at any time. Whether it’s a friend next door or if you’re feeling a little bit home sick, there are professionals at CAPS or an RA/your Colombo or the Deans in Colombo House to assist. The best thing about living on campus is having a constant support network.

Even if it’s something you’re embarrassed about or think it’s beyond an RA’s skills, come and see us and we will do everything we can to be kind and non-judgmental whilst we help you out, or find someone who can.

Don’t ever feel like you have to deal with stuff alone.

- At college, if there is an emergency or serious incident and the Student Accommodation office is closed, contact the Colombo House duty tutor on 9385 9786, 6pm and 8am Weekdays and all weekend.
- If you need to talk to someone who is professionally trained, contact Counselling & Psychological Services (CAPS) on 9385 5418, 9am - 5pm weekdays or visit them on level two, East Quadrangle Building.
- If you need a doctor, dentist, physio or other medical professional, contact UNSW Health Services on 9385 5425, 8.15am - 5.30pm weekdays or visit them on the ground floor, East Quadrangle Building.
- If you have legal, financial or academic issues contact the Student Participation Advisors on 9385 9365, 9am - 5pm weekdays, or visit them on the lower ground floor, Morven Brown Building.
- If you’re being discriminated against or harassed, contact a Student Equity Officer on 9385 4734 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 10am - 4pm, or visit them on the ground floor of the Goodsell Building.
- If you need to report a crime, see an emergency on campus or at college but cannot contact an RA, call UNSW Security on 9385 6666 (emergency) or 9385 6000 (everything else) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you don’t want to talk to anyone in college, Arc offers a peer-to-peer after-hours listening service over the phone, it’s called Here to Hear. To contact them call 9385 4832 or visit the website:
heretohear.arc.unsw.edu.au

Calls are answered by student volunteers and will talk through anything you want, in your own time. Volunteers are carefully trained to deal with all issues, big or small, and will never judge or be taken aback by something you need to talk about.

All calls to Here to Hear are anonymous. You will be speaking to someone who doesn’t know who you are, so you don’t need to worry about bumping into them in a lecture the next day.

Email
Accessing your email is important at uni as it’s the only formal way that the course and lecturers can contact you. It’s the same at college, the Dean will send out regular emails to students.

To access your email account:
mail.unsw.edu.au

However, the college also uses a Colombo House Facebook page and your floor RA’s have individual floor Facebook pages. These are good for communication, but they do not contain all the information that will be sent out via email.

Facebook
Colombo House
To join in and keep up-to-date with what’s happening on social media, join our Facebook group. Search for ‘Colombo House Residents Page’ or type in the address below:
facebook.com/groups/659407590786738/?fref=ts

Floor Facebook
Each floor will have a dedicated Facebook page. To find your floor page search for Colombo House Floor X, where X is the floor you’re on. You will only be allowed to join the Facebook group of the floor you’re living on.
The Portal
portal.rc.unsw.edu.au/residents

Repairs
Please refer to the loose flyers in your welcome pack for logging a maintenance request.

Accounts
Log into the portal, on the main page click the Accounts tab.
1. On the accounts page you can view your account summary, account details and make a payment.
2. If you have questions about your account, contact the Student Accommodation office.

Updating your personal details
1. On the main page of the portal, click Update Details.
2. Enter your personal details.

Please keep these up-to-date as this is the formal address we will have for you.

Contact info

Important numbers (save these in your phone).

Duty tutor: 9385 9786.
UNSW Security: 9385 6000.
Emergencies: 000 or 112.

Closest hospital is the Prince of Wales Hospital. It's 500m up High St from Colombo House.
Ph: 9382 2222.

Closest police station is Randwick Police Station at 196 Alison Road. Ph: 9697 1099.

When to call
Call the duty tutor if you're locked out, have a noise complaint or need help within the House.
Call security if you need help or feel unsafe on campus.
Call 000 if you're in an immediate emergency. However we prefer you call security for contacting emergency services as they can escort them to you.

