

UNDER 18 INFORMATION | UNILODGE @ RMIT BUNDOORA - WALERT HOUSE

Who can stay at Walert House?

Under-18 arrangements differ for domestic and international students. This distinction became particularly important in 2026.

Domestic students under 18

Walert House is listed by UniLodge as an accommodation option for domestic Australian students under 18, subject to availability, the property's under-18 procedures and any requirements of the student's education provider.

International students under 18

International students on a Student Visa who require RMIT welfare/CAAW arrangements must follow RMIT's approved accommodation and welfare pathway. From 15 March 2026, the RMIT Care Program is mandatory for relevant international under-18 students. Students and agents must confirm current RMIT-approved accommodation before booking.

IMPORTANT: From August 2026, Walert House is not listed among RMIT's published approved accommodation providers for international students under 18 who are subject to RMIT CAAW arrangements. Students requiring RMIT-approved welfare arrangements should refer to RMIT's current approved accommodation requirements before applying.

Under-18 support at UniLodge

- Trained staff with required police checks and Working with Children Checks where applicable.
- Arrival and orientation processes designed for under-18 residents.
- Curfew processes where applicable to the resident's approved welfare arrangements and governing requirements.
- Gender-appropriate accommodation arrangements may be implemented where required by the applicable Under 18 program, in accordance with relevant UniLodge and RMIT policies and individual circumstances.
- Secure electronic access, CCTV monitoring and on-site/after-hours support arrangements.
- No-tolerance approach to alcohol, smoking/vaping, drugs and gambling for under-18 residents.
- Regular communication pathways with parents, guardians and/or approved welfare providers as required.
- Pastoral care, wellbeing support and escalation processes for student concerns.
- Processes for illness, medical conditions and emergencies.

What students and families can expect

Before arrival

Confirm eligibility, accommodation approval (where required), guardian/caregiver arrangements, emergency contacts and travel/arrival details before check-in.

Orientation

Under-18 residents receive information about building access, safety, support contacts, curfew requirements, prohibited conduct and how to ask for help.

Residential Life

Walert House Residential Life activities are designed to help students connect safely, build friendships and settle into university life.

Safety & wellbeing

Concerns are escalated through UniLodge and, where relevant, RMIT or the approved welfare provider in line with the student's welfare arrangements.

Changes to accommodation

International students with RMIT-approved welfare arrangements must obtain RMIT approval before changing accommodation. Unapproved changes can affect the student's welfare/visa arrangements.

Turning 18

When a resident turns 18, some under-18 controls may cease. Any continuing agreement obligations and property Rules of Residence still apply.

NEED TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY?

Contact Walert House before applying if the student will be under 18 at the start of the agreement.

Walert House: rmitbundoora@unilodge.com.au | +61 3 9998 8400

RMIT under-18 information | UniLodge domestic under-18 information

This document is a property information guide only. Eligibility and welfare approvals must be confirmed against the current RMIT and UniLodge requirements at the time of application.