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## **Strong support for off-campus student housing**

University students in search of accommodation are embracing a new website directing linking them to property owners and managers across Tasmania.

The 'Off-Campus Housing' property website lists places for UTAS students searching for a place to live in Hobart or Launceston.

The website went live in late January and UTAS Accommodation Services' Director Jacinta Young said it now lists more than 90 properties across the two cities.

"The properties range from fully catered rooms in family homes to flats, units and houses," Ms Young said.

"These represent 220 additional places for UTAS students that would unlikely be available without the introduction of the program."

With the growth in student numbers in recent years, an estimated 7,500 students leave home annually to study at UTAS. More than half of these students come from overseas and interstate.

"Many are looking for assistance to find a new home, where they can be happy and concentrate on their studies. Parents of new students are also looking for assurance that their children will have safe and comfortable accommodation," Ms Young said.

"The fact that Off-Campus Housing is supported by the University reassures many potential landlords and has influenced them to list their properties with us."

"It provides another choice to complement the housing currently offered by Accommodation Services and other organisations affiliated with UTAS."

The Off-Campus Housing service is provided free of charge and landlords can register properties directly on-line. Properties are inspected to ensure they are suitable for student accommodation before they are allowed to be listed.

The Off-Campus Housing website is managed by UTAS Accommodation Services but all rental arrangements are directly between the students and landlords using the site.

The UTAS Off-Campus Housing website can be viewed at: [www.accommodation.utas.edu.au/off-campus](http://www.accommodation.utas.edu.au/off-campus)

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