If you lock yourself out
If you lock yourself out of your room between 8.30am and 4.30pm you can go to the Student Accommodation office and they will give you a temporary card to let you back into your room.
If it's between 6pm and 8.30am then you can call the duty tutor on 9385 9786 (save this number in your phone). When the duty tutor comes they will need your name and student ID after they let you back into your room. If the call is after 11pm then you need to pay a $20 fine. You will need to pay this the next day to the Dean. If you continue to lock yourself out - you'll face community service (third lockout) and a larger financial penalty for the fourth and subsequent lockouts of $100.

Please note: Before February 10, please call security (9385 6000) for all after hour lockouts.

If you have a noise complaint
If there are people in the college who are loud, you firstly, politely, ask them to be quiet. Half the time the people making the noise won't realise how loud they are. If, after asking, the same people are not being quiet and you've tried to ask them again, call the duty tutor and they will move the people on. If the noise is outside of the college you should call UNSW security.

If your power goes out
Call the duty tutor - you may have to wait until the following working day before it gets fixed, unless it's urgent.

If you injure yourself or see another person injured
Call the duty tutor, they will call security and make a decision as to whether or not you or the person needs to go to hospital.

If there is a major emergency
Call the duty tutor and security and if still needed, due to no response, then and only then - call 000, direct, however the security office should usually do this for you to be able direct/escort the emergency services to your exact location.

Things to do on campus

Join Arc
Arc is UNSW's student organisation (kind of like a student union equivalent) and they offer a whole heap of benefits to students. Membership is FREE, so you might as well sign up.

Go to the Arc website arc.unsw.edu.au or visit them in their offices at Gate 5.

Join some clubs & societies
Once you become an Arc member, make sure you join as many clubs and societies as possible. This is a great way to meet people outside of college and attend even
more events on campus.

**Join an Arc volunteering program**
Volunteering programs offer you another opportunity to get involved and meet people and there are a number of awesome volunteering opportunities. Head to the Arc website for more details.

**The White House**
They have the best pizza, coffee, wedges and punchbowls on campus and it's right next to Colombo House. Tuesday trivia is a Colombo tradition – though we expect top results!

**The Roundhouse**
This is the UNSW’s main bar where they hold session parties and live gigs. Tickets to most events are generally around $10 for Arc members, and they sell out very quickly. The roundhouse is currently going through a major renovation to there is a temporary marquee set up on the Village Green until the building works are completed.

**The gym**
In your welcome pack you will have received information about the gym, so if you want to join let them know you live in the college and you’ll get a massive discount off their normal prices.
- $487 up to 24 December
- $260 up to 30 June

**Sports**
Arc and UNSW offer a number of ways to get involved with sport. Arc run weekly social sporting competitions as well as a number of wellness courses and recreational activities. For more info check out their website, [sport.arc.unsw.edu.au](http://sport.arc.unsw.edu.au).

If you want to join the rugby, hockey, football, rowing or kendo clubs then check out the Join A Clubs page at [sport.arc.unsw.edu.au/joinaclub](http://sport.arc.unsw.edu.au/joinaclub). There are over 33 different sporting clubs to choose from!

**UNSW bike club (Bike-ology)**
The bike club on campus is a free Arc service that will teach you how to repair and maintain your bike. They have bike workshops on campus (outside the Arc offices, at the end of Gate 5) from 12 - 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Music room**
Colombo has a piano that is situated at the very end of the common room.
If you want to play together in a music room then you will have to talk to Arc, they hire out music rooms for all Arc members.

**IGA**
UNSW has a food store on campus, while this is super convenient to shop at; it’s generally more expensive than Coles or Woolworths at Randwick. The IGA is located near Gate 2 on High Street.

**On and off campus cheap eats and general deals**
To see where all the cafés, ATMs and other general services on campus are: [facilities.unsw.edu.au/node/183#foodandbeverage](http://facilities.unsw.edu.au/node/183#foodandbeverage)

Being a member of Arc provides a heap of benefits and discounts: [arc.unsw.edu.au/membership/member-discounts](http://arc.unsw.edu.au/membership/member-discounts)

The Ritz Cinema in “the Spot” at Randwick offers cheap Tuesday movies for $8 per ticket: [ritzcinema.com.au/Page/Ticket-Prices](http://ritzcinema.com.au/Page/Ticket-Prices)

There are also a heap of cool cafés/bars and takeaway places in “the Spot” – so check it out!

