

Vice Chancellor opens “green” student village

Brisbane’s newest accommodation for tertiary students at Campus Living Villages [Kelvin Grove], in the heart of the Kelvin Grove Urban Village, was officially opened today by the Vice Chancellor of Queensland University of Technology, Professor Peter Coaldrake.

Located next to the Kelvin Grove campus of the Queensland University of Technology, the new student village will be home to up to 456 students, and will help meet the city’s growing need for student housing.

Professor Coaldrake said the opportunity for QUT students to live on the campus doorstep in the Kelvin Grove Urban Village represented a shift in the way universities traditionally provided student accommodation.

“We pride ourselves on the sense of community we have at QUT, so to be able to offer students the chance to live in a village atmosphere and be part of a local community is a great bonus,” Professor Coaldrake said.

“The urban village has an exciting mix of new education and innovation facilities which are integrated with residential, commercial, retail and community facilities,” he said.

“This new village has a strong environmental focus,” said Chairman of Campus Living Funds Management, Professor John Niland AC. “We have achieved a five-star BASIX rating, thanks to initiatives to conserve energy and save water.

“As a leading provider of student housing in Australia, New Zealand and the United States, we work in close consultation with our university partners to create student villages that meet the individual needs of each university and its students,” Professor Niland added.

“At CLV, we provide much more than a room. A key element of our success is our tailor-made student life programs. Each of our villages offers a range of residential programs which help foster a sense of community.”

Environmental measures at the village include:

- rainwater harvesting
- natural ventilation;

- gas hot water heating;
- gas dryers;
- low energy lights;
- pure wool carpets; and,
- marmoleum flooring.

The village has two main buildings, six and eight storeys high, set around a landscaped courtyard. They contain a combination of one, two, three, five and six bedroom apartments.

Campus Living Villages owns and is developing and/or managing over 10,000 beds in Australia and New Zealand, with a further 31,000 in the United States.

Across Australia and New Zealand, our villages include:

- Campus Living Villages [Kelvin Grove]
- Griffith University Village
- Sydney University Village
- Macquarie University Village
- University of Canberra Village
- RMIT Village Old Melbourne
- Murdoch University Village
- University of Canterbury Villages, NZ
- Accommodation at Massey University, NZ
- Unicomm Accommodation, Victoria University, NZ

Campus Living Villages is also developing student accommodation at the University of New South Wales and the University of Western Sydney, and is in discussions with a number of other major universities.

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