

# media release

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## University of Canberra opens new accommodation for students

The first stage of a new 507-bed complex is now available to University of Canberra students. The 35 million dollar development will have 345 beds available to students at the commencement of the first semester. Students will be able to choose between a five-bedroom, two-bedroom or their own studio apartment.

The new five-star energy efficiency rated residence developed and built by Campus Living Villages will feature the latest in passive solar designs, grey water recycling and a 'wildlife corridor' for campus native animals. The development will also include an e-library, common lounge, shared barbecue and balcony areas, and green space to encourage a sense of community. It also features the latest in security technology, along with secure areas for bicycles.

The University of Canberra Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stephen Parker welcomed the opening of the new residence. "This accommodation will significantly ease the pressure on the rental accommodation in Canberra.

"It will make it easier for students from the capital region, around Australia and overseas to study at the University of Canberra, Australia's Capital University," Professor Parker said.

Campus Living Villages designed, developed and manages the new accommodation, working in partnership with the University. Director of University of Canberra Village, Robert Moyle, is pleased with the progress of the development.

"We are excited to be able to have this first release of student accommodation available on schedule. On campus accommodation enhances the student experience at the University, and University of Canberra Village supports its student residents with a wide range of complimentary activities," he said.

Mr Moyle added, "The existing residences on campus have undergone a 3 million dollar refurbishment over the past 14 months with an estimated further 2 million dollars to be spent on refurbishment in 2009."

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