Tuesday night at the Doncaster hotel is two for one steak for only $12.50: [doncasterhotel.net.au/Whats-On](http://doncasterhotel.net.au/Whats-On)

The DOG hotel in Randwick also has a heap of two for one deals: [doghotel.com.au](http://doghotel.com.au)

All you can eat pizza at Bondi Pizza, Eastgardens for $19.95 (Monday to Wednesday): [facebook.com/bondipizza/photos/a.216161968445108.51532.12567487493657/834745379920094/?type=1&theater](http://facebook.com/bondipizza/photos/a.216161968445108.51532.12567487493657/834745379920094/?type=1&theater)

Dominoes and Pizza Hut both do really cheap $5 pizzas (pickup only and limited menu) if you’re really desperate for a cheap feed!

AMF Bowling has a sunset unlimited deal, $19.95, 7pm - 10m (Monday - Thursday): [amfbowling.com.au/Special-Offers](http://amfbowling.com.au/Special-Offers)

Watch out for our Cheap Wednesdays at Colombo House - dinner for a fiver!

**How to print something**
We’re excited to start using our new printer located in the common room on the ground floor. Each student will be provided with approximately 50 pages per semester free of charge. You’ll need to provide your own paper, though you may want to come together and invest in a few reams amongst friends.
Credits should be provided to all residents by the end of...
week one.

Once you’re ready to print, you’ll need to send the job to the correct wireless printer cue and go to the printer on the ground floor to release it.

Instructions on how to print/top up etc are provided next to the printer and will be emailed out to all residents shortly.

Harvest Hub
harvesthub.com.au

This awesome service continues in 2017. If you want awesome quality fresh fruit and veggies at a reasonable price delivered to Colombo House every Saturday morning, check out the Harvest Hub. You pay and order online and the college helps to pack it all up in convenient cool bags ready for your collection.

The Hub prefers a $20 weekly order, but this is not mandatory and you can pick whatever you want – not just getting a pre-selected box.

Items include eggs, breads, cheeses, nuts, grains, coffee, fruit and veggies.

There is a small fee to join and simply choose Colombo01 as your hub to join up. Feel free to ask the Dean or Food Director for more details on this. Remember, this is a way of getting produce much more directly from the farm to your door and the produce is much fresher than the major supermarkets.

We will also have a stall during O-Week.

Basic recipes

Boiling an egg
Step 1: Place yours eggs in a saucepan and fill until you cover the eggs with cold water.
Step 2: Put a lid on the saucepan and bring the water to the boil over a high heat.
Step 3: Reduce heat immediately to medium and gently boil, uncovered, stirring occasionally.

For a soft boiled egg (yolk is runny on the inside) continue cooking for 1 minute per egg.

For a medium-boiled egg, cook for an extra 2 minutes per egg.

And for a hard-boiled egg continue cooking for 3 minutes per egg.

To peel the eggs, first crack them a little and run them under cold water. This cools the egg down and makes it easier to peel with your fingers.

Pancakes, from scratch
- 1 ½ cup milk
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups of self-raising flour
- ¼ teaspoons bicarbonate of soda
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 25g butter

Step 1: Whisk milk, egg and vanilla together in a jug. Sift flour and bicarbonate of soda into a bowl. Stir in sugar. Make a well in centre. Add milk mixture. Whisk until just combined.

Step 2: Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Brush pan with butter. Using 1/4 cup mixture per pancake, cook 2 pancakes for 3 to 4 minutes or until bubbles appear on surface. Turn and cook for 3 minutes or until cooked through. Transfer to a plate. Cover loosely with foil to keep warm. Repeat with remaining mixture, brushing pan with butter between batches. Serve.

Spaghetti Bolognese
- 1 large onion ($0.45).
- ½ stick of celery (share with others going shopping $1.50).
- ½ garlic (share with others going shopping $1).
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Canned peeled tomatoes, whole ($1.40).
Tomato paste: small container 280 grams (or buy bulk with others) $1.50.
Pasta: Fettuccini 2 packs of 500 grams ($3).
Total cost: $15.10.

Equipment needed
Sharp knife, chopping board, peeler, medium size pot or large sauce pan for meat sauce with thick base preferable, large pot for boiling pasta, strainer for pasta and wooden spoon for stirring. Serving plates, cutlery and serving spoons.

Simply chop all veggies and onions and fry in olive oil until soft. Cook mince in chunks until browned off. If you want a splash of red wine - this is where you add and let the alcohol burn off. Add all tomatoes and stock and cook on low heat for at least 30 mins, though better for a few hours. Serve with pasta and top with grated cheese (parmesan if you have it). Serve with a nice green garden salad.

‘Mums’ chicken soup in case people get sick
- 1kg chicken pieces
- 2 carrots, peeled and roughly chopped
- 2 sticks celery, roughly chopped
- 2 - 3 sprigs fresh rosemary
- Sea salt

Add chicken, carrots, celery and salt to large saucepan, cover with water and bring to the boil. Turn the heat on low simmer and cook for further hour. Add salt to season and rosemary in last 10 mins.

How to clean

The kitchen
One of the biggest issues we get here in the college is ensuring the kitchens stay as clean as possible for everyone throughout the day. Whilst there is a cleaning of surfaces done on a daily basis in the mornings, the kitchens should be cleaned by all of you after every use. Here are some handy hints to get the best out of using them:

- Only store food inside fridges/freezers and lockers and lock your items up! Food left out on counters, unlocked or on top of shelves etc is likely to end up in the bin or taken by someone else - please don’t fall into this trap.
- Buy a large clear plastic container with a lid (lockable if you can find it) and keep all your leftover items in this. Label it clearly so everyone knows that it’s yours. You will be provided a place to store this close to your kitchen area on some shelves or in your room.
- PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE clean up all your rubbish immediately after cooking, leaving your kitchen bench free for others to use.
- Sit down and eat with others. This is a great way to meet new people. Likewise, if you see someone sitting alone, invite them to join you.
- When using the oven, microwave or stove, please wipe down any spillages immediately.
- When using the rubbish bins, please try and get it in the bins. If you leave rubbish on the metallic frame, please wipe it down so it stays clean.
- Every so often we’ll have a large Colombo cleaning bee and we ask that everyone joins in to completely clean down the kitchens together. There’s loud music, free food and usually a BBQ or other celebration to end.

The bathroom/bedroom
- Cleaning your room regularly creates a nice healthy environment for you to live and study in - it’s highly recommended to do every week!
- On a weekly basis - vacuum your room, wipe down your surfaces, clean your bathroom (toilet, shower, shower doors, mirror, sink/vanity and floor).
- Air out your room by opening the window and using the fan - people like coming to your room if it’s clean!

Jobs and careers
To find jobs, this Arc website will direct you to vacant internal positions, paid and volunteering. As well as other job offers both on and off campus:

arc.unsw.edu.au/about-us/jobs--opportunities
UNSW also has its own careers office which is really useful, they have advice, seminars, internship opportunities and programs to help you get a job, as well as a jobs board:

careers.unsw.edu.au

Internet usage and networking devices
Wi-fi is available in Colombo House. You’ve got access to the UniWide fair usage system. There’s no volume based charging for the internet, but you’re bound by the acceptable use of IT resources policy:

it.unsw.edu.au/students/policies
For instructions on configuring your device and accessing the network:
You must not connect or make use of any networking devices on the data ports provided (for example: networking routers, hubs, switches).

What happened around Colombo in the past and what to expect this year

- ICC Intercollege Cup: Colombo won this in its inaugural semester and have come 2nd ever since. Let’s return it in 2017!
- Talent Night: Expect this to take place sometime in O-Week. All new residents are expected to perform and attend to cheer everyone on!
- Lots of international cooking and shared cooking experiences so be prepared to cook and teach others.
- Lots of BBQs.
- Weekly Coffee nights on Wednesdays – basically a house meeting where the HC discusses all the activities of the upcoming week.
- Weekly floor Supper hosted by the RA team where free food and chilled hangouts occur on Sunday evenings in the floor common rooms.
- Common room themed parties/gatherings.
- Floor competitions, including trivia nights, dodgeball and other fun activities.
- Wednesday cheap eats.

Plus so much more! So get involved, make friends, meet others and try something new.

Colombo House is now your home away from home!
Useful Apps and Websites

TripView or TripView Lite
- TripView displays Sydney Train/Bus/Ferry timetable data on your phone.
- It features a summary view showing your next services, as well as a full timetable viewer.
- It also shows whether your bus is running early/late and roughly how long till your bus arrives.
- All timetable data is stored on your phone, so it does not require any network access.

Uber
- Uber is a reliable taxi service that operates in Sydney.

GoogleMaps
- GoogleMaps is a handy app to use to figure out how to get to destinations and if you somehow get lost!
- It features walking, driving and public transport options and expected time of arrival (ETA) for all these options.

Transport NSW
- http://www.transportnsw.info/home
- This website has the maps of the bus routes and train services and a ‘Plan your trip’ application.

What to do in Sydney?
The following websites/facebook pages are great resources to check out what you can do in Sydney!
- The Urban List
- Concrete Playground
- Pedestrian.tv

Address of your College
A number of students find that they need their address to set up a number of services in Australia. Once your spot in College is confirmed this is your street address (the one you would use for forms and mail/letters).

Resident Name
College Name
Gate 5, High Street
University of New South Wales, Kensington, NSW, 2052

So for example:
Jane Doe
Colombo House
Gate 5, High Street
University of New South Wales, Kensington, NSW, 2052

If you’re organising any deliveries (such as parcels or online shopping purchases) use the following address:

Resident Name
College Name
UNSW Student Accommodation Office
Gate 5, High Street
University of New South Wales, Kensington, NSW, 2052

So for example:
Jane Doe
Fig Tree Hall
UNSW Student Accommodation Office
Gate 5, High Street
University of New South Wales, Kensington, NSW, 2052

The main form of public transport near the Colleges is the buses. The main bus routes run along the perimeter of the campus. Bus stops are located on High Street at Gate 2 and Gate 8 and along Anzac Parade.
Public Transport

Opal Card
The Opal card is a smartcard ticket that you load value onto and keep for travel on all public transport in Sydney, and the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and Southern Highlands.

Setting Up Your Opal Card

1. Go to → https://my.unsw.edu.au/
   Log on to your MyUNSW account with your zID (e.g. 3587343) and zPass.
2. Click on ‘MyStudent’ tab. This is located to the top left of your home page.
3. Find ‘Concession Opal Card’ on the left. It is located below the ‘Online Services’ heading.
4. Complete form. Click ‘Consent’
5. Once you’ve given your consent wait up to 2 business days for Transport for NSW to receive your details, then you can apply for your Concession Opal card online at
   or by calling 13 67 25 (13 OPAL).

   NOTE: If you are not entitled to a concession Opal Card, alternatively, you may purchase an adult Opal card at the IGA or WH Smith store on campus.

Buses to Central
UNSW Express Bus routes (890, 891, 892 and 895) run to and from Eddy Avenue, Central Station. These routes are prepay only (Make sure you set up your Opal Card first!) and are fast and high frequency. Please note these services only operate Monday to Friday.
The Bus Routes 391, 393, and 395 run to and from the UNSW Kensington campus. These routes are not express routes but operate 7 days a week.

Buses to Coogee
The Metrobus 50 (M50) (Drummoyne to Coogee via the City, Anzac Parade and High Street and the 370 (Leichardt to Coogee via Anzac Parade and High Street) run to and from Coogee. You can catch these service at the stops along High St and at the Arden St near Coogee Beach bus stop from Coogee.

Buses to the Airport
Bus route number 400, traveling between the airport and Bondi Junction passes along Anzac Parade and stops at the Anzac Gate. When using this route check beforehand using TripView whether the service terminates at Eastgardens. The Route stops in walking distance between the 2 Domestic terminals and the International terminal. Between 7am and 7pm these buses operate every 20 minutes.